

Separated waste collection system in Jena/Germany



Situation before 1990:

- all waste in one bin
- separate private collecting systems for metal, paper and glass
- collecting waste is free of charge (people only payed a small charge for a coin to empty the bin)

New challenge (1990-today):

- until 2001 use of coins for residual waste, since 2002 identification system (data chip)
- introduction of a new system step by step to separate most kinds of waste
- make customers understand, that services create costs
- waste separation advice (service-point, call-center, projects with children)
- provide information to customers about:
- what do we want to do
- > why do we want to do this
- how the people can help us





Separate collection for:

glass (white, green, brown)
 containers at 141 collection points



- paper, cardboard, cartons
 first depot containers at collection points,
 since 1995 bins 120/240l, containers 1.100l with data chip
- biological waste
 since 1993, bins 120l, containers 1.100l
- bulky waste (furniture, carpets...) and large electrical devices first collection at different places, since 2013 pre-scheduled collection







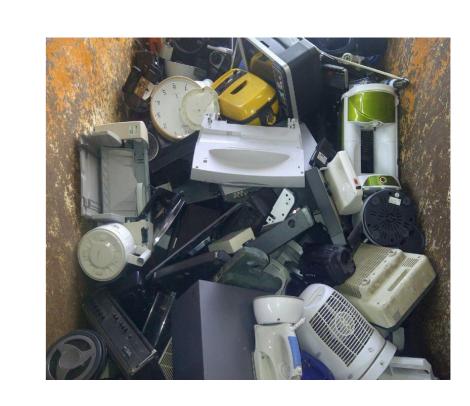
Separate collection for:

 lightweight packaging first depot containers at collection points, since 1999 bins 120/240l, containers 1.100l with data chip



 textiles and shoes since 2012 containers at 136 collection points

 small scrap metal and small electrical devices since 2013 containers at 136 collection points

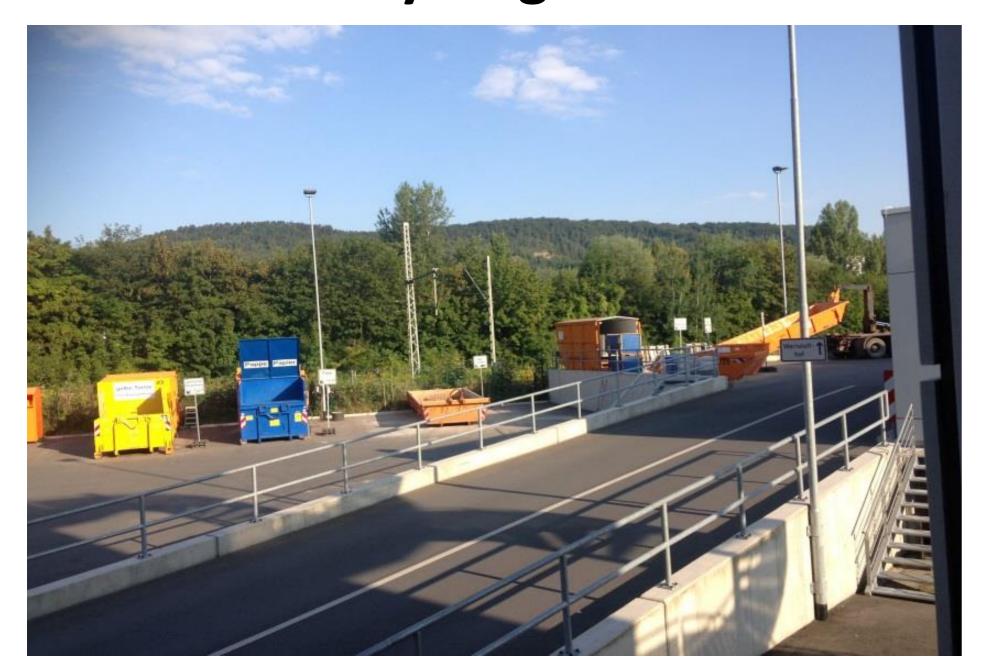


 hazardous goods collected twice a year at 31 locations





Additional recycling centers available











First step - preparation of changes

- contact and inform the suburb administration, request advices, needs and ideas to handle in selected areas
- speak with the big housing administrations
- introduce the process to selected committees
- ruling by city council for execution

Second step - Information of all citizens

- print articles in common local media
- information on companies website
- information leaflets for tenants
- information leaflets in several languages for refugees and students
- annual waste calendar with current news

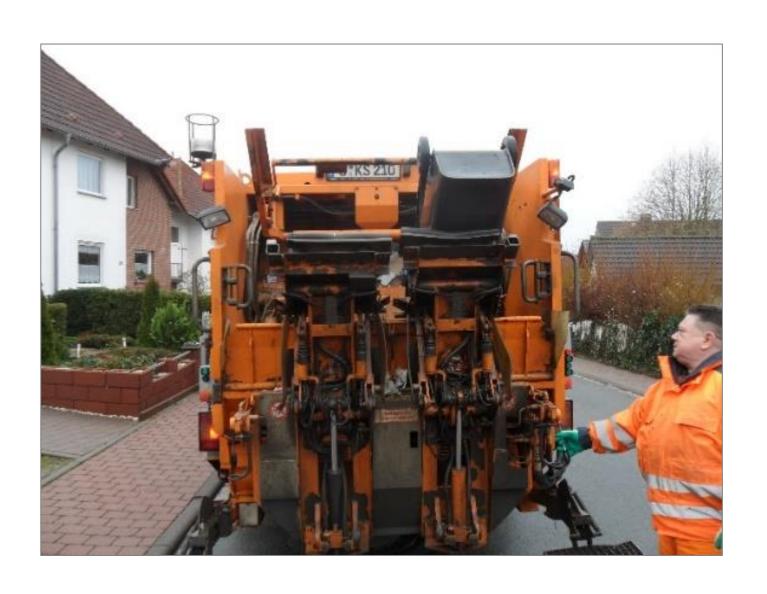








Incentives for people to separate waste

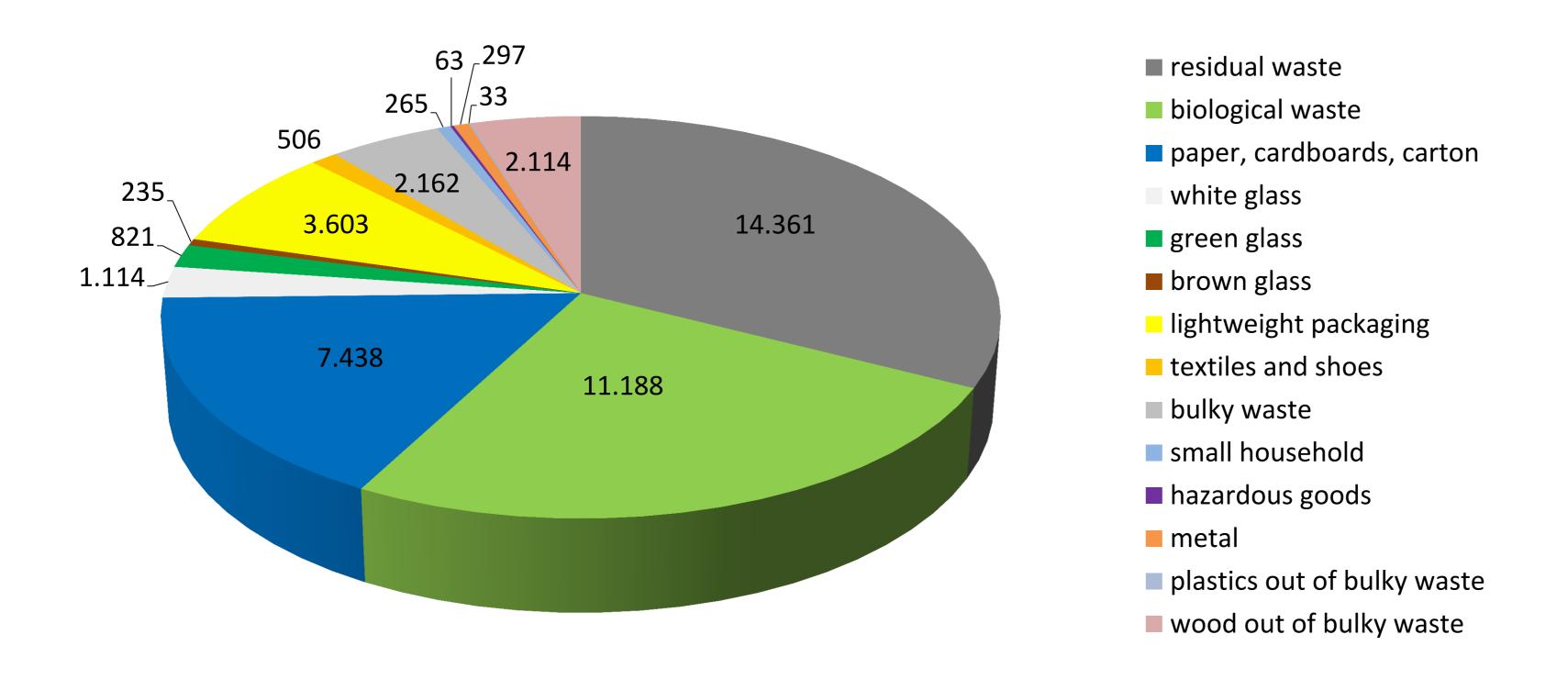


- lower fees for waste collecting through achieved recycled waste compensation
- lower fees for the customers for recycling biological waste in their private property
- possibility of free delivery of green waste to recycling centers (only for biological waste bin users)
- lowered fees for people living in small private property and have a reduced amount of waste



Results of separate collecting

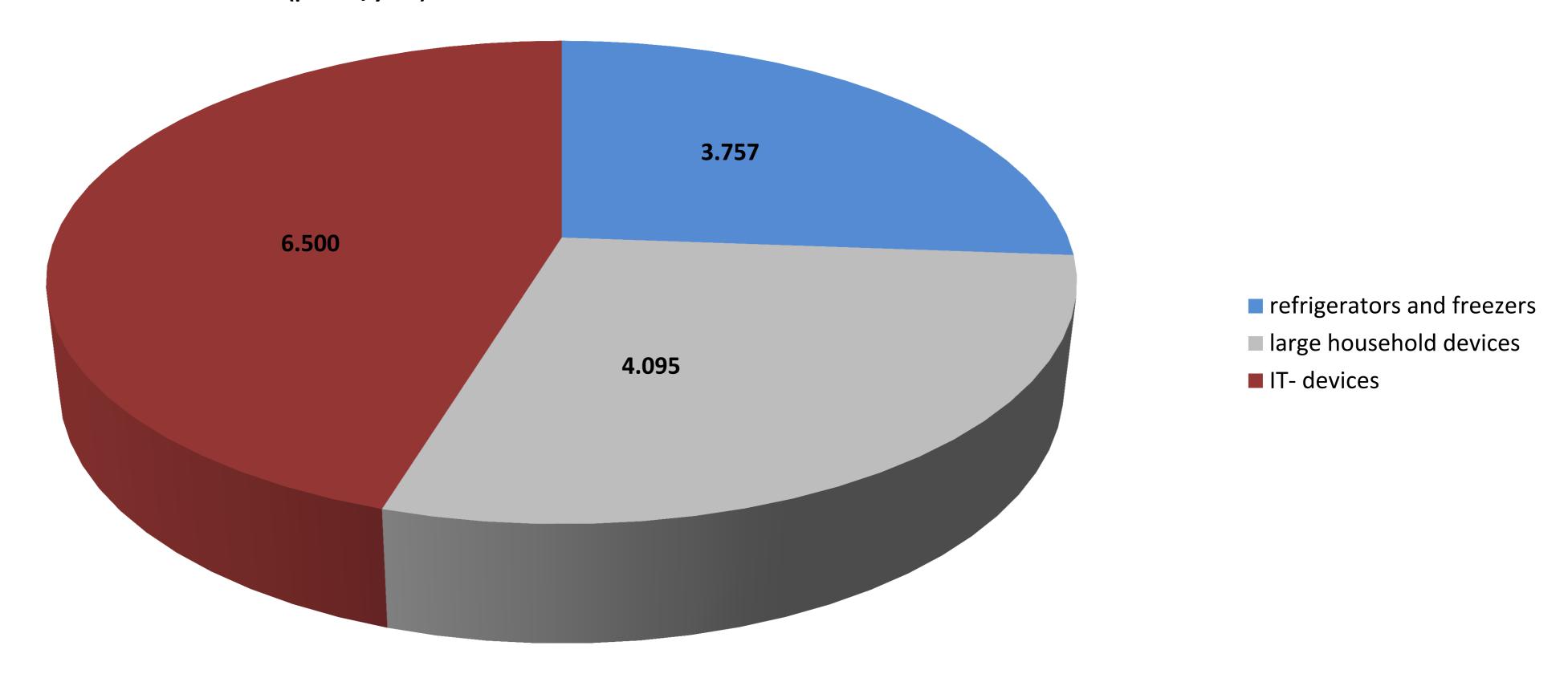
kinds of waste in Jena (t/year)





Results of separate collecting

electrical and electronical devices (pieces/year)



More than 62 % of waste is recycled



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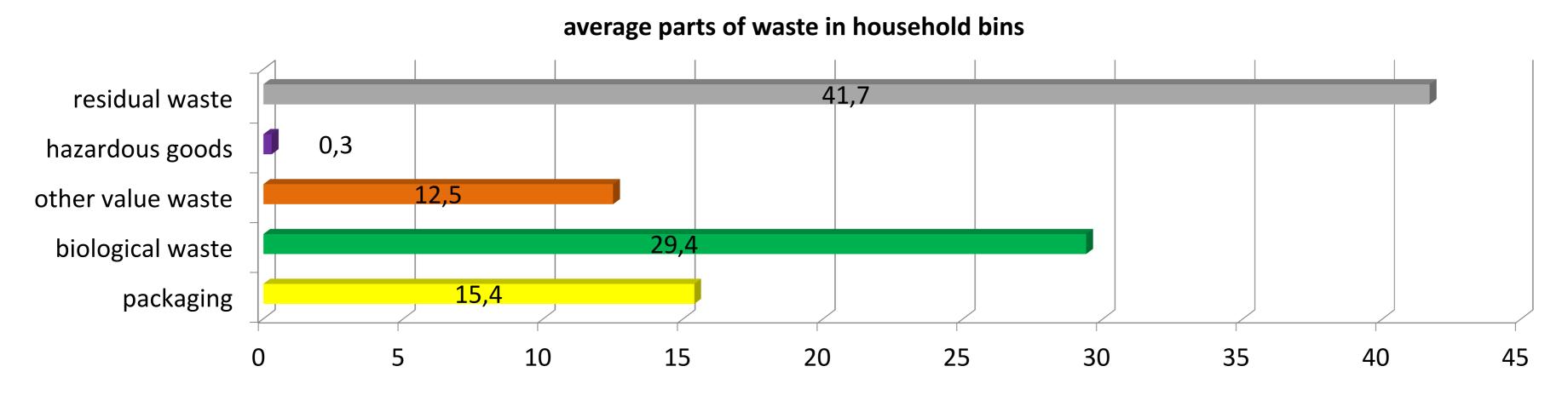
Good turnover through separated and recycled waste (paper, textiles, metal, electrical devices) resulting in lower costs for all customers.

In 2015/2016 we made an analysis of the residual waste in 4 separate residential areas.

average residual waste: 99,3 kg/inhabitant/year



The residual waste consists of the following parts:





Results of waste to be avoided additionally:

• packaging (plastics and glass): 410 t/year

• biological waste: 65 t/ year



 additional waste (paper, textiles and plastics, which are no packaging):

260 t/year

There is nearly no chance to reduce more waste. Only in big tenant areas small possibilities exist.

Conclusion:

The separate collection system of waste in Jena is highly efficient.



Lessons:

- establish test runs in selected areas
- learn from mistakes you`ve made in this tests
- exact and long term preparation is needed for success
- full information of all customers involved



- step by step realization of separation process (not all waste types at the same time, start with the most simply, for instance glass)
- publish the results of the changes
- show, which financial success was achieved for the public
- no system is static; you have to adjust it regularly



Necessary preconditions to transfer this practice

- you need possibilities to recycle the separate collected waste
- plan the amount of waste to be separated
- plan the costs of separate collecting (bins, containers, cars, workers...)
- check the possibilities of information which can be used



