



#mehrweggehen

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CHOOSE TO
REUSE
TOGETHER!

More information and
reference materials:
jetztklimachen.de/mehrweg



The German Packaging Act (§33, §34 VerpackG) has made reusable packaging mandatory since January 1st, 2023.

Establishments that offer their **food** as take-away must also offer reusable packaging options in addition to the disposable packaging used. This applies when offering disposable packaging *made of plastic or which has plastic components* and is intended *for single use only*. When offering **beverages** for take-away, a reusable alternative to disposable cups must be available. The material of the disposable cup is irrelevant.

Exemptions from the reusable packaging rule

large businesses



> 80 m²



> 5

The reusable packaging rule applies to all businesses with a sales area of more than 80 m² (including freely accessible seating and lounge areas; branches are added together) and/or having more than five employees¹.

small businesses



≤ 80 m²



≤ 5

Exemptions apply to small establishments with a smaller sales area and up to five employees¹.

¹ When determining the number of employees, part-time employees with a regular weekly working time of 20 hours or less will be considered at a factor of 0.5 and those not exceeding 30 hours at a factor of 0.75.

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Rules for large businesses

REUSABLE TAKE-OUT PACKAGING

If an establishment uses disposable containers, it must also offer reusable packaging as an alternative. (see details below)



Option 1

The establishment uses its own reusable packaging, e.g. made of plastic or glass.



Option 2

The establishment works together with a partner company that offers reusable packaging.

NO ADDITIONAL COSTS FOR REUSABLE PACKAGING

Food and drink in ...

reusable packaging



may not
cost extra



deposit
possible

disposable packaging



no discounts or
other rebates

RETURN AND HYGIENE



Establishments must take back reusable packaging that they hand out.



Hygiene regulations must be observed for taking back, cleaning and handing out reusable cups or trays. You can find more information on our website.

CUSTOMER INFORMATION



- Establishments must clearly and legibly display information about their reusable packaging, for example on signs or posters.
- The notice must contain the following text (in German language): „**Speisen und Getränke in Mehrweg erhältlich.**“ If only food or only beverages are offered, this may be shortened accordingly.
- Delivery of food and beverages: Customers must be informed about the reusable packaging option when placing their order.

Rules for small businesses



Food and beverages must be filled into clean reusable containers if these are brought by customers.



Establishments must indicate as part of their offer that they will fill food and beverages in containers brought by customers. The notice should contain the following information (in German language): „**Wir befüllen kundeneigene Mehrwegbehälter.**“



When filling containers brought by customers, the applicable hygiene regulations and food safety requirements must be observed. You can find more information on our website.



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Responsibility for compliance with §33(2) and §34(3) of the German Packaging Act lies with the establishment.
Note: "The size of the informational notice as required under §33(2) and §34(3) of the German Packaging Act must correspond in its presentation or layout (e.g. font size) to the presentation of the food and/or beverages offered."