

# Yes, a new way of waste separation in Haarlemmermeer!



Subject: **respond to the location of underground waste containers within 6 weeks**

Dear Sir, Madam,

Did you know that we still throw away 200 kilos of residual waste per person a year in Haarlemmermeer? This waste contains many valuable raw materials, which can be used to create for new products. That is why Haarlemmermeer is starting with a new way of waste separation. This plan will be introduced in phases. Your neighbourhood is next, which is why you received this letter. This letter offers further information.

## **There will be underground waste containers in your neighbourhood**

An underground waste container for organic and garden waste will be installed at approximately 50 meters from the entrance of your building. Underground waste containers for residual waste, paper waste, and for plastic, drink cartons and cans will be located at approximately 100 meters. The existing indoor and/or containers above ground will be removed.

## **You will receive an access pass for the waste container for residual waste**

You will receive this pass by mail. You can then dispose of your residual waste in the underground waste container at the location mentioned in the Dutch letter. The other containers can be used without the access pass. The letter you will receive will also notify you when the new underground waste containers will be in use. Until then, the waste containers are closed.

## **Check the locations of the waste containers in the location plan**

We have followed certain guidelines when deciding the locations of these waste containers. For example, if there were any cables or pipes in the ground. Or if containers are safely accessible for residents and garbage trucks. The location plan and which containers you may use are part of the so called 'ontwerp aan- en toewijzingsbesluit' (draft designation and allocation decision). You can find this decision and a digital map of the locations on [www.haarlemmermeer.nl/containerlocaties](http://www.haarlemmermeer.nl/containerlocaties). This page also provides further information about the guidelines that were followed.

In the location plan you will only find the new underground waste containers. Are you missing a waste container, for example for plastic, drink cartons and cans? This means that the waste container is already available in your neighbourhood. You can find these containers on [afvalkalender.meerlanden.nl](http://afvalkalender.meerlanden.nl) or in the Meerlanden app.

## You may respond to this plan within 6 weeks (find the exact date in the Dutch letter)

We have done our utmost to take all guidelines into consideration when deciding on the locations. However, you could still have suggestions for improvement. If that is the case, you can submit a response in the following ways:



By letter: Gemeente Haarlemmermeer, attn. cluster Beheer & Onderhoud, Postbus 250, 2130 AG Hoofddorp



By e-mail: [info@haarlemmermeer.nl](mailto:info@haarlemmermeer.nl)



By telephone: 0900 1852

Please make sure to include at least the following in your response:

- Mention that you're responding to a specific 'ontwerp aan- en toewijzingsbesluit'. You can find the name of the specific decision in the Dutch letter;
- Indicate which specific location the response is about. You can find the number of the location in the location plan or in the digital map;
- The reason why you are submitting a response. Please provide arguments to make your case. Be specific about why you disagree with the containers assigned to you or with a chosen location;
- Please make sure to include the submission date when responding by letter.

We will send you a confirmation within 2 days after your response has been received.

We aim to provide you with a substantive response within 3 weeks after the closure deadline.

## Enclosed with this letter: a 30 liter garbage bag

A 30 liter garbage bag is the size that fits through the opening of the new residual waste containers. With this letter we send you an example, so that you can already experience how much residual waste fits in the garbage bag. These garbage bags can be bought in every supermarket.

## Do you have any further questions?

Information on the new way of waste separation is available in Dutch on [www.haarlemmermeer.nl/afvalscheiden](http://www.haarlemmermeer.nl/afvalscheiden). Please ask someone to help you translate the information. Do you have questions about the location plan, the 'ontwerp aan- en toewijzingsbesluit' or the procedure? Please call the municipality at 0900-1852.

Kind regards,

On behalf of Haarlemmermeer municipality,

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Area manager

On behalf of Meerlanden,

Manager public information

**Ja,** afval scheiden  
daar maken we iets moois van



 **Meerlanden**