

Dear resident of Hamrahverfi



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Reykjavík Municipality will soon start to specifically collect organic kitchen waste in Hamrahverfi.

The project is a part of Reykjavík Municipality's action plan for specific collection of organic kitchen waste. Hamrahverfi will be the second neighbourhood in Reykjavík where organic kitchen waste is specifically collected. This is an experimental project, which is intended to last throughout the year, until a decision is made about the structure of organic kitchen waste collection in Reykjavík.

The organic waste will be treated at Sorpa's gas and composting station in Álfnes, where methane and soil improvers will be extracted from it.

The main information about the project is listed below:

- At the beginning of the project, containers for the collection in kitchen and a roll of biodegradable plastic bags will be distributed to all homes in Hamrahverfi. Paper bags can be used for the waste but it is important not to use plastic bags.
- A new bin, "brownbin" will soon be distributed to all homes. The size of the bin is 140 liters (height 107 cm, width 48 cm and depth 55 cm).
- Care must be taken to tie the bags properly before they are placed in the brownbin to keep the container clean and avoid odours. Biodegradable plastic bags or paper bags may be used but it is important not to use plastic bags.
- Kitchen towels may be placed in a brown bin but it is not permitted to place waste in the bin that could possibly be contaminated by a disease, e.g. tissue paper from blowing one's nose.
- Collection frequency remains the same. The brownbin will be emptied along with the greybin every 14 days. A dual collection truck will be used where the material from the bins will go into separate compartments.
- Waste collection fees will remain the same during the experimental project. With increased sorting, an opportunity is created to decrease greybins or switch over to a smaller greybin (economical bin). Homeowners and representatives of homeowners' associations can request a change of email address at sorphirda@reykjavik.is.
- Further instructions for sorting will be on all containers and they are also on the back of this paper as well as on the website www.ekkirusl.is.

If you need further information or want to submit comments or complaints, you can call 411 1111 or send a comment to Reykjavík Municipality's waste collection at sorphirda@reykjavik.is.

**Thank you for participating
in this project with us.**



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