



City of Gothenburg

Waste prevention in the City of Gothenburg

Waste prevention in the City of Gothenburg is a project to reduce the use of resources within the municipal organization. The project will develop methods, procedures and good practices to prevent waste to arise, including the concept of "The waste-saving office". The project is in line with the target in the Climate Programme to reduce the volume of waste by at least 30 percent by 2030 (see other action)

The City of Gothenburg has more than 50 departments and companies. They have great potential to prevent waste and become role models for citizens. The city's nearly 49,000 meet a large number of citizens every day in kindergartens and schools, retirement homes, tenants, visitors to events and more. Work is already going on to prevent waste in the City of Gothenburg. But for the work to be more systematic, long term and get a broader dissemination there is a need for procedures, methodologies and good practices to be developed and the results need to be documented. The project is conducted by the Department of Sustainable Water and Waste Management in partnership with other departments and stakeholders in the City of Gothenburg.

The Waste-Efficient Office

In the project *The Waste-Efficient Office*, we are developing procedures, methodologies and good practices to prevent waste in the chain from product selection and procurement through logistics, storage, use and waste management and follow-up. *The Waste-Efficient Office* will be permanently implemented at the offices in which they are developed and the results will be measured.

The project started in August 2014. Final results will be reported on a seminar for the City's departments and companies in spring 2016. The results will also be possible to use by other municipalities and organizations. The results will therefore be distributed regionally and nationally.

Skrota skräpet

Skrota skräpet ("remove the rubbish") is a guide that has been developed to support work places within the City's organization. The guide offers tips and advice on how to reuse and recycle waste.

More information:

Booklet about Waste prevention in the City of Gothenburg (in Swedish):

<https://goteborg.se/wps/wcm/connect/58848634-8160-424f-a414-ab3383962424/F%C3%B6rebygga+avfall+i+G%C3%B6teborgs+Stad.pdf?MOD=AJPERES>

Booklet, the guide *Skrota Skräpet* (in Swedish):

https://goteborg.se/wps/wcm/connect/6419086c-40ba-43d8-a9a8-3a4148b34904/Skrota+skr%C3%A4pet+f%C3%B6retag_130320_webb.pdf?MOD=AJPERES