

Less litter. More Stuttgart.

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Clean Stuttgart

A city thrives on the community spirit of its citizens, from people who do indeed care about how clean the streets, the squares and the parks are, and who properly dispose of empty bottles, packaging waste, cigarette ends and any other litter. The amount of litter thoughtlessly thrown away has gotten out of hand. However, Stuttgart should be getting cleaner! "Stuttgart macht's rein – Weniger Müll. Mehr Stuttgart" ["Stuttgart's coming clean and scoring - Less litter. More Stuttgart."]. With this motto the City of Stuttgart would like to ask for your help and cooperation. But that's not all, the City is investing a further ten million Euros every year: for improving the personnel situation, for new waste bins and cleaning vehicles, shorter cleaning intervals – for a clean city. Be part of this, so that Stuttgart will get cleaner and everyone can feel at ease here.

Littering is not a trivial offence – stricter controls and fines

New waste bins are a good thing, but there must also be a readiness to actually use these. For anyone who doesn't stick to the rules and throws away his or her empty bottles, cigarette ends, waste packaging or other litter, things will get more expensive with the new schedule of fines. After all, littering, like any pollution, is not a trivial offence. The City will systematically crack down on litter offenders and culprits urinating in public spaces.

Here a few examples from the new schedule of fines:

Cigarette end or chewing gum	At least 75 € *
Banana skins, tissues, plastic bottles, paper cups, cigarette packets or pizza boxes	75 € * - 250 € *
Glass bottles or broken glass, i.e. sharp-edged or cutting objects	100 € * - 800 € *
Not clearing up after a dog	75 € * - 250 € *

* plus 28.50 Euros administrative fee

Waste avoidance needs people to play along.

How does this work? The Waste Consulting Department is there to help

The best kind of waste is the kind that simply does not arise. That's why prevention is so important. For this reason, the State Capital informs its citizens on this subject and offers waste consulting in schools, child day care centres, clubs etc. Initiatives for waste avoidance are developed and promoted. For 20 years now the association *Sicheres und Sauberes Stuttgart e.V.* has been organising campaigns, starting its own schemes and supporting private projects to reduce waste in public spaces. Here the association works in close cooperation with the City.

When it comes to disposable cups, the City is breaking new ground. The aim is to curb the enormous amount of one-way coffee-to-go cups. Help in this will be provided by a private service company *reCup GmbH*, which started out in October 2019 with a deposit system for returnable beakers customised to meet Stuttgart's needs. The beakers are available to the customers in various sizes for a deposit of one Euro. In all businesses participating in the system you can return the used beaker and get your deposit refunded.

The Municipal Council had granted funds for this project in the campaign for "Clean Stuttgart" and in a European-wide competition the system of the Munich company *reCup* came out on top. The *reCup* beakers are made in Germany and manufactured by an enterprise in Allgäu.

Other important topics to avoid waste in public spaces:

Cigarette stubs contaminate ground water

Every day in Stuttgart thousands of cigarette ends are thoughtlessly thrown away. These cigarette stubs contaminate the ground water because they contain more than 200 toxins. Therefore, stubs belong in an ashtray or in the trash can.

Stuttgart has more than 14,000 dogs which produce around 30,000 piles of dog's dirt every day

The Stuttgarters love their dogs; currently there are more than 14,000 dogs in town. And that means an average of some 30,000 piles of dirt every day – unfortunately often found as "landmines" on pavements and paths. Throughout the city 370 bag dispensers and soon 6,000 waste bins make it easy for dog owners to get rid of their four-legged friends' droppings properly - as is their duty.

Germany's residents produce 220 kg packaging waste per head per year.

On average the people in Germany throw away around 220 kilos per head in any one year. However, empty food cartons, pizza boxes, disposable cups and packing material made of plastic, paper and cardboard land all too often, not in the bin, but on the ground. The City is increasing the number of waste bins throughout the entire city by 20 percent, reaching a total of 6,000, so there's always one close at hand.

Broken glass as a danger for humans and animals

Broken glass on the ground is a risk to humans' and animals' health. People wearing light shoes, children at play or dogs run the risk of hurting themselves. In Stuttgart 310 glass containers and soon 6,000 waste bins are available to ensure that bottles do not land on the streets.

On another note, Stuttgart has 71 public conveniences

Urinating in public not only literally stinks to high heaven, the acids and salts contained in urine also cause considerable damage to house facades, bushes and trees. Therefore, if you have "to go" in a hurry, use a toilet. Throughout Stuttgart there are 71 public conveniences – easy to find with an App from *AWS Stuttgart* in the App Store.

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