

Practical guide to waste management



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• Les Ordures Limitées



Communauté de communes
Haut Limousin en Marche



Dear Citizens,

Our collective commitment to a clean and healthy environment is not just a responsibility but a necessity to ensure sustainable and harmonious development within our community.

Over the past years, our community has taken charge of waste management. Today, we are introducing new collection initiatives and encouraging waste reduction at the source by distributing free composters to all our residents.

Facing the challenges together

Waste management is not the responsibility of a single institution but a shared duty for all of us. Every action counts, and every effort matters. Whether by properly sorting your waste, reducing plastic consumption, or participating in composting programs, your contribution is crucial.

We must also be aware of the challenges we face. The increasing consumption and variety of materials require constant adaptation in our waste management strategies.

That is why we emphasize collaboration from everyone.

Our initiatives and goals

our community is committed to implementing the best waste management practices. Here are some of the initiatives we are currently developing:

1 - Strengthening sorting and eco-gestures: We are deploying new bins for household waste, recyclables, glass, and paper at the same location to facilitate sorting.

2 - Domestic and Shared Composting program: We encourage households to adopt composting to reduce organic waste by distributing composters, free bio-buckets, and composting guides.

Towards a sustainable future

Our vision is clear: to make our community a model for sustainable waste management. To achieve this, we need your support and active participation. Together, we can reduce our ecological footprint, preserve our environment, and leave a cleaner and healthier planet for future generations.

I invite you to join us in this collective effort. Stay informed, participate in local initiatives, and feel free to share your ideas and suggestions. Every voice matters, and together, we can make a difference.

Thank you for your commitment and support.

Best regards,

Jacques De La Salle
Vice-President
in charge of Household Waste



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Why?



Why change the collection system?

European laws and directives require municipalities to reduce household waste (-15% by 2030) and improve recycling.

Currently, each resident in our area produces an average of 225 kg of waste per year, well above the regional average of 166 kg. If this trend continues, processing costs will increase significantly (up to €7.65 per resident just for the waste tax in 2025).

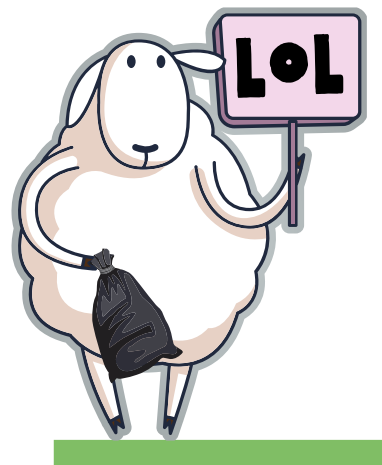
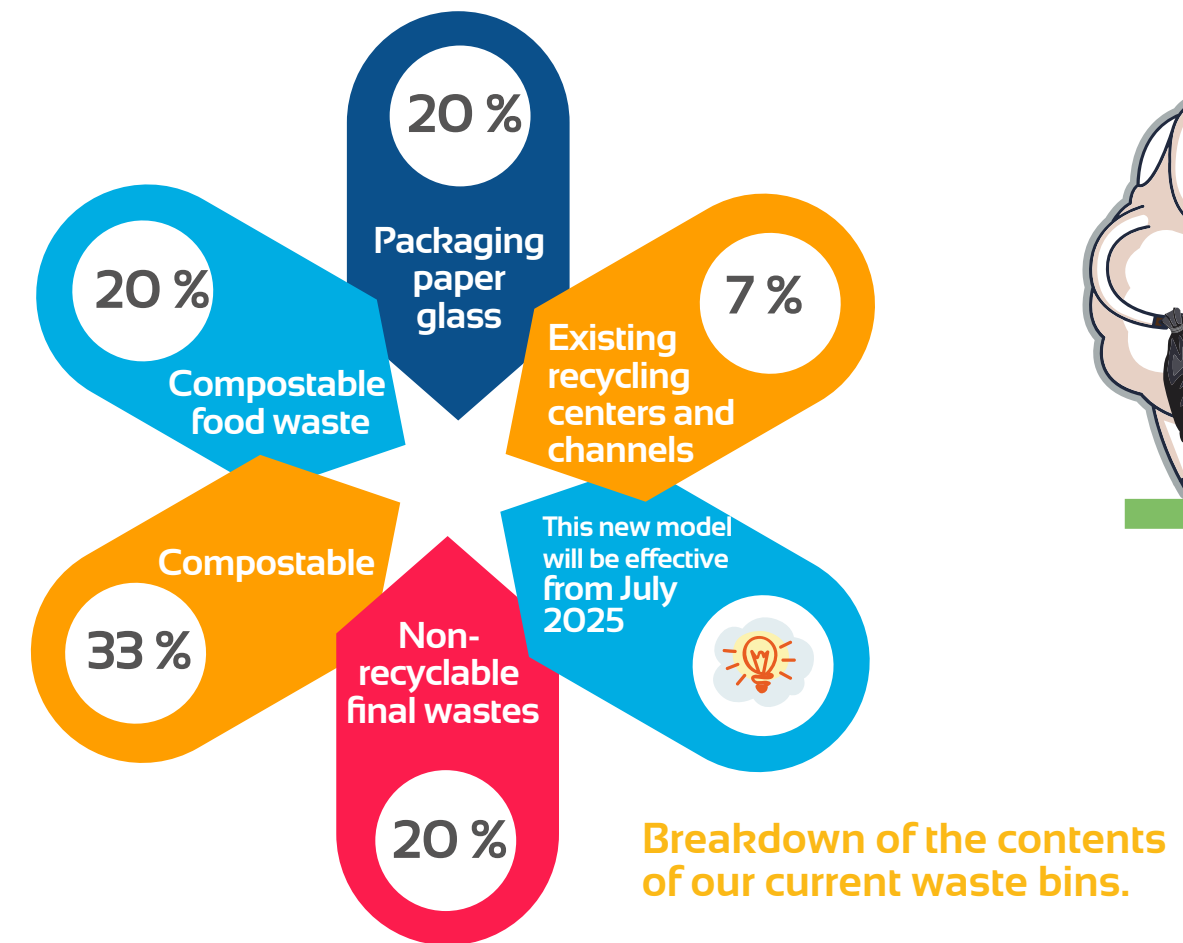
As a result, it becomes essential to adopt solutions to encourage better sorting and limit waste production.

Which collection method was chosen?

After a study, the voluntary drop-off point (VDP) scenario was chosen. This means that residents will deposit their refuse and recyclables in special skips accessible nearby.

Why switch to Voluntary Drop-Off Points? A Win-Win Choice!

Voluntary drop-off points are the most economical solution for our region and above all, they enable us to comply with regulatory requirements in terms of waste management. By adopting these new habits, we can all contribute to more efficient, environmentally friendly and responsible waste sorting, more efficient, more ecological and more responsible!



Today, if everyone respects the sorting instructions, our waste follows a clearly defined circuit:

- ✓ Paper, glass and small plastic containers are deposited in eco-points.
- ✓ Cardboard and green waste are taken to the recycling center.
- ✓ Bio-waste is composted, either individually or in one of the composters installed throughout the area.
- ✓ Only bulky items can be collected door-to-door, after registering with Maximum.



You will find information and contacts in this guide.

Where to find?

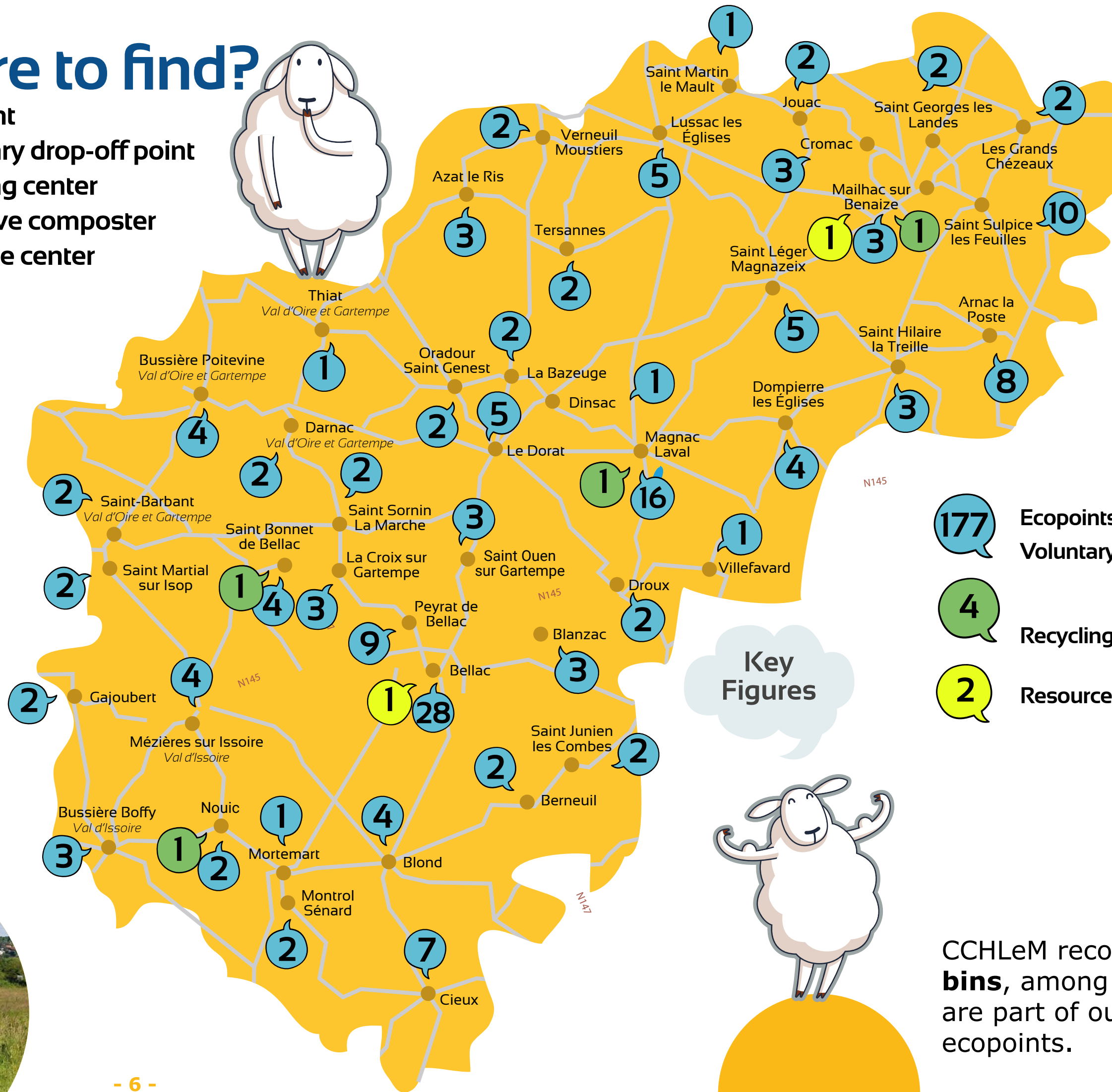
My ecopoint

My voluntary drop-off point

My recycling center

My collective composter

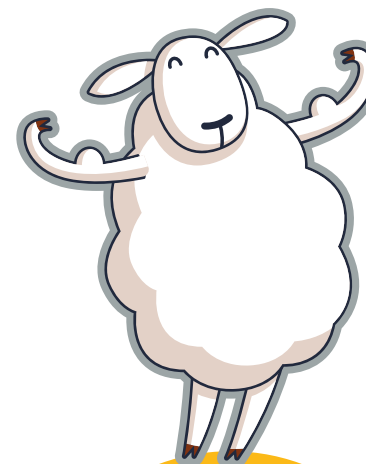
My resource center



- 177** Ecopoints
4 Recycling centers
2 Resource centers

Key
Figures

CCHLeM records **770 bins**, among which 492 are part of our current ecopoints.



//// The best way to sort your waste

My household waste:

in the **grey bin**
> From 1 september 2025.



My compostable bio-waste

In my individual composter:

For individuals and families:

- Homeowners with a garden.
- Apartment residents with balconies or terraces.
- People interested in gardening and urban agriculture.



In collective composters:

For residents:

- People living in buildings or neighborhoods without space for an individual composter.
- Residents wanting to participate in ecological initiatives despite lacking a private garden.



For communities and groups:

- Neighborhood or co-owner associations.
- Community groups, schools, and local organizations.
- Shared or community gardens where multiple people use the same green space.

My glass jars and bottles:

in the **green bin.**



My cardboard packaging, plastic bottles and packaging and all other metal packaging:

in the **yellow bin.**



My papers: newspapers, catalogues, leaflets, letters, envelopes, books, etc.

in the **blue bin.**



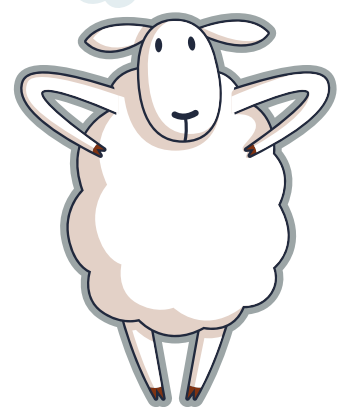
My clothes and fabrics:

in the **textile bin.**



Everything else: crockery, pipes, broken toys, large cardboard boxes and other bulky items :

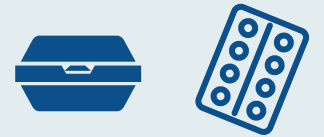
at the **recycling center.**



I don't need to wash my packaging!
To avoid wasting drinking water, I just empty them.



I compress bottles, cartons and cans to save space at home and in the bin.



I don't collapse packaging to make it easier for sorting center staff. Before recycling, the sorted waste is sorted by material by hand.



Focus on composting



What waste can I compost?

Organic waste

It represents more than 50% of the waste in our trash bins!

- > Fruit and vegetable peels,
- > Leftover food*
- > Coffee grounds,
- > Tea bags,
- > Crushed eggshells,
- > Dead leaves,
- > Small branches and other plant materials.

*It is recommended to break down food leftovers before adding them to the compost to speed up decomposition. You can grind or cut them into small pieces before mixing them with other waste.



DID YOU KNOW?

More than 50% of our waste could be composted !

How to successfully compost?

Choose an appropriate location

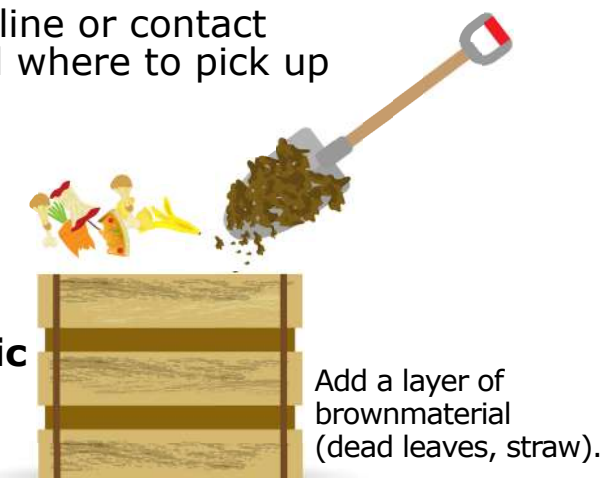
Find a spot in your garden that gets enough sunlight, or use the nearest collective composter.

Order your free composter

Fill out the composter request form online or contact CCHLeM. You will be notified when and where to pick up your composter!

Add your bio-waste to your composter.

Alternate different layers of organic waste to ensure good aeration and uniform decomposition.



Add a layer of brown material (dead leaves, straw).



Water regularly

My compost should be moist but not soggy. Water it regularly, especially during dry periods, to aid decomposition.

Turn my compost

To aerate the compost and accelerate decomposition, turn it regularly (once a week) using a shovel.

Monitor my compost

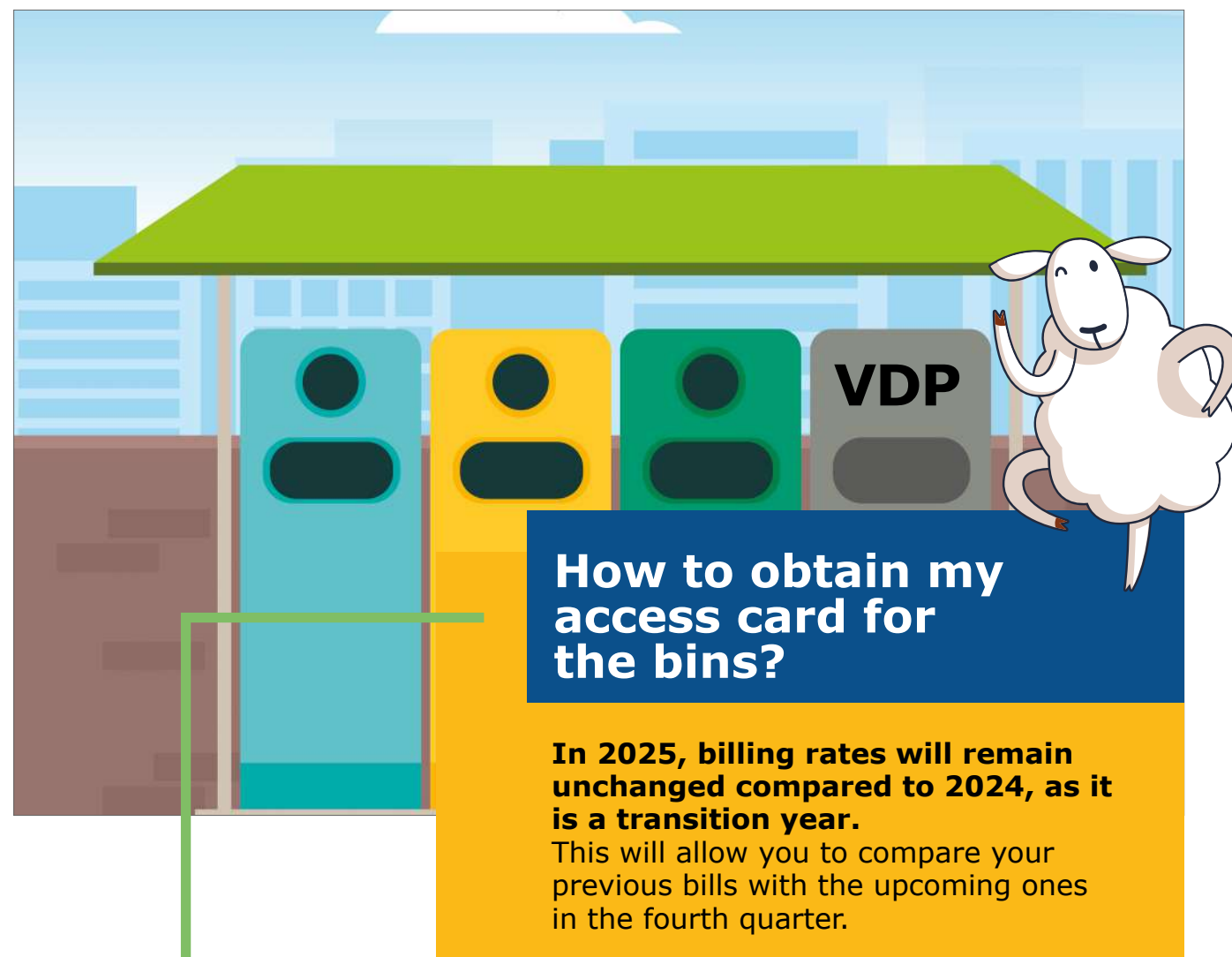
- > Ensure it does not produce bad odors or contain mold.
- > Add brown materials to balance the composition if needed.

Use my compost

Once my compost is fully decomposed and resembles dark, crumbly soil, you can use it to enrich my garden and nourish my plants.



Voluntary drop-off



1. If I am already a resident, the Communauté de Communes will distribute access cards or badges in the second half of 2025.

2. If I am new to the area, I should contact the CCHLeM household waste service with the following documents:

- > **my identity document**
- > **proof of address**

Once your request has been processed, the CCHLeM will contact you to give you your access card or badge.

3. I use my card or badge to deposit my bags of household waste in the Voluntary Drop-Off Points and I make good use of them by respecting the waste sorting instructions.

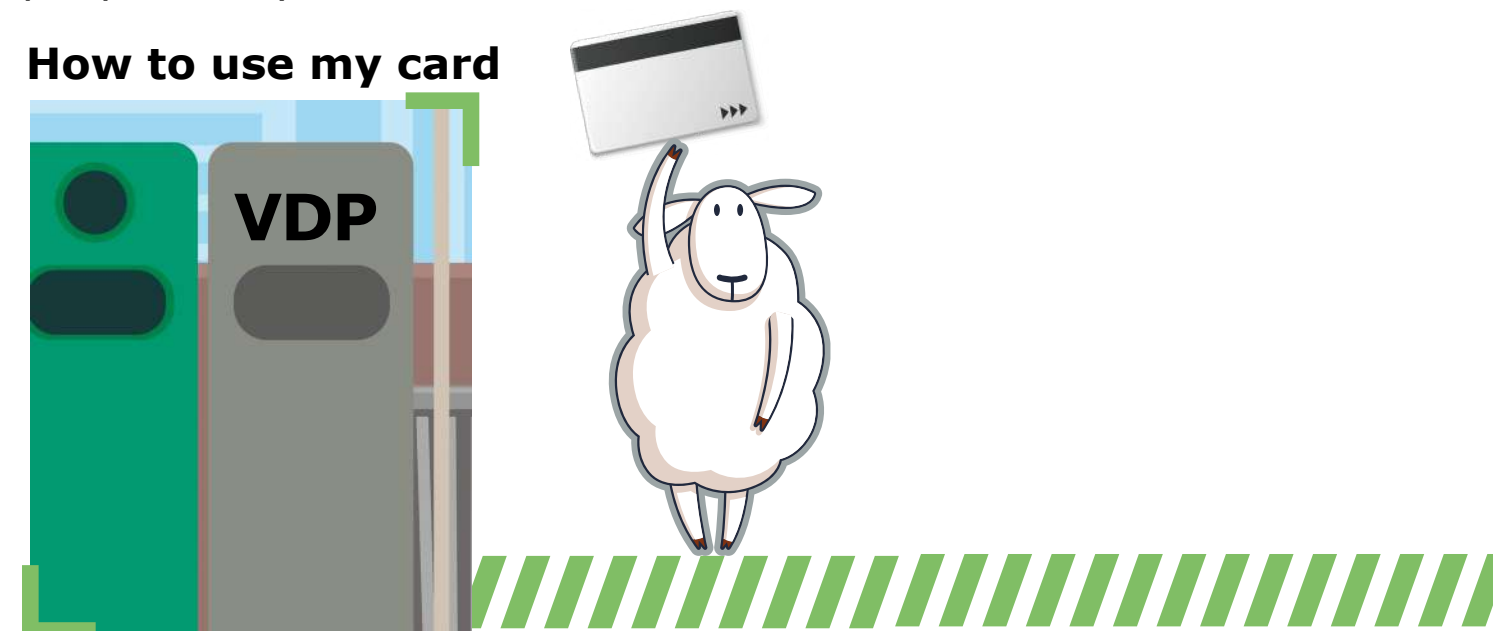
points – VDP

INSTRUCTIONS FOR USE

Starting September 1, 2025:

- > I dispose of my household waste in the gray container.
- > The number of deposits allowed is based on the number of people in my household.

How to use my card



- > I place my access card in front of the reader to identify myself.



- > I can then **open the bin,**
- > and deposit **only 30-liter bags!**
- > finally, **I close the bin securely.**

My green waste



Information

I compost my green waste because the waste center only allows up to 5m³ per year.



To help me manage my green waste, SYDED offers financial assistance to individuals for the purchase or rental of plant shredders. Machines with insufficient output may discourage you from shredding. That's why SYDED subsidizes shredders with a minimum output of 4 hp or 2200 W.



05 55 12 12 87
contact@syded87.org

Monday to Friday
8h-12h / 13h30-17h00

Where does my waste go?



The waste from containers is collected by our service providers.

1. Household waste is collected and transported to the Centrale Energie Déchets de Limoges Métropole (CEDLM), where it will be incinerated to produce heat (41,000 MWh), equivalent to about 4,000 homes.

2. Recyclable waste is collected and sent to the sorting center for processing, then on to the recycling plant to manufacture new products.

3. Glass is collected and transported to a recycling plant, where it is remelted and transformed into new bottles.

4. Paper from notebooks, pads, prints, newspapers, catalogs, leaflets, letters, envelopes and books is collected and taken to a recycling plant where it is transformed into new raw material for paper production.



My bulky waste collection



I want my bulky waste to be collected:

I need to register at the town hall at least 2 days before the scheduled door-to-door collection, organized by the Maximum association.

> Only users on the list provided by the town hall the day before the collection will be eligible for this service.

> If I forget to register, my bulky waste will not be collected, and I will have to wait for the next scheduled date.

> **Bulky waste can either be taken to waste collection centers or collected every 3 months by the Maximum association.**

> **This service is included in the waste collection fee, so there are no additional charges.**

>> **Bulky items must be placed at the roadside on the specified date, before 8 AM.**



How does the collection work?

Collection dates for your town are available on the CCHLeM website:

<https://hautlimousinenmarche.fr/proprete>



Accepted Items:
Household appliances, mattresses and bedding, furniture, metal objects and plumbing waste, various plastic objects.

Not Accepted Items:

- > Green waste (leaves, branches, etc.),
- > Construction debris (rubble, bricks, etc.),
- > Items meant for ecopoints,
- > Household waste,
- > Hazardous waste (chemicals, paint, solvents, etc.),
- > Used oils,
- > Tires,
- > Asbestos cement sheets,
- > Agricultural tarps,
- > Fuel tanks over 700 liters,
- > Unemptied stoves and cans.

Warning :

Large bulky waste (over 4m³):

If I have bulky waste exceeding 4 cubic meters, maximum can also collect it. I just need to contact them for an appointment and a price estimate. No registration at the town hall is required for this service. This option allows me to avoid going to a waste collection center.

I give a second life to



I can crop off these items in good condition:

- > Dishes (plates, cups, etc.)
- > Cooking utensils & bakeware
- > Small furniture (nightstands, coffee tables, shelves, etc.)
- > Books, postcards, vinyl records, music CDs
- > Electronic gamess
- > Small appliances (mixers, coffee makers, etc.)
- > Lighting (lamps, chandeliers, floor lamps, etc.)
- > Toys
- > Clothes (preferably washed and folded)
- > Bicycles
- > Furniture & garden furniture
- > DIY & gardening tools
- > And much more!



my objects

How do I organize?

Sort my items at home.
Bring them to the nearest Maximum resource center during opening hours.

Items are cleaned & checked before being resold as second-hand goods in the store.



Repair, transform, donate: alternatives before throwing things away

Many everyday objects can be transformed! An old dresser can be refurbished. Tin cans can become pencil holders. Old socks can be turned into sponges. Glass bottles & jars can be decorative pieces!

Need more info?

MAXIMUM : 05 55 76 22 78
maximum87@orange.fr

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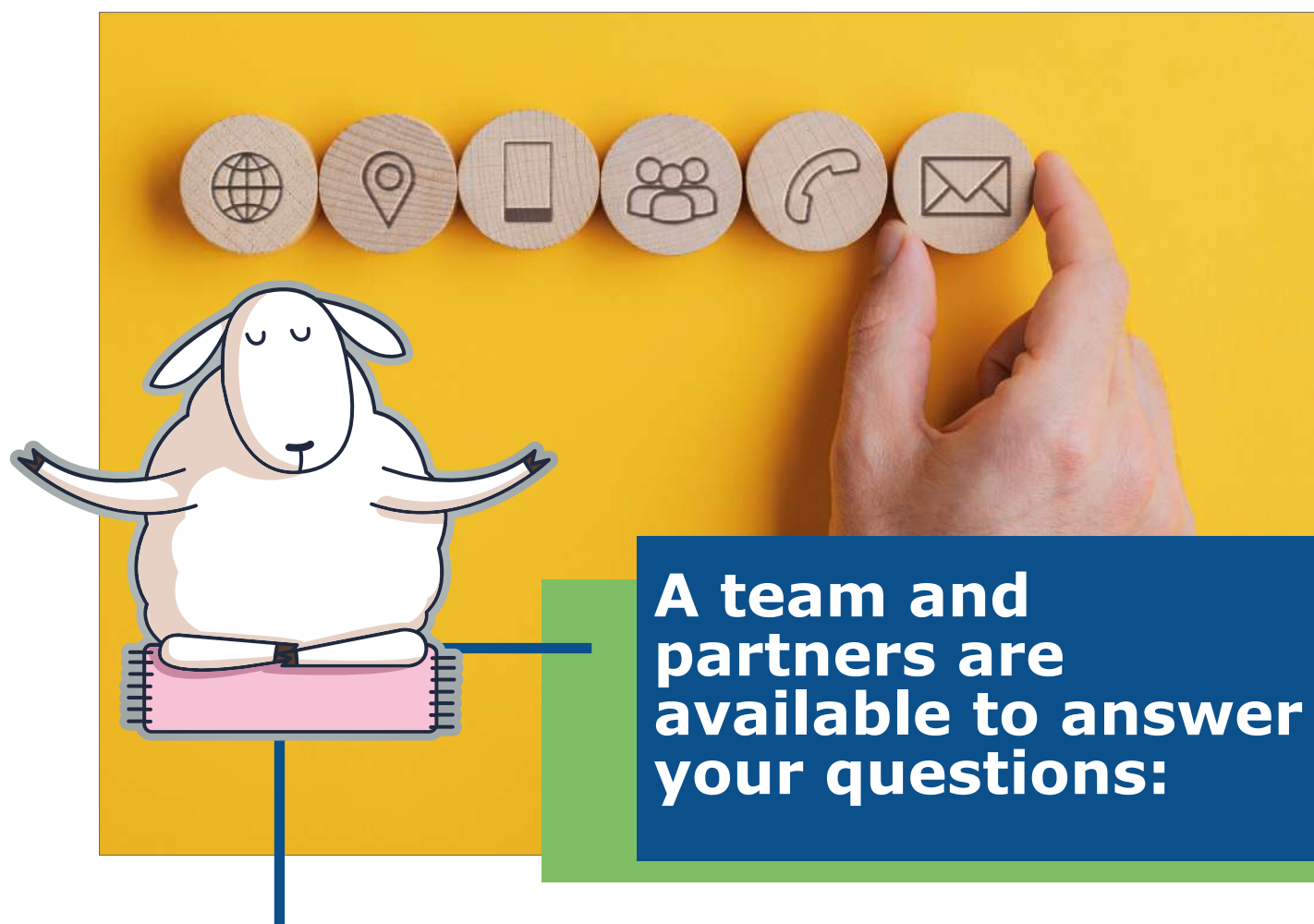
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87300 Bellac
Tél. : 09 52 70 82 65
Tuesday to Friday
10h00/17h00

The CCHLeM : 05 55 60 09 99
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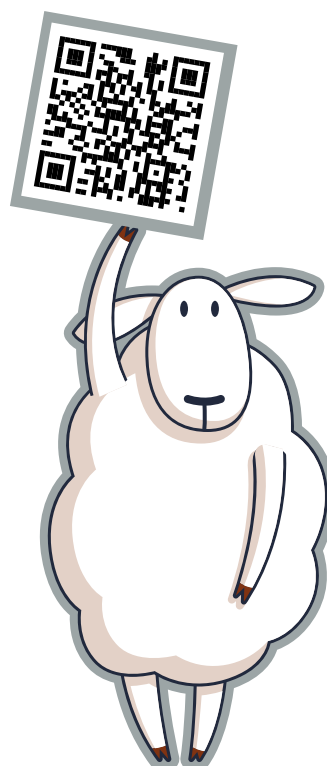
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87160 Mailhac-Sur-Benaize
Tél. : 05 55 76 22 78
Monday to Friday
9h00/12h00 - 14h/17h30

////// We're listening !



1. Website:

> www.hautlimousinenmarche-om.fr



2. Recycling centers:

M ailhac-sur-Benaize

Du lun. au sam. : 9h-11h45 / 14h-17h15

 Les Masgrimauds
 05 55 76 22 78

M agnac-Laval

Du mar. au sam. : 9h-11h45 / 14h-17h15

 Route du Dorat
 06 24 85 41 88

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Jeu. : 14h-17h15

Mar., ven. et sam. : 9h-11h45 / 14h-17h15

 68 route d'Aquitaine
 06 03 06 52 24

S aint-Bonnet de Bellac

Mer. : 14h-17h15

Lun., ven. et sam. : 9h-11h45 / 14h-17h15

 Le Bourg
 06 03 06 59 67

3. Resource centers:



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contact@rempart87.fr



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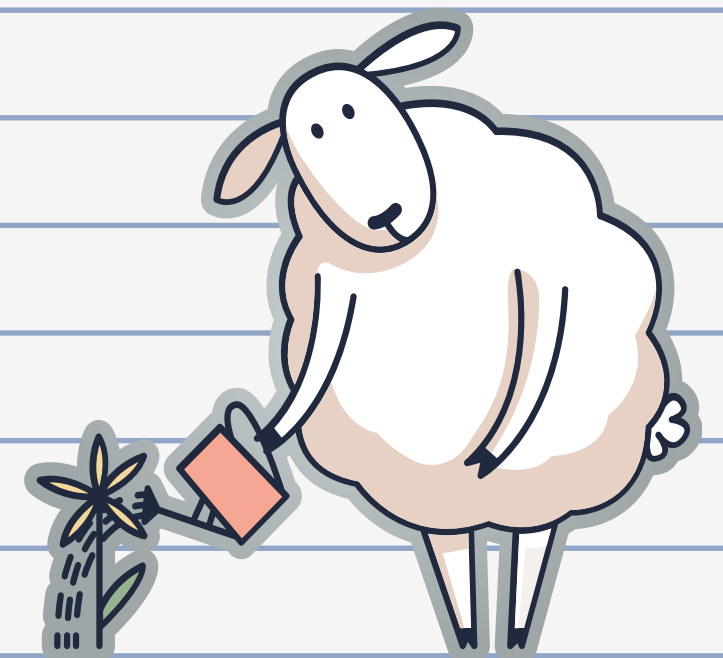
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