Then, what’s left over ...

Small electrical appliances
Small electrical appliances (e.g. mobiles, computers, vacuum cleaners, etc.) may be handed in at all of the recycling yards operated by Aachen City Council. Small-scale appliances measuring less than 30cm (edge length) will also be accepted at the green-waste container centres and by the mobile toxic substances’ unit / stationary collection point for toxic substances (recycling yard located at Kellershaustraße). The collection and removal of large electrical appliances such as, for example, refrigerators, cookers, or televisions can be organised by appointment throughout the entire city zone.

Toxic substances
Toxic substances (e.g. aerosol cans, paints, varnishes, solvents, acids and chemicals, energy-saving lamps, etc.) will be willingly accepted at the recycling yard located at Kellershaustraße or, alternatively, by the mobile toxic substances’ unit, which covers various routes within the city zone on pre-arranged dates.

Waste glass
Waste glass (bottles and food jars for example) may be disposed of in waste-glass containers located at various sites throughout the entire city zone or, alternatively, at the Aachen City Council recycling yards.

CD's, corks and batteries
CD’s, corks and batteries may be handed in at all administration buildings as well as at the Aachen City Council recycling yards. Further information and collection dates can be found in the waste-disposal calendar or, specifically for your address, at www.aachener-stadtbetrieb.de/abfallkalender.

Questions?
The Service Centre at Aachen Stadtbetrieb will be pleased to answer any questions on waste disposal (e.g. arranging appointments, locations, etc.) and can be reached from 7 a.m. to 6 p.m., Monday to Friday; the telephone number is 0241/432 18 666. You will also find this and further information on our Internet website at www.aachener-stadtbetrieb.de.
Residual waste

This belongs in here:
✓ Unexploitable waste
✓ Soiled packaging
✓ Sweeping, ashes, cigarette stubs
✓ Vacuum-cleaner bags
✓ Nappies, hygiene items (sanitary pads, etc.)
✓ Wallpaper, special-purpose papers, photos
✓ Soiled animal litter
✓ Records, video cassettes, disks
✓ Light bulbs, fabric remnants/soiled textiles, pens/pencils, filing folders
✓ ...

This does not belong in here:
✗ Exploitable waste: paper, glass, metal, plastic, composite packaging and old clothes
✗ Kitchen and green waste
✗ Toxic substances (e.g. paints, energy-saving lamps, batteries, aerosol cans)

The residual-waste bin (grey) is emptied weekly, every 2 weeks or every 4 weeks. Waste which cannot be exploited or which is too big for your residual-waste bin comes under the category bulky waste (e.g. furniture, mattresses, rolled-up carpets, or laminate, bicycles, etc.). The collection of bulky waste is organised throughout the entire city zone on a by-appointment-only basis.

The following are not accepted as bulky waste:
Waste originating from building work such as old doors or windows, wash-hand basins, motor-vehicle waste, all small parts, even where packed in cardboard boxes or in bags.

Paper and Cardboard

This belongs in here:
✓ Clean paper packaging with and without
✓ Cardboard boxes (folded or torn up)
✓ Catalogues, prospectuses
✓ Writing paper
✓ Newspapers, magazines
✓ Letters and envelopes
✓ Notepads, postcards and exercise books
✓ Books (without binding), wrapping paper
✓ ...

This does not belong in here:
✗ Wallpaper, photos, soiled paper
✗ Composite materials such as, for example, milk cartons or juice packaging
✗ Foil paper, foil giftwrap

The paper-waste bin (blue) is emptied every four weeks! It is also possible to deposit paper and cardboard with all Aachen City Council recycling yards!

Biodegradable waste

This belongs in here:
✓ From the kitchen: uncooked or cooked food leftovers, potato peel, fruit skin, eggshells, vegetable peel, meat and fish leftovers, bread, cheese, coffee filters, teabags, cooking fats and oils (e.g. deep-frying fat)
✓ From the garden: flowers, branches, leaves, weeds, lawn, hedge and shrub cuttings, windfall
✓ Miscellaneous: hair, feathers, wood chippings (untreated), indoor plants
✓ ...

This does not belong in here:
✗ Liquid food leftovers
✗ Nappies, plastics
✗ Glasses, animal litter (with or without excrement)

The biodegradable-waste bin (green) is emptied weekly!

Biodegradable-waste bin in the winter:
wrap wet waste up in newspaper and/or cover the base of the bin with a layer of newspaper. If possible, have the waste bin stand where it is protected from frost (garage, cellar). If, despite this, the biogradable waste still sticks to the bin, separate carefully from the bin, e.g. using a spade.

Biodegradable-waste bin in the summer:
If possible, have the waste bin stand in the shade. Compostable biodegradable plastic bags may also be used for pre-gathering biodegradable waste in the household; however, use only those showing the "seedling" logo (see left), which are available in many drugstores and grocery stores.