

Press Report

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Neu-Ulm Bio-Waste Bins to Be Fitted with Bio Filter Lids

Photo: Lord Mayor Gerold Noerenberg fitting the first bin with a bio filter lid

Following the successful completion of a pilot scheme, Neu-Ulm Municipal Council has decided to have all of the town's 5,200 bio-waste bins fitted with biofilter lids. Thanks to the new technology, waste need only be collected every fortnight, even in the warm summer months. It is estimated that Neu-Ulm will save 170,000 € in waste-collection costs over the next 10



Left: Neu-Ulm Lord Mayor Gerold Noerenberg
Right: Jürgen Gerhardt, Head of Waste Management in the town

years, and it seems that householders are impressed by the improvement in bin hygiene the bio filter lids have brought about.

Background:

In the spring of 2005, 114 bio-waste bins in the Ludwigsfeld district of Neu-Ulm were fitted with the special biofilter lids. These bins were then collected and emptied once a fortnight, as in the past. Ludwigsfeld was selected as the location for this pilot scheme because its high-rise apartment blocks, multi-family houses, terrace houses and detached houses offer a representative cross-section of the housing in the town. According to waste-management consultant Jürgen Gerhardt, the pilot scheme was a complete success. The twin problems of unpleasant smells and bins crawling with maggots were both significantly reduced, and just under 94% of the householders questioned said they would accept the continuing fortnightly collection of refuse in the summer months provided their bio-waste bins were fitted with the new bio-filter lids.

The refitting of all 5,200 of the town's bio-waste bins with the new biofilter lids has been under way since the end of May. And the frequency of Neu-Ulm's refuse-collection service has remained unchanged, with bins still being emptied just once a fortnight.

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