

The pink bags are back! Simple Recycling in Berlin and East Berlin is getting simpler again.

After a couple of weeks of no service from Simple Recycling due to the coronavirus crisis, the company is starting pickup of donated clothing and household items once again.

The service is free to residents. But because the company is a for-profit concern, there are no receipts for tax deductions such as non-profits can offer.

Like most recycling today, the rules are getting tighter as the worldwide market shrinks. Some markets that used to accept U.S. items for recycling are no longer doing so. In the meantime, residents need to pay careful attention to what is now permissible to recycle.

The pink bags are collected every other week (on your recycle week only). The items are to be placed only in the pink Simple Recycling bags and placed curbside along side your containers. Simple Recycling will leave another pink bag. If more are needed, they can be ordered (at no cost) on the company's website ([www.SimpleRecycling.com](http://www.SimpleRecycling.com)).

Acceptable items include: clean clothing, towels, blankets and other textile materials. In addition, they accept small appliances; tools; household items such as dishes, silverware and pots and pans; jewelry; purses; hats; toys; sleeping bags; shoes; and backpacks.

