

In the 1990s, the districts were required to introduce a volume-based system of fees. At that time, the Heidenheim district decided to weigh the garbage. To make this possible, all garbage bins had to be equipped with a chip. It did not store any personal data, but only a bin number and a chip number.

Technology at the end of its lifespan

However, the chips used 30 years ago are now outdated. Their technology is no longer up-to-date and the frequency range of 4 MHz was reassigned to the military during a reorganisation of the Radio Equipment Act in 2017. In addition, the new garbage trucks have problems reading the old chips - with the result that bins cannot be emptied.

Old chips are being exchanged. We need your help for this!

Therefore, these old 4 MHz chips must be replaced in all garbage bins. Approximately 35 000 of these bins are currently in use in the Heidenheim district, so the exchange will take from May to September 2026. **All affected households/businesses receive a letter with the exchange date.** This letter will include stickers. Please stick these stickers on the lids of your garbage bin(s). On the exchange date, please have the bins ready **by 7.00 am**. If you are unable to provide the bin(s) on this day, a neighbour or relative may be able to do so.

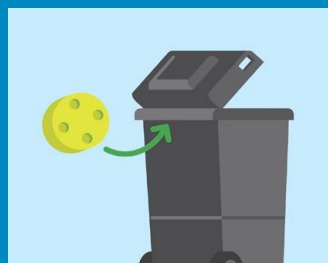
New chip for your garbage bin!



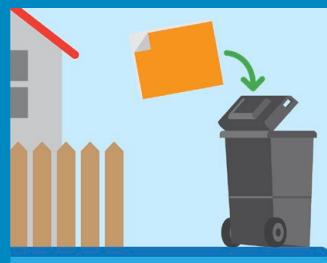
And this is how it works...



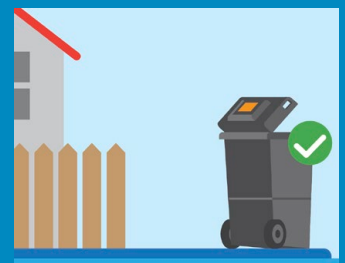
1_ Every affected household and business will be contacted by the district garbage management-company. The letter will tell you the **date** of the chip exchange . **If you have any questions, please call 07321 9505-60.**



2_ For your information : The chip is located in a well protected position under the edge of the garbage bin. This applies to all general garbage and organic garbage bins.



3_ Put the bin(s) out on the street on the day of the chip exchange and place the sticker which you can remove from the letter, clearly visible on the bin lid.



4_ Once the technicians have successfully replaced the chip, the bin will be marked with a green sticker and you can put it back in its place.