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„Restrictions on waste collection in Tallinn Old town“

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Description

- In Old Town area the waste collection is allowed only between 6.00 AM to 12.00 AM In other times, waste collection is permitted only with the permission of Tallinn Environment Department (e.g road closures because of big events). Collection times are set up in Waste Management act of Tallinn.
- Waste collection starts early in the morning from Toompea hill, which is a area of government buildings and embassies and afterwards proceeds to downtown. In Old Town the main living activity is located in the downtown and is more modest in Toompea hill. In that way the waste truck does not disturb the downtown residents early in the morning. Another reason is that during the high season of tourism, tourists start their tours from Toompea hill, so it is good when waste vehicles are gone for that time.

Description

- In overall the gross vehicle weight cannot exceed 7 tons in Old town of Tallinn, but there is exception for waste trucks. The gross vehicle weight of the waste truck cannot exceed 12 tons.



Results:

- **Waste trucks and tourists do not disturb each other and waste trucks can maneuver in narrow streets more easily.**
- **Residents of Old Town are not disturbed early in the morning. The streets of Tallinn Old Town are less damaged.**

Main difficulties:

- **Earlier collection time does not fit for some embassies and it requires an extra effort from them, because their opening hours are not so early.**



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Thank you!



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