

**Good Practice in Integration of Waste Management Solutions
into the Urban Décor of Heritage Areas**

N°.	Section	Description
0.	Title of the practice	<i>Restrictions on waste collection in Tallinn Old town</i>
1.	Photograph	 <p data-bbox="411 1144 1203 1176"><i>Photo 1. Smaller waste truck for waste collection in Old town of Tallinn</i></p>



Photo 2. Cross vehicle weight restriction sign in Old Town of Tallinn

2. Proposers	City of Tallinn	
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4. Useful links	Waste management act of Tallinn	
5. Start date	Year 2008	
6. Activities' state of the art	<u>Ongoing</u>	
7. Location	Tallinn Old Town	
8. Inhabitants in the area	Tallinn Old Town is a part of City Center District where lives 62 600 inhabitants	
9. Description of the practice	<p><u>Origin:</u></p> <p>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). 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.</p> <p>The main pavement of Tallinn's Old Town is cobble stone and because of that the carrying capacity is limited. 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.</p> <p><u>Development and Timescale:</u></p> <p>Practice started at 2008 and it works well.</p> <p><u>Actors involved:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Tallinn Environment Department Tallinn City Center District Government Waste collection service provider. <p><u>Legal framework:</u></p> <p>Collection times are set up in Waste Management act of Tallinn. Only with the permission of Tallinn Environment Department the waste collection is allowed earlier. The permit is issued only on special occasions.</p> <p><u>Financial framework:</u> (activities' cost, activities' revenues (if any), model/s of financing used)</p> <p>The regulation does not require additional costs.</p>	

10.	Results
	<p><u>Proven results (through indicators):</u> 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.</p> <p><u>Possible success factors:</u> Waste trucks and tourists do not disturb each other, collection service provider and residents of Old Town are satisfied.</p> <p><u>Main difficulties encountered:</u> 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.</p>
11.	<p>Main lessons learnt from the practice</p> <p>Waste collection service and logistic have to be well organised.</p>
12.	<p>Additional information</p> <p>www.tallinn.ee</p>