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DIY and Gardening Products

Member's Guide

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Introduction

The **French Anti-Waste Act for a Circular Economy** of 10 February 2020 created the EPR approach¹ for the reuse and recycling of DIY and gardening products.

Based on the "polluter pays" principle, the EPR approach entails the mandatory payment of an eco-fee by companies in the sector, which are marketing these products for the first time in France, as manufacturers or importers, as well as for their distributor brands.

Ecomaison (formerly Eco-mobilier) obtained approval from the public authorities on 21 April 2022 to assume the obligations of companies involved in this approach, thereby ensuring development of the repair and reuse of DIY and gardening products, as well as management of the end-of-life collection, sorting, and processing of these products.

Ecomaison – a non-profit eco-organisation – is a private company, approved by the French State and managed by the companies within its scope. With EPR certification for furniture, **bedding, furnishing textile items, construction and building products and materials, DIY and gardening products**, and **toys**, Ecomaison has been helping companies in these sectors to meet their regulatory obligations for over 10 years.

The purpose of this document is to summarise all the procedures for implementing these regulations within your company.

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¹ EPR approach: the Extended Producer Responsibility approach, which organises the financing of end-of-life product recycling for DIY and gardening products (see Article [L. 541-10-1-14° of the French Environmental Code](#)).

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1. The scope of the DIY and gardening products channel

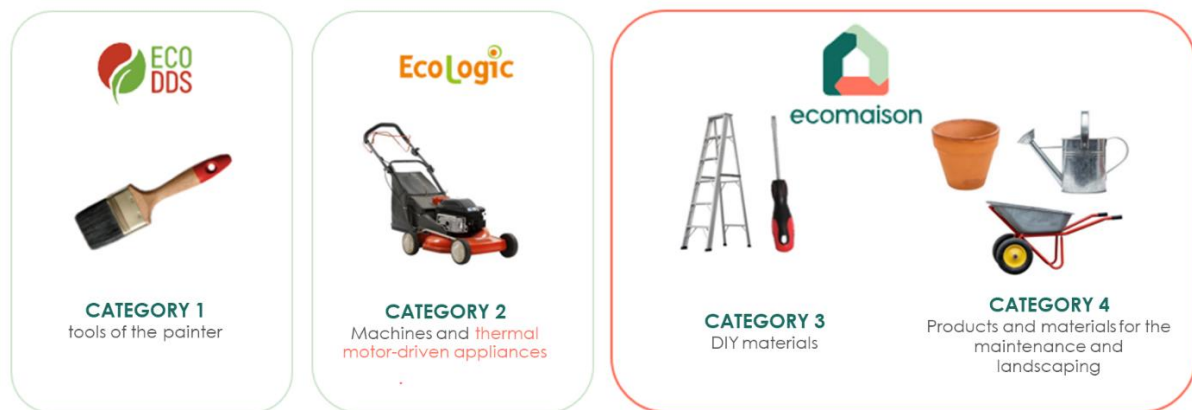


1.1. The products concerned

There are four categories of DIY and gardening products covered by the Extended Producer Responsibility channel ([Article R. 543-340](#) of the French Environmental Code):

- 1) painting tools (certification for EcoDDS);
- 2) combustion engine-powered machinery and equipment (certification for Ecologic);
- 3) **DIY equipment**, including hand tools, other than those covered by points 1 and 2 (certification for Ecomaison);
- 4) **products and equipment for garden upkeep and landscaping** (certification for Ecomaison).

Accessories for these products are included in the relevant category.



The following are excluded from the regulatory scope:

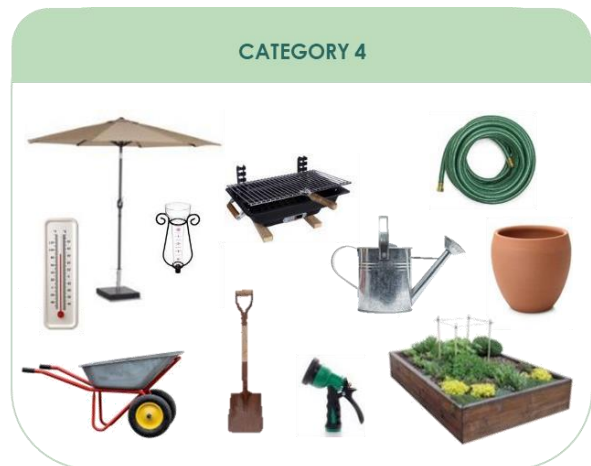
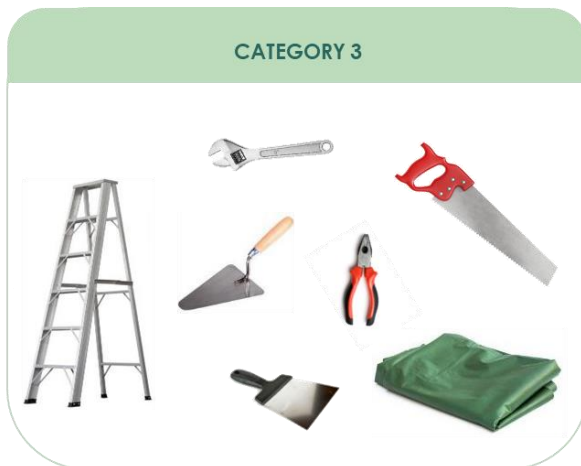
- **products** designed to be **used exclusively by professionals**,
- hardware (Construction and Building Products and Materials EPR, also known as Building EPR),
- masonry constructions (Building EPR),
- decorative garden ornaments,
- electrical and electronic devices ([Article L. 541-10-1-5° of the French Environmental Code](#)),
- paddling pools covered by the Toys EPR channel([Article L. 541-10-1-12° of the French Environmental Code](#)),
- swimming pools covered by the Building EPR([Article L. 541-10-1-4° of the French Environmental Code](#)).

1.2. Products covered by Ecomaison

Ecomaison is certified for DIY and gardening products in categories 3 and 4.

Category 3 corresponds to DIY equipment, including hand tools. As such, this concerns items of equipment intended for carrying out repairs, installation, or development work, together with their accessories or consumables.

Category 4 corresponds to products and equipment for garden upkeep and landscaping. This concerns gardening tools, small and large items of equipment, their accessories and consumables, intended for garden upkeep and landscaping.



For any queries regarding the scope, please contact us by email: contact@ecomaison.fr.



Please note



The term **Accessories** refers to items required for the correct use of DIY and gardening products, including **consumables** (other than chemical products). These must be declared under the corresponding categories.

1.3. How to apply the rules regarding exclusion of products from the scope covered by Ecomaison (categories 3 and 4)

The exclusion or inclusion of a product falls under the responsibility of the producer.

The eco-organisation only indicates products that have been identified as potentially ineligible for EPR.

Products designed to be used exclusively by professionals: this criterion relates to the design of the product for **exclusively professional use**. It is specific to the product concerned, for example, in relation to technical standards. **Professional use must not be confused with the sales channel:** DIY and gardening products sold in a shop or on a website exclusively dedicated to professionals are potentially included within the scope of the DIY and Gardening Products EPR.

By way of example, a shovel or an axe meeting the NF EN 13463-1 standard (non-electrical equipment for use in potentially explosive atmospheres, part 1) will not be concerned by the regulations.

An indicative list, validated by the public authorities, will be regularly updated. Information will be sent by email to the members concerned as soon as this list changes.

Hardware (e.g., nails, screws, bolts, dowels, hinges, locks, etc.) is largely covered by the Building EPR (some products, such as aeronautical hardware, are not currently covered by any EPR).

Decorative garden ornaments, which are only used for decoration in a garden (e.g., garden gnomes, fountains, statues, etc.) are not concerned.

Some products closely related to other existing EPRs are excluded from these regulations:

- **packaging**, in particular **horticultural pots** sold with plants or flowers, falls under the Packaging EPR;
- **textile furnishings and decoration items** (garden furniture, carpets, blinds, net curtains, etc.) are covered by the Furniture Components EPR;
- **outdoor toys and games**, such as paddling pools and certain children's spades and buckets, are covered by the European Toy Safety Directive and therefore by the Toys EPR.

Masonry constructions and swimming pools, which fall under [Article L. 541-10-1-4° of the French Environmental Code](#), are covered by the **Building EPR**. Certain garden constructions have been clearly included in the Building EPR, such as above-ground swimming pools, inflatable spas, and masonry fences (see [the notification to producers dated 31 December 2021](#)).

The specific case of DIY and gardening products containing electrical or electronic equipment

When **equipment falls exclusively within the waste from electrical and electronic equipment (WEEE) channel**, it is excluded from the DIY and gardening products channel ([Article R. 543-172 of the French Environmental Code](#)).

Otherwise, the DIY or gardening product is also covered by this channel.

In practice:

- **Rechargeable electric flower pot:** a flower pot with a built-in non-separable lamp and a charging socket falls exclusively under the WEEE channel.
- **Electrically-operated chicken coop:** chicken coops are category 4 landscaping products; the electric opening system, easily removable and operating autonomously, falls under the WEEE channel.



Please note

It is possible that an **electrical or electronic part, as a component of a DIY or gardening product**, may be subject to the EEE fee (in particular if this part can operate autonomously).

When a battery is sold with the product and is removable, it falls under the Battery and accumulator recycling channel.

In accordance with the notice on the scope of the WEEE EPR channel, components and consumables are not to be considered as sub-assemblies and are therefore not WEEE.

Therefore:

- If drill bits or discs are intended to be used **exclusively** with an electric DIY or gardening product, these products are excluded from the scope of the WEEE EPR and the DIY and Gardening Products EPR.
- If drill bits or discs are intended to be used with an electric, combustion, or hand-held DIY or gardening product, these products fall within the scope of the DIY and Gardening Products EPR (in the corresponding category).

1.4. Marketers of DIY and gardening products

Marketers (i.e., “producers” under the terms of the regulations, [Article R. 543-340 of the French Environmental Code](#)) are natural or legal persons who, in a professional capacity:

- **manufacture in France, and/or**
- **import, assemble, or introduce for the first time on the French national market**

DIY and gardening products, intended to be **sold for consideration or free of charge to the end user** by any sales technique whatsoever or **to be used directly in the national territory**.



Please note

If products are sold under the sole brand of a retailer, **the retailer is considered a marketer**. This is the case in particular for private label brands.

In practice:

- Any **sales contract proposed, concluded, or executed in France** constitutes placing on the market in France.
- Any **contract proposed, concluded, or executed, directly or through an agent established in France, to a buyer residing in France** constitutes placing on the market in France, within the meaning of the regulations.
- Thus, in the case of distance selling and cross-border selling, the same rules apply to sellers, even those based abroad, if **physical marketing takes place in France and is aimed at a consumer or end user in France**. They must therefore join and pay the eco-fee to Ecomaison, in the same way as national marketers.

To comply with the regulations, the marketer must:

- **join and sign the Services Contract online** in the [Services Area](#);
- **declare to Ecomaison** the quantities of DIY and gardening products placed on the market each quarter or year during the previous period, and pay the resulting eco-fee.

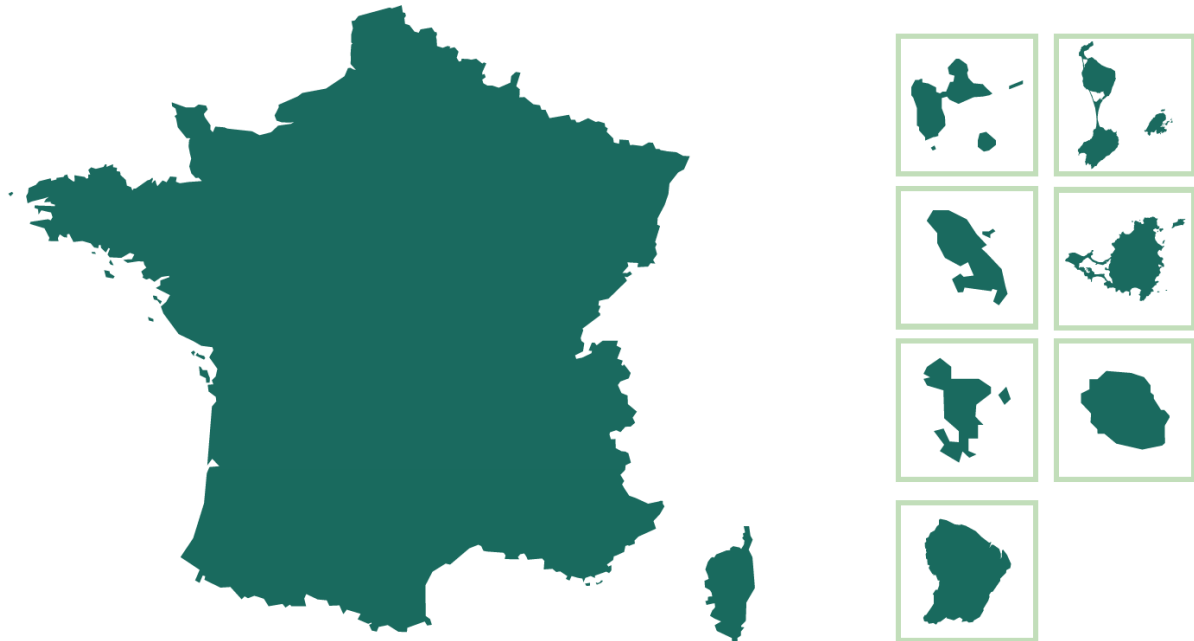
To check if you are a marketer, you can refer to the table below.

ANALYSIS OF THE DIFFERENT SALES REGIMES	LEGAL ENTITY THAT IMPORTS, OR, IN THE CASE OF FRENCH MANUFACTURING, IS AT THE TOP OF THE SALES NETWORK	IDENTIFICATION OF THE MARKETER
Direct sale by the manufacturer in France to the consumer	Sale via an e-commerce website and/or through own stores	The manufacturer or its in-store sales subsidiary if it imports the product
Sale by a distributor of a product from a manufacturer in France, stored and shipped to the end customer by the manufacturer	Either the distributor's stock is stored by the manufacturer or ownership is transferred at the time of shipment to the consumer	The manufacturer
Sale by the manufacturer in France to a distributor	The manufacturer is an importer or manufacturer in France and sells to a reseller, retailer, wholesaler, or other	The manufacturer
Consignment stock of products from a manufacturer in France	The manufacturer's product is in consignment at the distributor until it is sold to the consumer by the distributor	The manufacturer
Purchase by a distributor of products from a manufacturer within the EU invoiced from an entity outside France		The distributor, for the introduction of EU products
Purchase and import under FOB of products from a manufacturer invoiced from an entity outside France		The distributor
Sale by a French third-party seller of a manufacturer's products in France via a marketplace	The consumer buys a product via a marketplace that the manufacturer has sold in France to a French third-party seller	The manufacturer, or its in-store sales subsidiary if it imports the product
Sale by a French third-party seller of products introduced from the EU or imported	The consumer buys via a marketplace from a French third-party seller who has imported the product from the manufacturer or procured it outside France	The third-party seller
Sale by a third-party seller established outside France via a marketplace	The consumer buys a product via a marketplace from a foreign third-party seller	The third-party seller
Sale by a manufacturer in France of products partially not intended for the French market	The manufacturer sells toys to a distributor or wholesaler based in France, which itself resells partly in France and partly outside France	The manufacturer or its in-store sales subsidiary if it imports the product, for French sales

Geographical scope of EPR

The DIY and Gardening Products EPR channel applies to the whole of France and the French overseas departments and regions:

- Metropolitan France, including Corsica;
- French Overseas Regions and Departments: Guadeloupe, French Guiana, Martinique, Réunion, Mayotte;
- French Overseas Territories: Saint-Martin, Saint-Pierre-et-Miquelon.



It does not apply to Monaco, the French Overseas territories of French Polynesia, New Caledonia, Wallis and Futuna, Saint-Barthélemy, or to exports.

Please note



The French Overseas Territories concerned by the regulations (Martinique, Guadeloupe, French Guiana, Réunion, Mayotte, Saint-Martin, and Saint-Pierre-et-Miquelon) **should not be considered as exports** by marketers registered in mainland France, who invoice products and materials sold from mainland France to the French Overseas Territories, Regions, and Departments with the eco-fee.

2. Joining Ecomaison



2.1. Who must join?

Natural or legal persons meeting the definition in chapter 1.4 are marketers of DIY and gardening products falling within the scope specified in chapter 1, and must join Ecomaison.

The member is the **legal entity or natural person** who is the marketer.

In practice:

- A **manufacturer, a retail purchasing centre, or a structure that owns several sales outlets** must sign a Membership Contract.
- **For a distribution network**, or when the same legal entity encompasses several sales outlets, it is not necessary for the sales outlets to join individually, except those acting independently as marketers.

Ecomaison gives each member a **unique identification number** certifying the conformity of their products for the DIY and gardening products channel. This is mandatory and proves registration in the French national register managed by the ADEME².

The unique identification number: proof of your regulatory compliance



Once communicated by Ecomaison, the unique identification number must also be included in the general terms and conditions of sale of products (GTCS), or any other contractual document. This information is intended for both private individuals and professionals.

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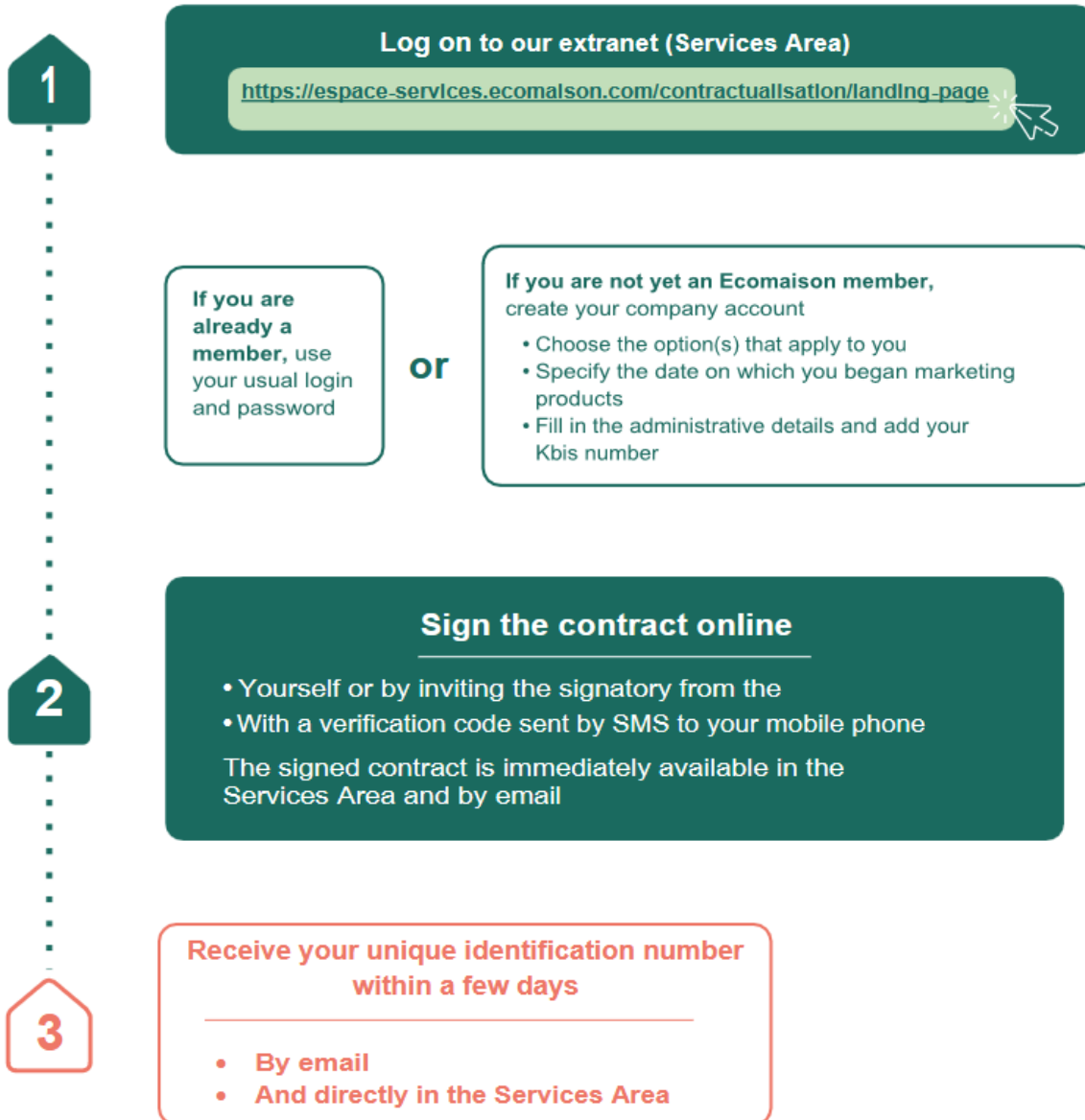


If you do not display the unique identification number, you risk a **fine of up to €30,000**.

The unique identification number must not be confused with the TRIMAN and sorting signage (see chapter 5). This signage is not a guarantee of the marketer's compliance with EPR.

² Agence De l'Environnement et de la Maîtrise de l'Énergie – the French Environment and Energy Management Agency.

2.2. How to join



To prepare your membership, you must provide the following:

- the entity's **company name**, **legal status**, **share capital**, and **SIRET number** (or national identity number);
- the **contact details of the legal representative** authorised to conclude agreements, **useful contacts** in the company, in particular those responsible for declarations, invoice verification, and payment to Ecomaison.

2.3. When to join

The EPR channel for DIY and gardening products came into force on 1 January 2022. Compliance is therefore mandatory as of this date.



Please note

To place products on the French market, all companies must have a **unique identification number**, which they will obtain once they join.

2.4. What are the specific provisions for marketplaces?

A marketplace is defined in the French Environmental Code as **an electronic interface** (marketplace, platform, portal, or similar system) **facilitating remote sales or product delivery** on behalf of a third party.

It is required to keep a **register of third-party sellers** ([Article L. 541-10-9 of the French Environmental Code](#)) with:

- the identification details of each third-party seller placing items on the market via the marketplace,
- the unique identification number of the third-party seller placing items on the market,
- marketing data,
- the recovery procedures put in place by the third-party seller.

Should third-party sellers not fulfil their obligations, the marketplaces themselves must **act on behalf of their third-party sellers** and submit the marketing declaration for these sellers.

You must indicate this status upon registration.

Please note that if, as a member, you are developing a marketplace, you must let us know so that we can register you as such.

3. Codification and allocation of the eco-fee



3.1. The categories of products in the eco-fee pricing scale

Each DIY and gardening product (belonging to categories 3 and 4) must be codified for the marketing declaration, according to one of the following categories:

- 3° **DIY equipment**, including hand tools;
- 4° **Products and equipment for garden upkeep and landscaping.**



Ecomaison provides its members with [an online tool](#) for easier identification of the products covered by Ecomaison and the associated product code.



Good to know

To find out more, or for help with the codification of your products, please contact us by email: contact@ecomaison.com

3.2. What are the product codification rules?

Ecomaison uses an 11-digit product code.

Each product has a corresponding item code that you can use in your information systems.

The **item code**, or **product code**, enables you to apply the corresponding eco-fee pricing scale and to declare the marketing of products subject to EPR.



The product code consists of the following elements:

- the **category** corresponds to the items as shown in 3.1.
- The **product type**, which is adjusted according to the category: hand tools, tools and supports for working at height, etc.
- The **primary material**, which must be chosen according to the product's primary component by weight.
- The **measurements** corresponding to the weight bracket of the product if the declaration is made per unit, or the tonnage if the corresponding products are declared per tonne.



Good to know

Two tools are available **to help you codify your products** using our nomenclature:

- An Excel file ("Product Code Generator") which can be downloaded from the ecomaison.com website in our Resource Centre under the Prices section; 
- Our online tool for generating product codes and calculating the associated eco-fee: the [online product codifier](#). 

In the event of updates to the eco-fee pricing scale, Ecomaison inform companies within a contractually defined notice period of six months.



Please note

Two coding systems have been retained for DIY and gardening products:

- **codification per item**, to determine an amount based on the weight bracket of the product;
- **codification based on the overall weight** of the products

3.3. What is the amount of the eco-fee?

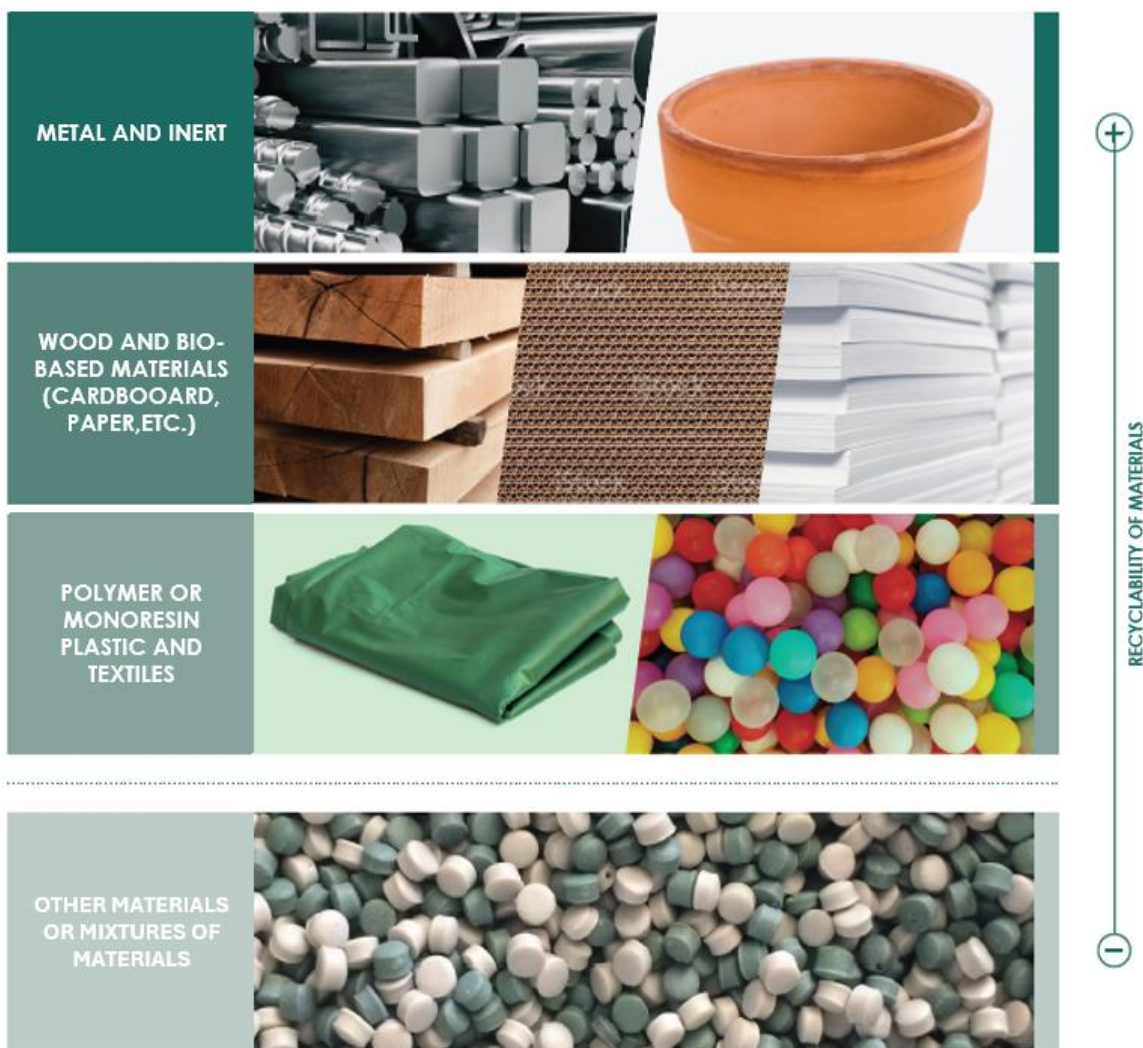
Recyclability of materials and processing costs

The rates take account of the recyclability of the materials of which the products are composed, as well as their assembly methods.

In order to benefit from a **reduced eco-fee**, products must be composed as follows:

- primarily composed of inert materials, metal, and wood,
- composed of more than 90% textile (biosourced or synthetic), biosourced material (paper, cardboard, etc.), or polymer or single-resin plastic (polypropylene, polyethylene, PVC, etc.).

The **least easily recyclable products**, primarily composed of other materials or various assembled materials, have the **highest level of eco-fee**.



Please note



Consult the [Ecomaison Materials Guide](#) for more information on the definition of materials for eco-fee pricing scales and the recyclability of these materials.



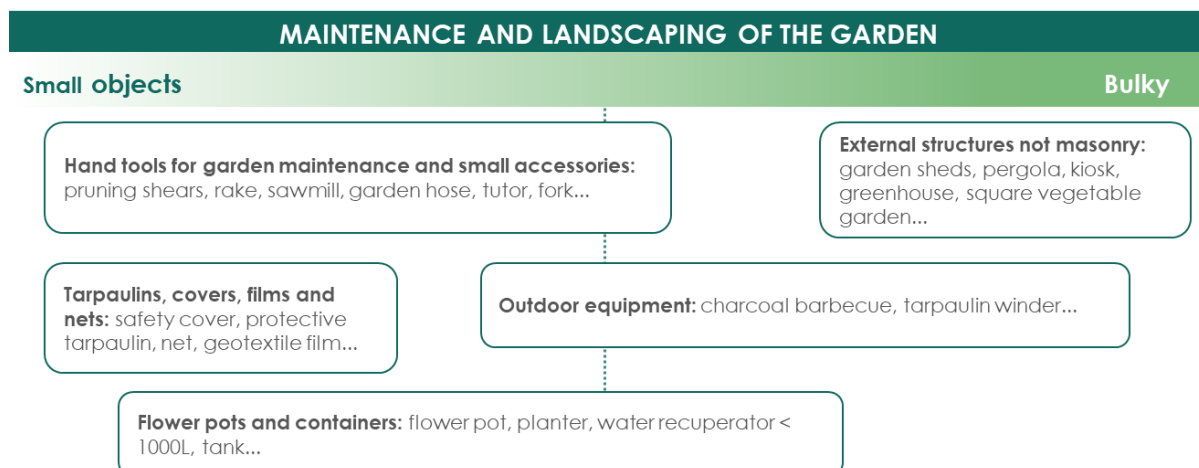
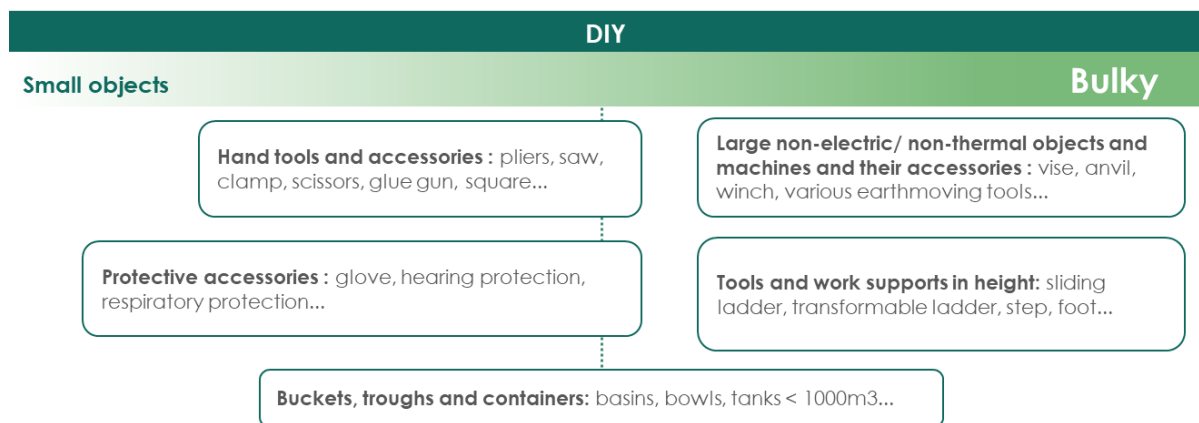
Size of objects and collection costs

The eco-fee also varies depending on the cost of collecting used items.

Ecomaison has therefore classified product categories according to their size and collection method, as these factors directly impact the overall cost of recycling. Small items are collected in specific containers, generating higher logistical costs than for larger products.

Smaller items thus have a higher eco-fee.

Details for all categories are as follows:



Eco-fee pricing scale excl. VAT

The three criteria for calculating the eco-fee are **the recyclability of the materials**, **the type of products**, and **the weight** of these products.

Eco-fee Euro / tonne cost	Single-material (90%)		Primary material (> 50%)		Single-material (> 90%)		Primary material (> 50%)	Mixed materials / Other assembly of more than 3 materials
	Inert materials, excl. ceramics	Ceramic	Metal	Wood or mixed wood/metal	Non-synthetic textiles or biosourced materials (cardboard, paper, linen, hemp, etc.)	Synthetic textiles, polymers, or single-resin plastics	Synthetic textiles or plastics	

Cat. 3 – DIY								
1. Hand tools and their accessories	-	-	€10	€45	€50	€165	€215	€215
2. Large non-electric, non-combustion items and machinery, and their accessories	-	-	€3	€10	€30	€50	€75	€75
3. Tools and supports for working at height	-	-	€3	€10	€30	€50	€75	€75
4. Personal protection equipment and accessories for DIY	-	-	€10	€45	€50	€165	€215	€215
5. Tarpaulins for DIY	-	-	-	-	€50	€165	€215	€215
6. Buckets, troughs, and containers	€5	€10	€10	€20	€50	€130	€170	€170

Cat. 4 – Garden upkeep and landscaping								
7. Garden upkeep hand tools	€5	€10	€10	€45	€50	€165	€215	€215
8. Personal protection equipment for gardening	-	-	€10	€45	€50	€165	€215	€215
9. Flower pots and containers	€5	€10	€10	€20	€50	€130	€170	€170
10. Tarpaulins, covers, films, and nets	-	-	-	-	€50	€165	€215	€215
11. Outdoor equipment	€5	€10	€3	€10	€30	€50	€75	€75
12. Non-masonry outdoor structures	€5	€10	€3	€10	€30	€50	€75	€75

3.4. Eco-fee display requirements

It is **not mandatory to display the eco-fee** for DIY and gardening products, as is the case for furniture and electrical and electronic equipment.

The eco-fee may be **indicated at the bottom of the invoice**. This voluntary act is up to the marketer to decide.

A statement referring thereto can always be included on invoices, at the discretion of the seller, at any stage of the marketing process. In this case, the obligation of transparency and fairness requires that the information communicated be accurate and sincere. In other words, if the amount of the eco-fee is mentioned, it must indicate the exact amount paid by the marketer.



Good to know

For more information, refer to our dedicated documentation:

[Invoicing assistance for DIY and gardening products](#)

3.5. Is the after-sales service concerned by the eco-fee?

Any provision of a spare part to replace an item is not considered to be a marketing operation subject to the eco-fee.

On the other hand, if a product is sold as part of an after-sales service (whether free of charge or for consideration), a declaration of the eco-fee must be made.

4. Declaration of items placed on the market



4.1. Definition

The marketing declaration corresponds to the **number of tonnes or units placed on the market per product code** during the previous period. It allows Ecomaison to bill companies for the eco-fee.

This declaration also makes it possible to **submit data to the ADEME**, which supports the DIY and gardening products sector, within the framework of the national register of producers.

4.2. When to declare

Implementation of the eco-fee and monitoring of marketing began on 1 January 2023.

The reporting principle is based on a **quarterly declaration system** for the previous period. These declarations are made on the basis of actual marketing figures during the previous quarter.

- Thus, the declaration is to be made no later than 30 days after the end of the period for which a declaration is open. Companies may make their declaration within this 30-day period, as the declaration date does not trigger invoicing and payment.
- Invoicing will take place upon receipt of the declaration or, at the latest, on the day after the end of the declaration period.
- Payment will be due no later than 15 days after the declaration period has ended.

This schedule is specified in the table below.

MARKETING QUARTER FOR A GIVEN YEAR "Y"	DECLARATION PERIOD	PAYMENT DATE AT THE LATEST
1st quarter, from 1 January to 31 March Y	1 to 30 April	15 May
2nd quarter, from 1 April to 30 June Y	1 to 31 July	15 August
3rd quarter, from 1 July to 30 September Y	1 to 31 October	15 November
4th quarter, 1 October to 31 December Y	1 to 31 January Y+1	15 February Y+1

Please note



The DIY and gardening products channel was launched on 1 January 2022. If you have marketed products included in the scope as of this date, you are liable for the cost of marketing them for the period as of **December 2022 and for the year 2023.**

Declaration dispensation scheme

By way of dispensation, the contract provides for a **simplified procedure** with a **single annual declaration**. In this case, this declaration must be made either based on actual marketing information, or on a flat-rate basis.

Any company placing fewer than **10,000 items per year** on the market (subject to a **total marketed weight of less than 15 tonnes**) may benefit from this dispensation scheme. At the beginning of each financial year, the marketer will determine their reporting procedures: actual or on a flat-rate basis.

The marketer will apply an **annual flat rate per product category and per batch of 10 items**, without declaring the weight or material of these products. They must apply the code corresponding to the price per batch of 10 units:

Category 3 – DIY

SUB-CATEGORIES	PRICE	CODE
1. Hand tools and their accessories	€4.30	21100000900
2. Large non-electric, non-combustion items and machinery, and their accessories	€11.25	21101000900
3. Tools and supports for working at height	€11.25	21102000900
4. Personal protection equipment and accessories for DIY	€4.30	21103000900
5. Tarpaulins for DIY	€15.05	21104000900
6. Buckets, troughs, and containers	€10.20	21105000900

Category 4 – Garden upkeep and landscaping

SUB-CATEGORIES	PRICE	CODE
7. Garden upkeep hand tools	€4.30	22150000900
8. Personal protection equipment for gardening	€4.30	22151000900
9. Flowerpots and containers	€10.20	22152000900
10. Tarpaulins, covers, films, and nets	€15.05	22153000900
11. Outdoor equipment	€30.00	22154000900
12. Non-masonry outdoor structures	€150.00	22155000900

The declaration period for members eligible for the dispensation scheme will be January of Y+1:

PERIOD OF SALE	DECLARATION DATE	PAYMENT DATE AT THE LATEST
1 January to 31 December Y	January Y+1	15 February Y+1

Dispensation scheme for marketplaces

This dispensation scheme is also available to marketplaces as part of their declaration for their non-compliant third-party sellers.

The thresholds shown are to be applied for each third-party seller over a calendar year, even though the declaration is made quarterly.

Please note that this scheme is not available to marketplaces, which will not provide details of marketing by third-party sellers (unless confirmed by the public authorities).

4.3. How to make declarations

You declare on your Extranet account via the [Services Area](#).

For declarations based on actual marketing figures, members can:

- either enter their marketing information by product code, line by line;
- or upload a CSV file to the Services Area, with the product codes and tonnes placed on the market, as follows:

11-digit ECOMAISON PRODUCT CODE*	Number of functional units (tonnes or units, depending on the codification method chosen)*	Tonnage (up to 3 decimal places)	Your references	Furniture combinations (only for the Furniture EPR)
00 000 00 000 0				
00 000 00 000 0				

*required fields

For declarations made under the dispensation scheme, members must indicate the overall quantities placed on the market. As soon as these quantities exceed the predefined thresholds, a declaration based on actual figures will be requested.

The procedures will be fully described in the [Services Area](#), in the [FAQ](#) section, as well as on the [declaration page](#).

4.4. The procedures for checking company declarations

Marketers are subject to regulatory audits, the protocol for which is appended to the Services Contract. These audits are intended to ensure regulatory compliance of the member and equal treatment of all marketers.

4.5. How exports are handled

Marketers **do not declare exported products.**



Please note

The **Overseas Territories** covered by the regulations (Martinique, Guadeloupe, French Guiana, Réunion, Mayotte, Saint-Martin, and Saint-Pierre-et-Miquelon) must not be considered as exports and **must be the subject of a declaration.**

5. Your other obligations and opportunities



5.1. "TRIMAN" sorting signage display requirements

All marketers (producers, importers, and distributors, for their own brand products) of products intended for household use who are subject to an extended producer responsibility (EPR) provision **are required to display the TRIMAN signage** (see [Article L. 541-9-3 of the French Environmental Code](#)).

This signage consists of the TRIMAN logo and information on procedures for sorting or transferring waste resulting from the product, and must be provided **in close proximity to the product**:

- on the product;
- on the product's packaging;
- or in other documentation provided with the product.

Provision of information on the website remains possible, but does not replace specification on one of the three items mentioned above.

If the various components of the product are subject to different sorting procedures, these procedures shall be detailed for each of the components.

Three versions are available to suit your needs:

Version standard



This signage is chosen **at the discretion of the marketer**.

The three versions are equivalent, and affixing them in close proximity to the product will ensure regulatory compliance.

Version pour la vente en livraison exclusivement



For toys or DIY and gardening products mainly sold on delivery, you can opt for one of the following options:

Version pour la vente en magasin ou livraison



- a version with three pictograms, containing information on donations to associations, and recovery upon delivery or at waste disposal centres;
- or a version with four pictograms, also

mentioning in-store donations.

EXCEPTIONS

However, there are exceptions regarding the display of the TRIMAN logo and sorting information:

- **If the surface area of the largest side of a product or its packaging is between 10 and 20 cm²:** the sorting information can be dematerialised, but affixing of the TRIMAN logo remains mandatory.
- **If the surface area of the largest side of a product or its packaging is less than 10 cm²:** the TRIMAN instructions and the sorting information can be entirely dematerialised.

For cylindrical or spherical products or packaging, these surface areas of 10 and 20 cm² are increased to 20 and 40 cm².

IMPLEMENTATION TIMELINE

	Submission of proposals to public authorities	Date of validation by the public authorities	Effective Lead Time*	Additional 6 months for manufactured or imported products
DIY and garden items	6 october 2022	6 december 2022	Until 6 December 2023	Until 6 june 2024

*After this date, the TRIMAN logo and information must be shown on products placed on the market, except for products meeting one of the two following conditions:

- The product was manufactured or imported before 6 December 2023.
- The manufacturer or importer sold this product before 6 June 2024.

IMPORTANT: Article L. 541-9-4 of the French Environmental Code provides for an administrative **fine of up to €15,000** for a legal entity in the absence of sorting signage.



Good to know

For more information or to download the TRIMAN sorting signage files, visit our dedicated page at ecomaison.com.



5.2. Mitigation and eco-design plan

Article L. 541-10-12 of the French Anti-Waste Act for a Circular Economy, enacted in February 2020, specifies that: "All producers are required to **draw up and implement a mitigation and eco-design plan** intended to reduce the use of non-renewable resources, increase the usage of recycled materials, and enhance the recyclability of their products".

This provision, which aims to accelerate initiatives in favour of the circular economy, is a major requirement for marketers.

You have two options for satisfying your obligations.

1. Drawing up of an individual mitigation and eco-design plan

By selecting the individual plan, you undertake to draw up and implement a set of actions that reflect your company's eco-design strategy. This plan must include, at the least, the design factors targeted by the Act.

2. Affiliation to the joint mitigation and eco-design plan for the channel concerned

By selecting the joint plan for the channel concerned, you undertake to take into account and implement a set of actions shared by all the players in the sector and validated by the representatives of your profession. The mitigation plans common to all EPR (Extended Producer Responsibility) channels can be accessed in the Services Area, in your dedicated area.



Good to know

To join the joint plan or submit your individual plan, simply log onto the [Services Area](#) ("Draw up your mitigation and eco-design plan" tab).

Deadlines for submitting plans, a template for drawing up individual plans, and FAQ can be found on our [dedicated page](#).

5.3. The recovery obligation for distributors

Since 1 January 2023, your customers have been able to dispose of their used DIY and gardening products free of charge in your stores. This provision is one of the pillars of the fight against waste and fly-tipping, promoted by the French Anti-Waste Act for a Circular Economy.

Who does this concern?

Distributors of DIY and gardening products.

The Act sets out various obligations, adapted to the configuration of each business.

Sales without delivery: rules depending on the size of your shop

Recovery provisions always concern items of the same type as those you offer for sale.

- **1:1 recovery if your sales surface area is between 200 and 400 m²**

You must offer a 1:1 recovery service, i.e., recovery, free of charge, of an equivalent product for the purchase of a new product.

- **1:0 recovery if your sales surface area is between 400 and 1000 m²**

You must offer a 1:0 recovery service, i.e., recovery, free of charge and with no purchase requirement, of any product whose external dimensions are less than 160 cm and for which transportation does not require equipment.

- **1:0 recovery if your sales surface area exceeds 1000 m²**

You must offer a 1:0 recovery service, i.e., recovery, free of charge and with no conditions, of all products concerned, even if the customer has not made a purchase.



Good to know

If a store sells products from several categories (e.g., furniture, toys, DIY products), an analysis must be carried out separately per dedicated retail space, for each category of products concerned.

What are the rules for recovery in the case of deliveries?

The same rule applies: you must offer a 1:1 recovery service if your annual sales of these products are equal to or greater than €100,000 excl. VAT.

Specific rules for marketplaces

The recovery obligation also applies to sales made solely online.

- **For third-party sellers:** if your annual turnover exceeds €100,000 excl. VAT per year, you must organise recovery at no cost to any customer purchasing an equivalent product from you. You must also inform the marketplace of these recovery conditions.
- **For marketplaces:** you must inform your customers of the possibility of recovery of goods, free of charge, as well as the conditions for the recovery of goods offered by the third-party sellers.

Our solutions to help you set up your recovery services

Upstream, **self-diagnosis kit** will help you identify your recovery obligations, based on your sales surface areas, the products concerned, your delivery turnover, and the size of the products.

Downstream, we will supply you with collection containers as well as various tools: educational documents for your teams, communication kits for shops, etc.

IMPORTANT: in the interest of transparency, you are obliged to **inform your customers of your recovery procedures** for used products before concluding any sale. Class 5 penalties of up to €1,500 are provided for in the event of failure to provide information or organise recovery.



Good to know

To carry out your "DIY and gardening products" self-diagnosis, [access our online tool](#).

For more information, to order your collection containers and communication kit, or to download the digital recovery kit, visit our [dedicated page](#).

5.4. Repair bonus scheme

In accordance with the French Anti-Waste Act for a Circular Economy, Ecomaison has created a "repair bonus" scheme for DIY and gardening products. This scheme is designed to encourage consumers to have their products repaired rather than disposing of them, by providing financial assistance that instantly reduces the costs.

Become a certified repairer and offer your customers a repair bonus

As of late 2023, the repair bonus will be extended to the sharpening of cutting and pruning tools for DIY and gardening, as well as the repair of barbecues (non-electric) and parasols (subject to a sufficient number of certified repairers).

This represents three benefits for you:

- As a pioneer, you can offer your customers an innovative, topical service.
- Customer satisfaction and traffic will increase thanks to your response to emerging demands.
- Simple implementation, thanks to your expertise or trusted partners.



Good to know

If you have any questions or would like to know more about the DIY and gardening products repair bonus scale, please [contact bonus-reparation@ecomaison.com](mailto:bonus-reparation@ecomaison.com).

Only repairers certified by Ecomaison will be able to pass on the repair bonus to their customers. [If you are interested submit your](#)

Appendices



Appendix 1: From the French Environmental Code

Article L. 541-10-1-14°

"The principle of extended producer responsibility, according to the first paragraph of section I of Article L. 541-10 [...] includes DIY and gardening products, other than those falling under the principle of extended producer responsibility in another category, as of 1 January 2022."

Article R. 543-340-II.

"This section applies to DIY and gardening products belonging to the following product families:

- painting tools;
- combustion engine-powered machinery and equipment;
- DIY equipment, including hand tools, other than those covered by points 1 and 2;
- products and equipment for garden upkeep and landscaping, with the exception of decorative ornaments and swimming pools falling within point 12 of Article L. 541-10-1 or point 4 of the same Article.

The accessories for the products mentioned here under section II fall under their respective product families.

Products designed to be used exclusively by professionals, hardware, masonry constructions, and products covered by point 5 of Article L. 541-10-1 of the French Environmental Code are excluded from the scope of application of this section."

Article R. 543-340-III.

"For the application of this section, natural or legal persons who, in a professional capacity, either manufacture in France, import, assemble, or introduce for the first time on the French national market, DIY and gardening products falling under this section intended to be transferred in return for payment or free of charge to the end user by any sales process whatsoever or to be used directly in the national territory, are considered to be producers. If DIY and gardening products are sold under the sole brand of a retailer, the retailer is considered a marketer."

Appendix 2: Non-exhaustive list of products included

DIY products

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Hand tools and their accessories

Abrasive
Abrasive in rolls
Abrasive in sheets
Abrasive sponge
Adjustable wrench
Aluminium rule
Asphalt cutter
Batten puller
Bending bar
Blade
Blowgun
Bolt cropper
Bolt cropper
Bolt cutter
Bolt cutter
Brick chisel
Cartridge gun
Cartridge gun
Caulking gun
Centre punch
Chisel
Clamp
Cold chisel
Combination wrench
Concrete scrapers
Crimping pliers
Crimping pliers
Crosscut chisel
Crowbar
Crowbar
Digging bar
Electrician tools
Excavation bar
Excavation pick
Excavation pick

Excavation pick
Excavation pick
File
Float
Fountain tools
Glue gun
Hacksaw
Hammer
Hook bar
Hook bar
Lamp socket
Mallet
Marking gauge
Mason tools
Measuring and tracing tools
Metrology tools
Mitre box and saw
Needle nose pliers
Needle nose pliers
Other hooked tools
Other pliers
Paring chisel
Paving hammer
Paving mallet
Pickaxe
Pickaxe
Pincers
Pipe wrench
Plane
Plumb line
Plumber tool
Pocket knife
Pool cleaning net
Precision file
Precision measuring tool

Press
Pry bar
Punch
Putty knife
Rasp
Ratchets
Riveter
Riveter
Roofer tools
Sanding block
Saw
Saw blade
Sawhorse
Scraper
Screwdriver
Screwdriver bit
Scriber
Seal gun
Seal smoothing tool
Sealing tool
Set square
Sifter
Sledgehammer
Special plasterer/drywaller tools
Spirit level
Stanley knife
Stapler
Stone chisel
Strut
Tack
Tape measure
Tile pincers
Tiler tools and accessories
Torque wrench

Tracing and topography tools
Trowel
Tube cutter
Two-handed hammer
Tyrolean flicker machine

Various wrenches
Water supply tools
Waterproof seal
Wood chisel
Wood saw

Wooden peg
Woodworking tools
Wrenches
Zinc scriber

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Large non-electric, non-combustion items and machines, and their accessories

Anvil
Chipping hammer
Clamping and cutting tools
Concrete smoother
Excavation tool
Extractor
Flush-mounted box

Handling trolley
HDPE pipe scraper
Heavy tiler tools
Level for levelling rod
Level ruler
Levelling rod
Long measuring tool

Manual tile cutter
Piping tools
Pneumatic tool
Pry lever
Vice

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Tools and supports for working at height

Handling accessories
Ladder for construction sites
Lift table
Lifting accessories
Lifting hook
Lifting ring

Loading ramp
Mobile scaffolding
Multi-purpose ladder
Scaffolding and tubular structures
Shelving
Single ladder

Sliding ladder
Step
Stepladder
Winch

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Personal protection equipment and accessories for DIY

Body equipment (visor, knee pads, shin guards, etc.)
Earplugs
Eye protection

Hearing protection
Protective footwear (ISO 20346 and 20345: SB, SBP, S1, S1P)
Protective gloves for DIY

Protective mask
Respirator cartridge
Respiratory protection

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Tarpaulins, covers, nets, and films for DIY

Protective nets

Tarpaulin for DIY

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Buckets, troughs, and containers

Basin
Bucket

Pail
Small tub

Trough
Tub < 1000 m3

Garden upkeep and landscaping

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Garden upkeep hand tools and small accessories

Axe
Beehive / insect hotel
Bucket
Chopper
Claw
Compost bin
Drip irrigation
Edge tools
Edge trimmer
Emitter
Fence clip
Fruit picker
Garden upkeep equipment
Garden waste bag
Growing accessories
Gun
Hatchet
Hedge trimmer
Hoe
Hose pipe
Hosepipe reel

Lawn rake
Log saw
Log splitter
Lopping shears
Lumbering tools
Lumberjack axe
Mortise axe
Mower / brush cutter
Nozzle
Other large gardening tools
Other pipes
Pick
Pin
Pitchfork
Planting basket
Pruning saw
Pump and accessories
Rain gauge
Rake
Reel dispenser
Saw for lopping shears

Scoop net
Scythe / sickle
Secateurs
Secateurs blade
Shears
Shovel / snow shovel
Small gardening tool
Spade
Spit
Splitting wedge
Spray gun
Sprayer
Sprinkler
Thermometer
Tool handle
Transplanter
Tree saw
Watering and spraying tools
Watering can
Wheelbarrow

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Personal protection equipment and accessories for gardening

Gardening gloves
Protective suit

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Flowerpots and containers

Barrel
Container

Flowerpot
Garden vase

Outdoor tank
Plant saucer

Planter
Pond
Pot covers

Pottery
Raised bed
Raised bed for flowers

Trough
Water butt
Window box

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Tarpaulins, covers, nets, and films for gardening

Bubble cover
Barbecue cover
Forcing tunnel

Geotextile film (excl. other films)
Mulching canvas
Net

Parasol cover
Plant protection net
Protective tarpaulin
Tarpaulin

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Outdoor equipment and accessories (excl. tarpaulins, nets, and covers)

Alcove
Barbecue accessories (kit, etc.)
Barbecue (wood fire)
Barbecue (gas)
Barbecue smoker
Removable pool ladder

Tarpaulin reel
Outdoor wood oven
Artificial turf
Nest box
Parasol
Heating umbrella (gas)

Parasol base / slab
Griddle (gas)
Chicken coop
Grow table
Trellis

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Non-masonry outdoor structures

Alcove
Arbour
Arch
Bin cover
Bin shelter
Border
Cabinet for robot mower
Garden greenhouse

Garden shed (< 5m ²)
Garden storage cabinet
Lean-to
Log store
Mesh fencing
Non-masonry cabin
Non-masonry carport
Non-masonry garage

Non-masonry gazebo
Non-masonry pavilion
Non-masonry pergola
Non-masonry shelter
Square planter
Urban vegetable garden

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