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24/7 City Food Box - an idea for reducing food waste in Austrian Cities.

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In Austria, the majority of food waste is generated in private households. One reason for this is that food is often purchased in large quantities. This in turn is partly due to the fact that (supermarket) opening hours in Austria are comparatively restrictive.

This is where the idea of the 24/7 City Food Box comes in. These are (beautifully designed) containers that are accessible around the clock. City Food Box because similar boxes basically already exist in rural areas. Access can be enabled via an app and is intended to encourage customers to buy smaller quantities of food at a time - in the knowledge that food is also available outside regular (supermarket) opening hours.

In addition to this added value, these boxes should offer other advantages. These include offering fruits and vegetables that do not meet visual quality criteria for supermarkets because of their shape. In addition, it should be possible for suppliers to sell surplus produce more easily. By registering via an app, it is possible for the box operator to communicate with the customers. If large quantities of perishable food are available due to a particularly successful harvest, they can be offered in the box (at a lower price) at



relatively short notice once customers have been informed via the app. In addition, the box will serve as an information point on food waste issues.

All these advantages should lead to less food being wasted overall. This idea is currently being developed and will be followed up as part of the **ToNoWaste** project (<https://tonowaste.eu>).



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