Light a candle less!

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Memorial candles waste
Using memorial candles in Slovenia

On average, each Slovenian citizen lights 8 memorial candles per year.*

In total, more than 6,400 tonnes of memorial candles per year.

The Ministry of the Environment and Spatial Planning did not define specific objectives for preventing or reducing the excessive use of memorial candles.

Every year, before All Saints’ Day the Ministry revives awareness media campaign “Shall we light a candle less?” launched in 2011, the effects of which have neither been monitored nor assessed.

* The basis for the calculation is in detail presented in the audit report. Court of Audit of the Republic of Slovenia – audit report System of managing memorial candles waste
Virtual candle

V spomin na bližnje

O hranjanje spomina na drage ni vezano samo na 1. november. Na njih se lahko spomnete kadarkoli in jim posvetite nekaj besed ter prizgite virtualno sveč.

35190 prižganih sveč
Environmental tax on memorial candles

Consumers annually spend on memorial candles in total €32 million*

Environmental tax represents only 0.08% or less than €25,000 annually.

The public is not sufficiently informed about the environmental impacts caused by memorial candles.

Environmental tax does not meet its purpose.

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System of managing memorial candles waste

112 producers, retailers and importers → Consumers → 1199 cemeteries → 59 public services providers → 2 waste collectors → 2 processors

4 bodies undertaking joint action plan
In Slovenia, 97.8% of collected or 95.8% of pre-treated memorial candles waste is supposed to be recycled.

The data collected by the Ministry are not reliable.
**Stakeholders** involved in the system of managing memorial candles waste:

- 112 producers, retailers and importers
- 58 public services providers
- 2 waste collectors with four collection centres
- 2 processors
- 4 bodies undertaking joint action plan
- managers of 1,199 cemeteries

**Auditees:**

- **System of managing** memorial candles waste – including preventing or reducing their excessive use – under the responsibility of the Ministry was not efficient enough.

- **The Tax Administration** efficiently carried out tasks related to environmental taxation.

Think about future generations – light a candle less!
Računsko sodišče: Sistem ravnanja z odpadnimi nagrobnimi svečami premalo učinkovit


Sistem ravnanja z odpadnimi nagrobnimi svečami

- 32 mio € letno ravnanje potrošnikov za nagrobnike sveča, od tega je okoljska dajateljica le 0.8 %, kar je manj kot 25.000 €

Očitka zadeta nenogena ravnanje

- 6418,5
- 2483,7
- 2394,2
- 2343,2

- V slovenski regiji bi rekliki 57,8 % odstopa zbranih odpadnih nagrobnih sveč
- Predelani odpadki
- Zbrane odpadne sveče na pokopališčih
- Predelani odpadki
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Ravnanje z odpadnimi nagrobnimi svečami
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