

# **Manual for Waste Separation**



# USAG Wiesbaden Recycling Guide - Manual for Waste Separation

This Recycling Guide illustrates all the different waste-collection containers and facilities and lists all the items you should and should not dispose in each of them. The Recycling Guide also provides you with information about useful addresses and opening hours as well as a poster which helps you sort your waste.

The USAG Wiesbaden supports more than 12,500 soldiers, civilians, family members, and retirees, all of whom generate waste as a part of daily life. Each year almost 8,000 tons of trash and recyclable materials are collected from the garrison. As local law mandates recycling, USAG Wiesbaden residents - as guests - must comply with these laws.

Properly sorting waste into recyclable fractions:

- ⇒ Saves energy
- ⇒ Reduces air pollution
- ⇒ Decreases greenhouse gas emissions
- ⇒ Saves money

**Your participation is vital for the success of all USAG Wiesbaden recycling efforts!**

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# Recycling

A large proportion our daily waste consists of recyclable materials.

This includes **glass, paper, plastic**, as well as **biological waste**. All those are valuable materials that can be reused and/or recycled. A prerequisite for recycling is the **waste separation** and separated collection. At the USAG Wiesbaden, several containers and facilities are provided where the different types of waste can be stored separately and collected.

Below we provide you with an overview where the main waste types belong. Inside the leaflet, you will find a more detailed description.

## Paper & Cardboard

Everything made out of paper and cardboard

## Packing Materials

All packing items made of plastic, composite materials or metals

## Bio Waste

Food leftovers, leaves, grass, twigs

## Glass

Bottles, drinking glasses, jars

## Residual Waste

Everything that can not be recycled (no hazardous/bulky things)

# Biological Waste

The container for biological waste is solely for compostable waste from the kitchen and garden.

Up to **40% of household refuse** is biological waste. It is turned into compost in large-scale compost plants and can be used as fertilizer. Bio waste is also used in large biogas plants for energy production. As a result, **biological waste is 100% recyclable**.

The state of Hessen is enacting a new law that will require all residents to recycle their biological waste. The law goes into effect in 2015. Until then, the USAG Wiesbaden will provide all housing areas with appropriate recycling containers.

- ⇒ **Pick-up schedule** during winter months (December to mid-March) is every second week. In the summer times (mid-March to end of November) pick-up is weekly.

## **Tips** for handling your Bio Waste bin:

- ⇒ Line your bin with newspaper to keep it dry and clean
- ⇒ Rinse your bin with a garden hose from time to time
- ⇒ Wrap leftovers in newspaper against odor & moisture
- ⇒ Collect bio waste in special biodegradable bags
- ⇒ For additional green waste such as leaves & grass, brown bags are available at Hainerberg Home Improvement Store (SHIP) & at the DPW Recycling Center

## Recycling & Reuse Center

The new **DPW Recycling Center** is a modern, convenient, full-service recycling facility providing you with the appropriate containers for any type of waste. These include besides others:

- ⇒ Bulk Trash
- ⇒ Clothing & Shoes
- ⇒ Electronic Waste
- ⇒ Household Batteries
- ⇒ Hazardous Waste
- ⇒ Scrap Metal
- ⇒ Wood & Garden Waste

Furthermore, the Recycling Center includes a **Reuse Facility** where used, serviceable households goods can be taken when no longer in usage. All housing residents are invited to visit and check before buying new items.

- ⇒ Open Mo - Fr: 1200-1530 & Th: 1200-1800  
(except holidays)
- ⇒ Clay Kaserne, Heinig Str., Bldg. 2450  
DSN 337-9999, CIV 0611-7059999

Outside opening hours, you are welcome to use the **Recycling Centres provided by the ELW**. For further information, please visit [www.elw.de](http://www.elw.de).

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