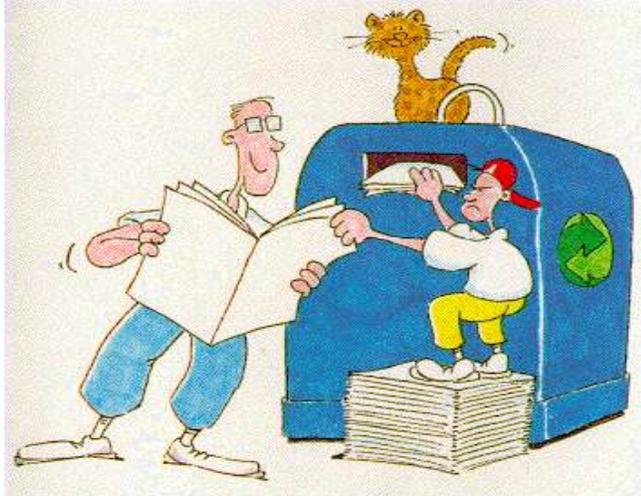


RECYCLING GUIDE

VILSECK MAIN POST & ON-POST HOUSING AREAS



Vilseck Sort Program

DPW-O&M/UT, DSN 476-2600, Civ. 09662-832600

OUR WORLD - OUR FUTURE



IT'S THE ONLY ONE WE'VE GOT!

**Be environmentally
conscientious! One person
can do a lot...a lot people
can do even more**

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Dear Resident of Vilseck Main Post and On-Post Housing Areas,

It is everyone's responsibility to minimize the pollution of our environment. We can do this by avoiding, reducing, separating and recycling of waste.

This pamphlet describes the recycling procedures on post.

It covers the following areas:

- ❖ **Why Recycle?**
- ❖ **Reducing Waste**
- ❖ **What and How to Separate**
- ❖ **Where to Dispose**

Pickup schedules are available at Housing Office, ACS Office, the DPW Sort Office at bldg. # 140 and the DPW Self Help Store at bldg. # 103.

For further information, questions, concerns, suggestions or comments please contact the Vilseck SORT-Coordinator at DPW, O&M Division, Utilities Branch Vilseck, DSN 476-2600 or Civilian 09662-832600.

TELL US WHAT YOU THINK – GOOD OR BAD!

LET US KNOW HOW WE CAN IMPROVE!

If you live off-post, the rules are different. It is against German law to bring trash on post. The only two exceptions are bulky trash items and household type hazardous waste. Please contact the DPW Sort Program Coordinator or your Housing Office for information on recycling in GRHP, leased housing areas or private rental quarters. Recycling guides for off-post housing areas and private rental residents are also available at the DPW Sort Office and the DPW Self Help Store.

Why Recycle?

➤ Recycling saves our environment.

Recycling saves energy in making new items, saves trees, saves landfill space, reduces our oil demand and reduces pollution.

- ✓ A 3-foot stack of recycled paper saves one tree. Every ton of recycled paper saves 17 trees.
- ✓ Producing paper from recycled paper uses about 65 % less energy and 61 % less water than making paper from trees.
- ✓ One recycled bottle saves enough energy to run a 100-watt light bulb for four hours.
- ✓ Making aluminum products from recycled aluminum creates 95 % less pollution and uses 90 % less energy than making the same product from raw material.

➤ Recycling saves community dollars.

The profit from selling the material is calculated into contract cost. Refuse goes to expensive incineration. Therefore disposal of material placed properly in appropriate recycling containers costs a lot less than refuse. Studies proved that still a significant portion of the material placed in our refuse containers is recyclable. Metal items in refuse cause severe damages to our shredder and create “sky-high” repair cost. Hazardous material in refuse or recycling containers may turn the whole load of a garbage truck into hazardous waste with expensive disposal prices.

Let us save that money! Everybody can contribute!

➤ Recycling is mandatory by law in Germany.

You are subject to German recycling laws just like your German neighbors in the surrounding communities.

➤ Recycling is mandatory for every unit, organization or activity and every family, civilian and soldier living, working or training on this post IAW Garrison Trash Separation Policy and Final Governing Standards for Germany (FGS-G).

Reducing Waste

The best thing to do for our environment is to avoid trash.
Where this is not possible, try to reduce it.

Here are some hints:

- plan your shopping
- avoid products with excessive packing
- buy unpacked goods
- buy fresh fruits and vegetables instead of deep frozen or canned goods - they have more vitamins too
- individually wrapped servings do not make good ecological sense - they cost more too
- avoid laminated material (like plastic coated cardboard or paper)
- it is expensive to recycle
- buy your beverages in reusable bottles (deposit !) - they are being reused up to 60 times
- look for natural products - they are a lot easier to recycle
- Use a shopping basket or cloth bags instead of plastic bags

Give away instead of throw away!

Give no longer needed stuff that is still useable to others to the Thrift Shop or to charity. For example, good used clothing including shoes is wanted by the Red Cross for needy people.

Closing the loop!

Look for items in packaging made from recycled materials.
Buy products fully or partially made from recycled materials.
Set the trend to make recycling succeed.

General Guidance

➤ **Container colors have a meaning:**

Black	= refuse (housing)
Silver Gray	= refuse (barracks, motorpools, admin areas)
Green	= paper
Blue	= metal cans
Yellow	= plastics
Brown	= cardboard

➤ **Keep the material in recycling containers pure!**

If the material is contaminated with material that does not belong in there, it ends up in refuse and we pay the higher cost. The contractor also has the right to refuse emptying of contaminated containers until the deficiencies are corrected by the resident(s).

➤ **Keep container lids closed!**

It sure looks nicer, keeps insects away and prevents animals from going through your trash and littering the area.

➤ **Do not put anything on the ground!**

The contractor is not required to pick up material outside of containers. Material too large or in excess of the capacity of your containers must be brought to the community recycle center.

➤ **No hazardous waste in recycling or refuse containers!**

Household type hazardous waste must be brought to the DPW Self Help Store at building # 103). Units or organizations must turn in their hazardous waste through the DPW Environmental Office.

➤ **No bulky items or electronic waste in regular trash containers!**

Our refuse is being shredded at the Army-owned shredder facility at the former Grafenwoehr Sanitary Landfill. Bulky items in refuse containers, especially metal or items with metal contents, can do severe damages to the shredder and cause high repair cost.

German law strictly forbids electronic waste and batteries in normal trash because of hazardous components.

Housing residents can bring their bulky trash and electronic waste to the Community Recycle Center near bldg. # 102. Units or organizations must follow proper supply procedures, for example: scrap metal must be turned in to DRMO Grafenwoehr.

Container Locations:

For economical reasons containers for each type of material cannot be placed at every building.

- ◆ **Containers for refuse, paper, metal cans and plastics** are either assigned to individual homes (most housing units) or buildings, or are located at a central point within an area. Containers for excess are at the Community Recycling Center by building # 102 (near the Self Help Store).
- ◆ **Cardboard containers** for housing residents are located at the Recycling Center. The cardboard containers at other places are primarily for the occupants, units or organizations there.
- ◆ **Glass containers** can be found at various locations on post (see list on page 10). At each location there is at least one container for clear, brown and green glass.
- ◆ **Dry-cell-battery containers** can be found at numerous locations on post (Recycle Center, PX, Commissary, other common places, gyms, barracks, motorpools, etc).
- ◆ **Clothing containers** from the Red Cross for still useable clothing including shoes (matching pairs – please tie together) and home textiles are at the Community Recycling Center by building # 102.
- ◆ **Containers for household type bulk trash** (furniture, scrap wood, scrap metal, POV-tires, refrigerators, freezers, other appliances, electronic waste) are also at the Recycling Center. All material must be free from oil or grease.

Note: Units, organizations or activities must turn in their scrap metal, tires, furniture, office equipment, etc., through the supply system. For example: scrap metal to DRMO.
- ◆ **Containers for scrap wood from units, organizations or activities** are located at the DPW-yard, building # 140, accessible Monday through Friday, 07:30 until 16:00.
- ◆ **Automotive scrap** should be placed in the container at the MWR Auto Skills Center by building # 711.

What goes where?

A. Curbside Pickups:

❑ **Refuse -> black or silver gray containers**

It includes sweepings, full vacuum cleaner bags, cigarette butts, ash, soot, used napkins and paper towels, carbon paper, rubber, dirty paper, used wall paper, diapers, food waste, window and mirror glass, china, porcelain, stoneware, crystal, pet litter, etc.

Please no recyclable material!

Please do not put in hot charcoal or ash!

Please no metal items, electronics or hazardous waste!

❑ **Recyclable paper -> green containers**

Must be clean! It includes news papers, catalogues, writing paper, books, notebooks, shopping bags, envelopes, clean napkins and paper towels, clean wrapping paper, thin cardboard and cartons like cereal boxes, etc.

Staples, plastic address windows on envelopes and cardboard hard covers from books must not be removed.

Please do not put in dirty paper of any kind, carbon paper, diapers, wallpaper or wax coated or plastic coated paper products.

Please no milk- or other beverage cartons!

Please do not put in with plastic bags!

❑ **Cardboard -> brown containers (not in Housing)**

All kinds of cardboard or carton. Smash or fold to save space.

Tape must not be removed.

Please remove all styrofoam and plastic filling material and wrapping.

Family housing residents can put cardboard in their green paper bin, as long as it does not overflow the container.

Excess cardboard should be brought to the community recycling center near bldg. # 102.

❑ **Metal cans and small metal items -> blue containers**

Empty cans of all kind including aluminum, like soda cans, food cans, clean aluminum dishes, clean aluminum foil and wrapping, completely empty spray cans from deodorant, hairspray, shaving foam, metal lids from jars and bottles, aluminum lids from yogurt cups, small metal items like clothing hangers, pans, trays, etc.

Labels must not be removed.

Please do not put in cans that contained environmentally hazardous material like oil, grease, paint, thinners, strippers, solvents, etc.

Please do not put in with plastic or paper bags.

□ **Plastics -> yellow containers**

Empty plastic water and juice bottles, plastic lids, completely empty plastic bottles from household cleaners, detergents, fabric softeners and refill cartons, empty wax coated beverage cartons, other wax coated or plastic laminated paper products, yogurt and pudding cups, clean plastic foil and wrapping, plastic shopping bags, chips bags, noodles bags, candy wrapping, clean foam trays, clean styrofoam (please break down large pieces) clean aluminum trays, foil, wrapping, lids, etc.
Please rinse your plastics if necessary.

Do not put in any dirty material.

What goes where?

B. Glass Recycling Points:

Please bring glass to one of our collection points around post.

Only bottles and jars. Please separate by colors (Clear, brown and green). Look for the labeling on containers. Clear glass and brown glass must be kept absolutely pure. Other colors can be put in the containers for green glass. Please remove lids. Labels must not be removed.

Please do not put in window glass, windshields, mirrors, china, porcelain or crystal (= > put in refuse).

Please do not put in with bags.

◆ **Glass container locations:**

- Community Recycling Center, (near Bldg. # 102, CIF)
- Barracks, Bldgs. No. 232, 243
- Barracks, Bldgs. No. 314, 317
- Barracks, Bldgs. No. 400, 402
- Barracks, Bldgs. No. 602, 606, 613, 618
- Barracks, Bldgs. No. 680, 683
- Langenbruck Housing, near Bldg. No. 1400
- Langenbruck Housing, parking lot across from Bldg. No. 1825
- Burger King, Bldg. No. 2201 (rear),
- BOQ, Bldg. No. 2208
- SAS, Bldg. No. 2237

What goes where?

C. Rose Barracks Community Recycling Center:

- ◆ **Purpose:** Is the central collection point for bulky waste and excess of normal recyclable material and refuse from private households on post. **Id-card holders residing off post are only authorized to use the recycling center for disposal of bulky items.**
- ◆ **Location:** On the road to the Self Help Store and DPW, on the right side, just before building # 102 (CIF).
- ◆ **Opening hours:** Monday through Friday from 11:00 – 16:00
Saturday from 10:00 – 15:00
- ◆ **Attendance:** The Recycling Center is attended by contractor personnel. The attendant is there to observe and guide proper sorting and placement of material in the appropriate containers, and to answer questions regarding separation of waste for recycling

Note: Material from unit or organizational property must be turned in using the proper supply procedures and will not be accepted at the recycling center. Scrap metal must be turned in to DRMO Grafenwoehr with prior coordination through RSSA Vilseck. Scrap wood from units or organizations must be brought to the containers at the DPW yard (bldg. # 140).

There are separate containers for:

- ◆ **Scrap Metal:** All kind of metal and metal parts, including washers, dryers, stoves, tent frames and poles, strollers, ironing boards, rims, tools, bicycles, barbecue grills, toasters, metal furniture, etc.
Please no material that is contaminated with oil or grease and no automotive waste. Please no propane or butane gas containers and no fire extinguishers (-> hazardous waste!).
- ◆ **Tires:** Separate containers for tires on rims and without rims.
If possible, please dismantle your tires and place the rims in the container for scrap metal.

- ◆ **Electronic Waste and Appliances:** TV's, video and stereo equipment, radios, cassette or CD players, computers, printers, microwaves, refrigerators, freezers, fluorescent lamps, etc.
Also household type batteries (dry-cell & lead acid).
Please handle items carefully! Do not throw! Do not break!

- ◆ **Scrap Wood:** All kinds of scrap wood and wooden furniture, wood chips, pressed wood, plywood, sawdust, etc.
Please dismantle furniture and remove metal and plastic parts as far as possible.

- ◆ **Upholstered Furniture:** This container is for collection of sofas, mattresses, carpets, rugs, large hard plastic items, large products that consist of a mix of materials and cannot be dismantled with reasonable effort, etc.

- ◆ **Used Clothing and Home Textiles:** The Red Cross and other charity organizations collect used clothing and other textiles, including still good shoes. Please put items in closed (tied) bags. Matching pairs of shoes should be tied together.

- ◆ **Excess cardboard, glass, paper, metal cans, plastics and refuse:** These containers are strictly for the use of people residing on post. *Off post residents must use the disposal system of their German Community. Bringing normal refuse and recyclable material on post is a violation of German law! Also, the U.S. government pays high waste fees to the German communities. If brought on post, we would pay again for the disposal.*

“Shopping” at the Recycling Center:

ID-card holders (only!) are invited to look for items that are still useable, like tires, rims, furniture, etc. There is no fee or charge.
 For safety reasons electronic items and appliances are excluded from this opportunity.

Putting longer life to a product benefits our environment!

What goes where?

D. Other Central Disposal Sites:

□ *Scrap Wood from Units -> DPW Yard*

Units, activities and organizations must deliver their scrap wood to the containers at the DPW Yard, bldg. # 140.

Metal parts and other material should be removed as far as possible.

No wooden ammunition packing material! = > Turn in to ASP.

□ *Automotive Waste -> Different Options*

Car parts, tires, batteries, waste oil, engines and engine parts should primarily be turned in at garages, gas-stations and stores where you buy your replacements. Tires cost a disposal fee. On car batteries there is a deposit if you do not return a used battery. Sellers are required by German law to take back waste oil at no extra cost.

Cars, car parts, engines, engine parts, also batteries and waste oil can be disposed of at the Vilseck MWR Auto Skills Center, bldg. # 711, Rose Barracks, open Tuesday through Friday 09:30 - 20:30, Monday, Saturday, American & German Holidays 09:30 - 16:30 and Sunday 11:30 - 16:30. On cars there is a fee of \$60. Tire fee is \$5 for one. The DPW Self Help Store also accepts car batteries and waste oil.

Tires can also be brought to the Rose Barracks Recycle Center free of charge.

□ *Household Hazardous Waste -> Self Help Store*

Household type hazardous waste includes cleaners, acids, bases, solvents, aerosols, paint, thinners, strippers, antifreeze, oil, car batteries, dry cell batteries, fluorescent light bulbs, propane or butane gas containers, fire extinguishers, etc. **Dry cell battery collection containers** can also be found at numerous locations on post (PX, Commissary, barracks, other common buildings & places, etc).

Household type lead acid (car-) and dry cell batteries are also accepted at the Rose Barracks Recycle Center.

Note: Car batteries, dry cell batteries and waste oil should primarily be disposed of at the shops where they are sold. Stores on the German economy that sell these items are required by law to take back used batteries and waste oil at no extra cost for the consumer.

The DPW Self Help Store is located on Wilbur Road, building # 103.

Open: Monday, Tuesday and Friday from 08:00 – 15:45, Wednesday from 11:00 – 15:45, Thursday from 11:00 – 17:00, Saturday from 08:30 – 13:30.

Disposal of hazardous waste from units, organizations and activities must be coordinated through the DPW Environmental Office, bldg. # 140, DSN 476-2932 or Civilian 09662-832932.

□ ***“Green Waste” -> across from Self Help Store***

The term “green waste” stands for compostable material. It includes cut grass, yard trimmings, leaves, bushes, small trees, garden soil, flowers, plants, etc.

Please do not dump with plastic bags! No food waste!

Sorting in Buildings, Offices, Quarters:

- Separation of material at the point where it becomes trash is the key to successful recycling.
- In accordance with the garrison’s trash separation policy, commanders, directors of organizations and activities and supervisors at all levels are responsible for implementing recycling policies within their area. As a minimum, adequate separation systems for the types of waste generated must be established in each building, common area, office or shop.
- Standard waste baskets, available from GSA, labeled with self-made signs, are one cheap way to set up such a sorting system within an office, classroom or in a common-use area.
For information on other solutions, please contact the Sort Program Coordinator at DPW O&M Division, Utilities Branch Vilseck, DSN 476-2600 or Civilian 09662-832600.
- At buildings with routine contractual custodial services the cleaning personnel has to bring pre-separated waste to the next appropriate container. However, it is the user's responsibility to separate. Custodial personnel are obligated to refuse service on unsorted trash.



Useful Telephone Numbers

Sort Program

Vilseck: DSN 476-2600 or Civ. 09662-83-2600
Grafenwoehr: DSN 475-7144 or Civ. 09641-83-7144

Environmental Office

Vilseck: DSN 476-2932 or Civ. 09662-83-2932
Grafenwoehr: DSN 475-7209 or Civ. 09641-83-7209

DPW Self Help Stores

Vilseck: DSN 476-2577 or Civ. 09662-83-2577
Grafenwoehr: DSN 475-6331 or Civ. 09641-83-6331

DPW Customer Service Desk

Vilseck: DSN 476-2705 or Civ. 09662-83-2705
Grafenwoehr: DSN 475-6324 or Civ. 09641-83-6324

MWR Auto Skills Center

Vilseck: DSN 476-2521 or Civilian 09662-83-2521
Grafenwoehr: DSN 475-6239 or Civ. 09641-83-6239

DRMO Grafenwöhr:

DSN 475-7125 or Civilian 09641-837125

RSSA Vilseck:

DSN 476-2585 or Civilian 09662-832585



Reuse - Reduce - Recycle !

**Be a part of the solution
and
not a part of the problem !**

S.O.R.T

You can make a ton of difference

RECYCLE - JUST DO IT!



ALWAYS QUALITY SUPPORT!

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