

Off-Base Disposal

Waste segregation and recycling are mandatory in Germany. Follow these instructions to ensure you are compliant with requirements.

Mixed waste includes general waste not appropriate for recycling or other means of disposal, such as diapers, kitty litter, used paper towels, toothbrushes etc. Mixed waste goes in **the black trash bin** supplied by your landlord, in trash bags you supply.

✓ Curbside pickup is typically twice per month

Paper recycling includes clean newspaper, white and colored paper, and smooth and corrugated cardboard only. Soiled paper products should be disposed in the trash. Flatten all boxes. Use the **blue-lid bin or large cardboard box** provided by your landlord for paper recycling.

✓ Curbside pickup of paper recycling is once per month, along with Yellow Bag pickups

Packaging materials recycling includes plastics, metal foils, aluminum and steel cans, and other common packaging items, but not paper or glass. Segregate these materials into a **Yellow Bag ("Gelber Sack")**. Be sure to remove lids from containers so each type of material can be easily sorted into the proper recycling stream during processing.

✓ Curbside Yellow Bag pickups are typically once per month, along with paper recycling pickups

✓ You can get yellow bags for free from:

- The Host Nation Council's Booth, Bldg. 441 (Community Commons)
- Your local "Rathaus" (Town Hall)
- Leaving a note on your blue bin on recycling day that says **"Bitte Gelbe Säcke, Danke!"**
- Use QR code to check by your address (https://art-trier.de/cms/gelbe_saecke_tr-1002.html)



Glass recycling includes empty glass packaging like jars and bottles, but **not** light bulbs, drinking glasses, or ceramics. Every town and village has glass recycling bins located in multiple, publicly-accessible areas. Look especially in grocery store parking lots.

✓ Sort glass by color: clear/white ("Weiß"), brown ("Braun"), or green ("Grün", including blue glass)

Bio waste includes fruit and vegetable cuttings, food items eggshells, coffee grounds, tea bags, and other scraps from your kitchen. Deposit your bio waste into bio bins located around your town, often near glass bins. Could soon switch to onsite brown-lid bins.

Green waste includes yard clippings, leaves, and branches/twigs cut from trees and bushes. Ask your landlord where your local green waste bin is located and when it is open or call 0651-9491 414.

Returnable hazardous and electronic waste includes batteries, light bulbs, appliances, and electronics that you buy on the economy. Stores that sell these items have bins where you can return them for recycling.

Clothing and shoes (clean and usable only, no military uniforms) can be deposited in donation bins, usually in shopping areas or near schools. Look for bins marked "Kleider" and "Schuhe".

Medical waste includes expired or unneeded prescriptions and other medications. Some German pharmacies ("Apotheke") may accept these materials for disposal. If your Apotheke does not, you can take these items to the Spangdahlem Medical Clinic Pharmacy in Bldg 550.

Bulk trash includes broken furniture, old mattresses, and other items too large to fit in your mixed waste bin.

✓ You can schedule free curbside pickup of bulk trash up to 4 times per year at the A.R.T. website (see QR code on the right hand-side)

Returnable drink containers are part of Germany's "Pfand" system. When you purchase containers with the Pfand symbol or beverages that come in a crate, you pay a deposit. When you return the containers (crate included), you get your cash back.



✓ Look for return machines at the front of the store, and take your receipt to the cashier for money back

Hazardous waste includes car batteries, used motor oil, paints, solvents, and other chemicals. These wastes require special handling, so contact A.R.T. at the website below.

A.R.T. Webpage <https://www.art-trier.de>



- Click on Union Jack
- Find your local trash, paper, and Yellow Bag pickup schedules
- Schedule curbside bulk trash pickup
- Arrange haz waste disposal
- Set an e-mail reminder for trash day
- You can also call 0651-9491 414

Did you know?

- ✓ Google Chrome will translate German webpages to English, so don't be afraid to use the A.R.T. webpage!
- ✓ If you buy batteries, light bulbs, appliances, or electronics on the economy, you can return those items to the stores on the economy for recycling.
- ✓ Stores in Germany generally do not provide bags for your purchases. You'll need to bring your own! Reusable shopping bags are one way Germany reduces waste.

What goes into the Yellow Bag?

