

Garrison Sort Program

DPW-O&M/UT, Rose Barracks
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 American Resident of Kaltenbrunn,

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 off post in the village of Kaltenbrunn in the Neustadt/Waldnaab County.

It covers the following areas:

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

Sources of information:

Recycling guides and pickup schedules are available at the Housing Office, Grafenwoehr, bldg. # 244 and on Rose Barracks at the ACS Office (bldg. # 322), the DPW Sort Office (bldg. # 140) and the DPW Self Help Store (bldg. # 103).

Sort information is also posted on the Garrison's public webpage

http://www.grafenwoehr.army.mil/usag_dpw/o&m/util_sort.asp

It is against German law to bring trash on post.

The only exceptions are household hazardous waste and, if in an urgent need and no other disposal place is available or you cannot hold on to it until the next curbside collection, then bulky items, electric and electronic items including appliances and entertainment equipment can be taken to the Recycle Center on post.

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

TELL US WHAT YOU THINK - GOOD OR BAD!

LET US KNOW HOW WE CAN IMPROVE!

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 government pays the waste disposal fees for residents in Leased Housing. In private rental quarters it is either included in the monthly rent or has to be paid by the resident from housing allowances.

Refuse goes to expensive incineration. Therefore the German communities usually calculate the waste disposal fees by the capacity of the refuse containers. **Disposal of recyclable material placed properly in appropriate recycling containers is generally free.**

More or larger refuse containers would mean higher cost for us.

Let us save that money! Everybody can contribute!

➤ Recycling is mandatory by law in Germany.

Waste disposal falls under the jurisdiction of the German communities. All wastes from private households must be left to the public waste disposal system. You are subject to German recycling laws and rules just like your German neighbors.

➤ Recycling is mandatory for everyone 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 also cost more
 - ✓ avoid laminated material (like plastic coated cartons 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 to the Red Cross.
- **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:

- **Do not bring your off-post trash on post.**
It is against German law to dispose of trash outside the county or city you live in and it also violates command policies.
Exception: Household type hazardous waste.
- **Keep the material in recycling containers pure.**
Put only the appropriate material in recycling containers or bags. The county's contractor may deny service until deficiencies are corrected.
- **No recyclable materials in refuse containers.**
The county's garbage men may leave your containers un-serviced.
- **No hazardous waste, electronic waste or bulky items in recycling or refuse containers.**
Household type hazardous waste must be brought to the DPW Self Help Store. Electric and electronic waste and bulky items are collected from curbside semiannually or, as an exception if no other options are available, can be brought to the Recycle Center on post.
- **Keep container lids closed.**
It sure looks nicer, keeps insects away and prevents animals from sifting through your trash and littering the area.
- **Do not put anything on the ground.**
Material outside of containers is not picked up, no matter if it is in bags or loose. By German waste laws trash on the ground could be considered "illegal disposal", which may result in a fine.
- **Watch pickup days.**
The county collects refuse and plastics (yellow bags) from the curbside on a routine schedule. The blue paper bins are also emptied on a regular basis by a private company, if you have arranged for that service. Pickup schedules will be provided to you. Put your containers at the curbside before 06:00 of pickup days. Please use this service always, even if your container is only half full or less. This will help to avoid eventual excess and overflow.

Containers & Locations:

- Containers for **refuse** (black or gray) are assigned to individual homes (leased housing units and private rental). They are usually provided by and property of the landlord. Refuse is collected from the curb.
- **Plastics and composite materials** are also collected from curbside in so-called "**yellow bags**". The bags are available for free at the DPW Self Help Stores on Rose Barracks Vilseck and East Camp Grafenwöhr. You can also request resupply of bags from the garbage men by sticking a note on a full bag on pickup days, saying "Bitte neue gelbe Säcke", i.e. new yellow bags please.
- Free **paper and cardboard bins** (blue) and curbside pickup services can be obtained through companies "Bergler", Tel. 09605-92020 or "Kraus", Tel. 09681-92050. See page 9 for details.
- Igloo type containers for **metal cans, glass, paper** and for donations of **used clothing** as well as containers for "**green waste**" can be found at two **recycling points in your neighborhood**. They are located at "Straßweg" and at "Friedhofstraße". For details see pages 10 - 11.

Please do not use the recycling points after 19:00 or on Sundays/German holidays.

- **Bulky items, furniture, scrap metal and electric and electronic waste** are collected from curbside semiannually (see pickup schedule) or can be brought to the Recycle Centers on post (see pages 12 - 14).
- **Household hazardous wastes** are also collected semi-annually at Kaltenbrunn's "Marktplatz" (see pickup schedule) or can be brought to the DPW Self Help Stores on Rose Barracks Vilseck or on East Camp Grafenwöhr. See pages 12 and 15 for details. **Dry cell batteries** can be dropped off at no cost at any store that sells them.
- **Automobile hazardous wastes** including **tires** should primarily be returned to garages and shops that sell those items. They can also be disposed of at the MWR Skills Centers (see page 15). Tires are also accepted at the Recycle Centers on post.

What goes where?

A. Curbside Pickups:

■ Refuse ("Restmüll") -> black container

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

*Please no recyclable materials like paper, cartons, glass or metals.
Please no bulky items, electronic or hazardous materials or wastes.
Please do not put in hot charcoal or ash.*

The county collects refuse routinely every other week.

■ Plastics and composite materials -> yellow bags

I.e. empty plastic packaging and wrapping, shopping bags, yogurt & pudding cups, aluminum foil, -lids, -trays, chips' bags, noodles' bags, candy wrappers, fruit nets, foam trays, plastic bottles, -canisters, -buckets, styrofoam parts & -chips, composite material beverage cartons, waxed milk cartons, etc

*Please tie up the full bags with the attached string.
Please no recyclable materials like paper, cartons, glass or metals.
Please no plastic materials that are not packaging, like toys, combs, sieves, rubber boots, clothes hangers, etc (= refuse).
Please no other refuse or electronic or hazardous wastes.*

The county picks up yellow bags once a month.

There is no limit on the number of bags you can use. Free yellow bags are available at the DPW Self Help Stores or from the garbage men. Just stick a note on a full bag on pickup days.



■ **Recyclable Paper & Cardboard -> blue container labeled "Altpapier"**

Note: This alternative is not provided by the county or the US Army.

Free blue bins along with monthly pickup services are offered by private companies upon your request. To obtain one, please contact firms:

- Bergler, Tel. 09605-92020, www.die-blaue-tonne.de
- Kraus, Tel. 09681-92050, www.die-papiertonne.de



Material put in the containers must be clean! It includes news papers, catalogues, writing paper, books, notepads, shopping bags, envelopes, clean napkins and paper towels, clean wrapping paper, cardboard and cartons like cereal boxes, etc.

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

As an exception to the general rule that nothing should be put on the ground, should you at one time not have enough space in your blue bin, then **excess** paper material can be collected in a cardboard box and put next to the bin on pickup days.

Please cut / fold boxes to save space.

Remove all styrofoam and plastic filling material and wrapping.

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

Please no milk- or other beverage cartons (Plastic).

Please do not put in with plastic bags.

The service provider of your choice collects paper monthly on a routine schedule.

As an **alternate or additional option** for disposal of paper, cartons and cardboard, the county provides paper igloos at the neighborhood recycling points. See page 11 for details.

What goes where?

B. Recycling Points in Neighborhood:

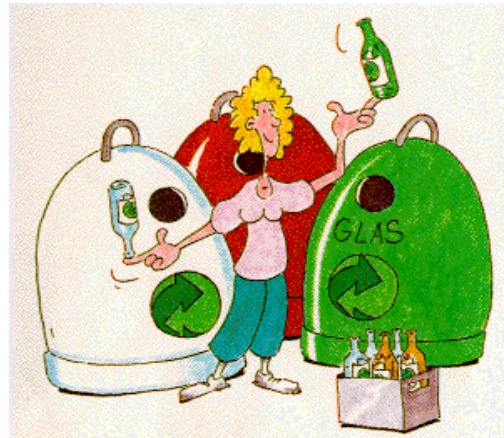
■ **General:**

Please do not use the recycling points after 19:00 or on Sundays and German holidays.

■ **Metal Cans -> container labeled "Dosen"**

Empty metal cans of all kind including aluminum, like soda cans, food cans, completely empty spray cans from deodorant, hairspray, shaving foam, metal lids from jars and bottles, small metal items like clothing hangers, etc. Labels must not be removed.

Please do not put in with plastic or paper bags.



■ **Glass -> containers**

labeled "**Weissglas**", "**Braunglas**" or "**Grünglas**"

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

Please do not put in window glass, windshields, mirrors, china, stoneware or crystal (=> put in refuse). Also, no light bulbs (fluorescent light bulbs and energy efficient lamps are hazardous waste because of their heavy metal contents, regular lamps are refuse).

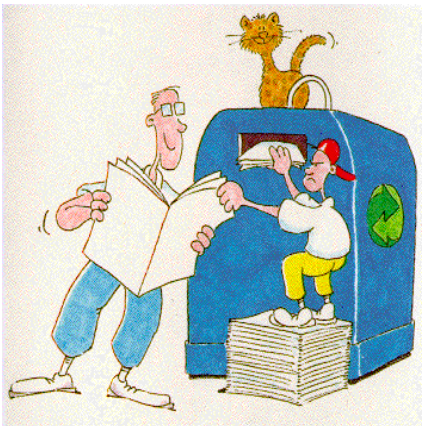
Please do not put in with bags.

■ Used clothing -> containers labeled "Altkleider"

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.

No stuffed "animals", toys, etc.

■ Paper & Cardboard -> container labeled "Papier"



Clean, pure paper, cartons and cardboard, i.e. news papers, catalogs, writing paper, books, notebooks, shopping bags, envelopes, clean napkins and paper towels, clean wrapping paper, cardboard and cartons like cereal boxes, etc.

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

Please cut / fold boxes to save space.

Remove all styrofoam and plastic filling material and wrapping.

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

Please no milk- or other beverage cartons (plastic/yellow bag).

Please do not put in with plastic bags.

■ "Green Waste" -> container labeled "Grün- und Gartenabfälle"



Compostable material; i.e. garden and yard waste like grass clippings, bush trimmings, leaves, tree-branches, twigs, plants, and -soil, etc.

Please do not put in with plastic bags.

Please do not misuse these containers.

Please no food waste or any other material.

What goes where?

C. Semi-Annual Collections

The pickup calendar provided to you at the turn of the year lists dates for semiannual collections of bulky items, electric/electronic waste including appliances, as well as household hazardous wastes.

■ Bulky Items, Electric- and Electronic Items, Appliances -> semi-annual curbside collections from your home

Twice a year the county collects bulk trash or “**Sperrmüll**”, namely items too large or too heavy to be discarded in your normal refuse bin. Typical items are wardrobes, dressers, tables, chairs, upholstered furniture, mattresses, carpets, rugs, feather beds, ironing boards, sports equipment, bicycles, large toys, strollers, household appliances, vacuum cleaners, Tvs, video and stereo equipment, computers, etc.

Please stack metal items and electrics/electronics/appliances separately.

Not accepted as “Sperrmüll” are tires, car parts, car batteries, other hazardous wastes, doors, windows, wall & floor panels, ceramics, construction waste (concrete, mortar, bricks, stones, etc.), clothes and normal refuse.

■ Household Hazardous wastes -> semi-annual collections from the “Marktplatz”

Twice a year the county also collects household hazardous wastes. With the so-called “Giftmobil” or “Poison Mobile” they tour the county and come to Kaltenbrunn’s “Marktplatz” (market place) on the dates and time listed on your pickup calendar.

Materials accepted include cleaners, acids, bases, solvents, aerosols, paint, thinners, strippers, antifreeze, car batteries, propane or butane gas containers, fire extinguishers, fluorescent and energy efficient light bulbs, small electric items (razors, telephones, power tools, batteries, etc.)

No: empty oil & paint cans, engine oil, ammunition

What goes where?

D. Rose Barracks Recycle Center:

- **For bulky items, “green waste”, scrap metal, electric and electronic waste and other recyclables**

- **Purpose:** Central collection point for bulky waste and excess of recyclable material and refuse from private households on post.
- **Location:** On the road to the Self Help Store and DPW, on the right, just before building # 102 (CIF).
- **Opening hours:**

Tuesdays and Thursdays	11:00 - 16:00
Saturdays	10:00 - 15:00
- **Attendance:** By contractor personnel. The attendant's primary function is to observe and guide proper sorting and placement of material and to answer questions regarding separation of waste for recycling.

- **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, CD players, computers, printers, microwaves, refrigerators, freezers, fluorescent lamps, etc.
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:** 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.
Please no material that falls under the categories above.
- **Used Clothing and Home Textiles:** Donations to the Red Cross.
Please put items in closed (tied) bags. Matching pairs of shoes should be tied together.
- **Batteries:** Lead acid (car) batteries from privately owned vehicles.
Please handle carefully to avoid spills.
Also separate containers for dry cell batteries.

Residents can also use the Central Recycle Center on East Camp at the former sanitary landfill, across from Range # 118, on the tank trail half-way between gates # 4 and 9.



What goes where?



E. Hazardous and Automotive Waste:

■ Household Hazardous Waste -> Self Help Stores

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** (Recycling Center, PX, Commissary, barracks, other common buildings & places, etc).

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.
Residents can also use the Self Help Store on East Camp, bldg. # 394.

■ Automobile Hazardous 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 usually cost a small disposal fee. Batteries may cost a deposit if you do not return a used battery when buying a new one. 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 MWR Auto Skills Centers, Rose Barracks Vilseck, bldg. # 711, or East Camp Grafenwoehr, bldg. # 528. For more info, hours please refer to their webpage <http://www.grafenwoehrmwr.com/autocrafts.html>. The DPW Self Help Store also accepts car batteries and waste oil. Tires and batteries can also be disposed of at the Rose Barracks Recycle Center free of charge.

Useful Contacts

DPW Sort Program

Vilseck: DSN 476-2600 or Civ. 09662-83-2600

Grafenwoehr: DSN 475-6664 or Civ. 09641-83-6664

http://www.grafenwoehr.army.mil/usag_dpw/o&m/util_sort.asp

DPW Environmental Office

Vilseck: DSN 476-2932 or Civ. 09662-83-2932

Grafenwoehr: DSN 475-7209 or Civ. 09641-83-7209

http://www.grafenwoehr.army.mil/usag_dpw/environmental/services_env_all.asp

DPW Self Help Stores

Vilseck: DSN 476-2577 or Civ. 09662-83-2577

Grafenwoehr: DSN 475-6331 or Civ. 09641-83-6331

http://www.grafenwoehr.army.mil/usag_dpw/o&m/selfhelp.asp

DPW Customer Service Desk

Vilseck: DSN 476-2705 or Civ. 09662-83-2705

Grafenwoehr: DSN 475-6324 or Civ. 09641-83-6324

http://www.grafenwoehr.army.mil/usag_dpw/boi/boi_workorderdesk.asp

DPW Housing Office

Grafenwoehr: DSN 475-7077 or Civ. 09641-83-7077

http://www.grafenwoehr.army.mil/usag_dpw/housing/services_fh.asp

MWR Auto Skills Center

Vilseck: DSN 476-2521 or Civilian 09662-83-2521

Grafenwoehr: DSN 475-6239 or Civ. 09641-83-6239

<http://www.grafenwoehrmwr.com/autocrafts.html>

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TRASH SEPARATION TABLE						
REFUSE	PLASTIC MATERIAL YELLOW BAGS MONTHLY	PAPER AND CARDBOARD	GLASS	CANS	USED CLOTHES	"GREEN" WASTE
BULKY TRASH RECYCLE CENTER ON POST	HAZARDOUS WASTE SELF HELP STORE ON POST					
VACUUM CLEANER BAGS DIAPERS CIGARETTE BUTTS COLD ASHES SOOT FOOD WASTE SOILED PAPERS AND WRAPPING USED PAPER TOWELS AND NAPKINS PET LITTER CANDLES UNSERVICEABLE CLOTHING LEATHER WARE TEXTILES SMALL RUGS MIRRORS CRYSTAL CERAMICS STONEWARE	BEVERAGE CARTONS: MILK-, JUICE-, WATER, etc. STYROFOAM: BULK-, CHIPS- PLATES-, TRAYS PLASTIC: CUPS BOTTLES BUCKETS CANISTERS PLASTIC: WRAPPING FOLS BAGS-, PLASTIC- OR WAX-COALED PAPERS CHIPS BAGS NOODLE BAGS CANDY WRAP	CLEAN PAPER PAPER BAGS NEWSPAPER MAGAZINES BOOKS WRITING PAPER ENVELOPES CATALOGS NO LITTERING ! NO DUMPING ON THE GROUND ! ALTERNATE OPTION: INDIVIDUAL BLUE BIN MONTHLY CURBSIDE PICKUPS - TO OBTAIN CALL: BERGLER COMPANY Tel: 09605 / 92020	BOTTLES AND JARS ONLY! MUST BE EMPTY! FOOD JARS SHOULD BE RINSED SEPARATE BY COLOR: CLEAR BROWN GREEN OTHER COLORS: PUT IN GREEN NO(I) WINDOWS WINDSHIELDS MIRRORS CRYSTAL PORCELAIN CHINA CERAMICS STONEWARE LIGHT BULBS	EMPTY CANS SODA CANS FOOD CANS FRUIT CANS COFFEE CANS METAL LIDS ALU FOIL FOOD TRAYS METAL POTS & PANS SMALL METAL ITEMS EMPTY (I) SPRAY CANS ONLY (I) FROM NON-HAZARDOUS MATERIALS W/O PLASTIC CAPS NO(I) AUTOMOTIVE OR HAZARDOUS WASTE!	USED "TEXTILES" ALL TYPES OF USEABLE CLOTHING (I.E. SHIRTS, TROUSERS, JACKETS, BABY CLOTH ETC. ALSO: BLANKETS, BED SHEETS TABLE CLOTH SHOES, BOOTS, ETC. CONTAINERS PROVIDED BY RED CROSS NO(I) DIRTY CLOTHES TORN CLOTHES	COMPOSTABLE YARD- AND GARDEN WASTE CUT GRASS LEAVES TWIGGS BRANCHES WEEDS PLANTS FLOWERS SOIL X-MAS TREES NO(I) DO NOT DUMP "GREEN WASTE" IN BAGS OR BOXES OR CONTAMINATE WITH ANY OTHER MATERIAL! NO FOOD WASTE BULKY TRASH! THE COUNTY ALSO OFFERS SEMI-ANNUAL CURBSIDE COLLECTIONS SEE YOUR PICKUP SCHEDULE! NO HAZ MAT, TIRES NO CLOTHES, REFUSE
HAZARDOUS WASTE AUTO CRAFT SHOP AT BLDG. # 711	HAZARDOUS WASTE AUTO CRAFT SHOP AT BLDG. # 711					

AT FRIEDHOFSSTRASSE (CEMENTERY) AND AT STRASSWEG
SEE THE KALTENBRUNN RECYCLING GUIDE FOR MAP

LOCAL COMMUNITY CONTAINER PLACES

RECYCLE - JUST DO IT - Garrison SORT Program
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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



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