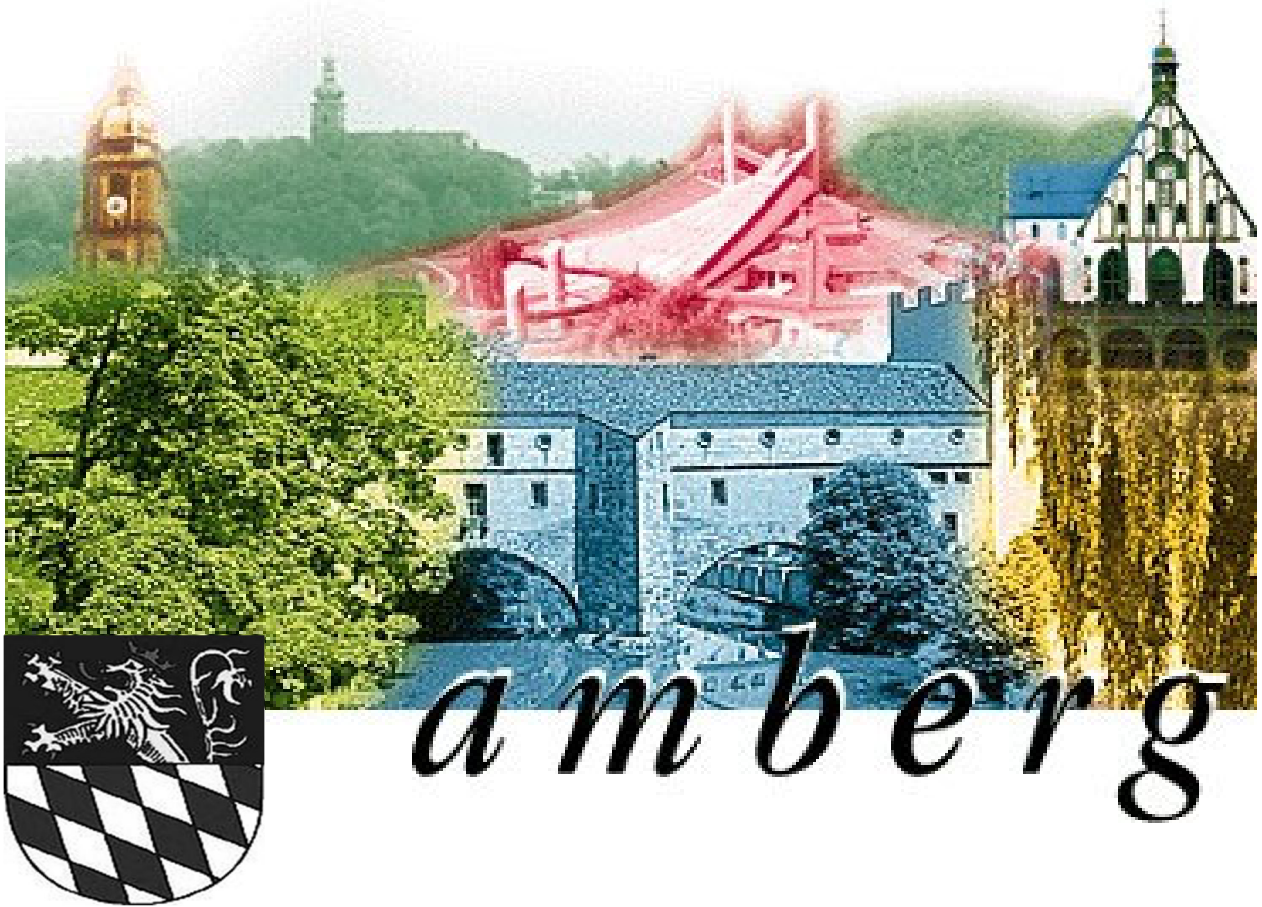


AMBERG CITY

RECYCLING GUIDE



Garrison Sort Program

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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 Amberg,

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 City of Amberg.

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 DPW Sort Office (bldg. # 140) and the DPW Self Help Store (bldg. # 103).

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

<https://home.army.mil/bavaria/index.php/trash>

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, 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 599-4032 or Civ. 09641-70-599-4032.

Email: usarmy.bavaria.id-europe.list.dpw-oper-and-maint-sort@mail.mil

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 violates command policies.

Exception: Household type hazardous waste.

(If in an urgent need and no other disposal place is available, then bulky items, electric and electronic items including appliances and entertainment equipment can be taken to the Recycle Center on post.)

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

Put only the appropriate material in recycling containers. The city's contractor may deny service until deficiencies are corrected if a container is "contaminated" with refuse or other (recyclable) material that does not belong in there.

➤ **No recyclable materials in refuse containers.**

The city'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. Electronic waste and 1 bulky item can be brought to the City's Recycling Yards ("Wertstoffhof").

➤ **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 city collects refuse, paper, plastics ("yellow bag") and bio-degradable waste from the curbside on a routine schedule. Pickup schedules will be provided to you. Put your containers or yellow bags 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), **paper/cardboard** (green) and **bio-degradable waste** (brown) 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, or by asking the garbage men for “neue gelbe Säcke” on pickup days.
- Igloo type containers for **glass, metal cans**, as well as containers for “**green waste**” and often also containers for donations of **used textiles** can be found **at recycling points in your neighborhood**. They are usually within “walking distance” from your home. Details on use and separation are described on pages 10 and 11. For a list of locations and containers within the city please refer to Amberg’s webpage at <https://www.amberg.de/fileadmin/Inhalte/Abfallberatung/Containerstandorte.pdf>

Please do not use the recycling points before 07:00 or after 20:00 or on Sundays/German holidays.

- Amberg’s **two central recycling yards (“Wertstoffhof”)** at **Gailoh** and at **Industriegebiet Nord** serve as disposal sites for many materials, like scrap metal, wood, electric and electronic waste, CDs, DVDs, cardboard and much more. See pages 12 and 13 for details.
- **Bulky items, like furniture, scrap metal, wood and electric and electronic waste** can be brought to the Recycle Centers on post free of charge (pages 13 and 14). Residents of Amberg can also request a pickup from the city’s waste contractor for a pre-paid fee of €15.00. Please contact the Rose Barracks Sort Office for help.
- For **household hazardous wastes** please use the DPW Self Help Stores on Rose Barracks Vilseck or on East Camp Grafenwöhr (page 15). **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 (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, plastic bottles, glass or metals.

Please no bulky items, electronic or hazardous materials or wastes.

Please do not put in hot charcoal or ash.

The city picks up refuse routinely every other week.

■ Recyclable Paper & Cardboard (“Altpapier”) -> green container

Must be clean! It includes newspapers, catalogues, writing paper, books, notebooks, shopping bags, envelopes, clean napkins and paper towels, clean wrapping paper, cardboard and cartons like cereal boxes, etc. You don't have to not remove staples, plastic address windows on envelopes and cardboard hard covers from books.



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 city collects paper every fourth week on routine schedule.

Take excess cardboard/cartons and large boxes to your local community's recycling yard (“Wertstoffhof”, see pages 12 and 13).

■ Excess refuse or paper -> extra disposal bags

At one time or another you may run into a situation, where you have more refuse or paper than what would fit in your bins, for example when you're preparing to move. The alternative is to buy extra 70-liter bags for refuse or paper, whichever applies for you. These bags have an imprint that identifies them to the garbage men. They are to be put next to the bin at the curb on pickup days. A refuse bag costs €4.00 a piece, a paper bag is €1.50. The extra bags are available at the following stores during their normal business hours:

<i>Store & Location</i>	<i>Restmüllsack (refuse bag)</i>	<i>Papiersack (paper bag)</i>
Schreibwaren Blenz, Mosacher Weg 6	X	
Schreibzeug, Salzstadelplatz 1	X	X
Tankstelle Bergler, Bayreuther Straße 8	X	
SamBa Bergsteigbüro, Claudiweg 46	X	X
Wertstoffhof IG Nord, Max-Planck-Str. 25	X	X
Wertstoffhof Gailoh, Im Frauental 7	X	
Monte, Untere Nabburger Straße 12	X	X

■ 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 city picks up yellow bags every fourth week on a routine schedule.

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.

■ Bio-degradable waste -> brown container

Includes uncooked vegetables fruits, scraps, peels, egg- and nutshells, coffee grounds and –filters, tea bags, dead plants and flowers, roots, plant soil, leaves, grass clippings, small branches, weeds, wood chips and sawdust, hair



Please do not put in with bags.

Please do not put in already cooked food.

Please no meat, sausage, fish, bones, fat, grease, oil.

Please no refuse, like pet litter, diapers, napkins, sweepings, vacuum cleaner contents, ash, soot, cigarette butts, or recyclable material like plastics, paper, metal, glass, etc.

The city collects bio waste every other week on routine schedule.

B. Recycling Points in Neighborhood:

■ General:

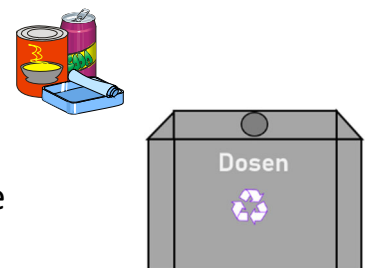
Please do not use the recycling points after 19:00 or on Sundays and German holidays.



■ 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. You do not have to remove labels.

Please do not put in with plastic or paper bags.

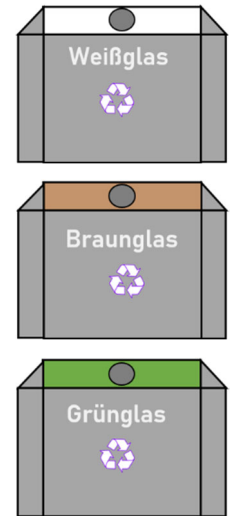


■ Glass -> containers labeled “Weissglas”, “Braunglas” or “Grünglas”



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. You do not have to remove labels.

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.

■ “Green Waste” -> big red container from around 1 March to around German Santa Claus (6 Dec)



Compostable “green” material; i.e. garden and yard waste like grass clippings, leaves, bush trimmings, 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.

■ 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.

Tie matching pairs of shoes together.

No stuffed “animals”, toys, etc

Please no dirty, torn, unusable material.

C. City Recycling Yards (“Wertstoffhof”):

- For scrap wood and metal items, electric and electronic waste, excess cardboard and yellow bags, “green waste” and other recyclables
- Also sale of useable small items in good condition (second hand market – no electric items)

➤ Locations and Opening Hours:

- Wertstoffhof Gailoh, Im Frauental 7, 92249 Amberg

Mon, Wed, Fri: 10:00 – 12:00, Tue, Thu: 16:00 – 18:00, Sat: 09:00 - 12:00

- Wertstoffhof Industriegebiet Nord, Max-Planck-Str. 25, 92249 Amberg

Mon, Wed, Fri: 16:00 – 18:00, Tue, Thu: 10:00 – 12:00, Sat: 13:00 - 16:00

- **Operating personnel** is there to answer questions if you are not sure what to put where.

- **All material delivered should be clean, pure and empty, where appropriate.**

➤ Materials accepted:

- *Alt fett* - **cooking grease and –oil**
- *Altholz* - **scrap wood**
- *Alttextilien, Altschuhe* – **used clothing and shoes in good condition**
- *Batterien* - **dry cell and car batteries**
fee for 1 car battery: €3.10
- *Bauschutt* - **construction & demolition waste**
concrete, mortar, stones, bricks, ceramic tiles, bowls, pottery, window glass, etc.
Small amounts – maximum 50 liters.
- **CD’s, DVD’s** - without casings
- *Dosen* - **metal cans**
also larger metal cans/buckets that would not fit through the opening of containers at the recycling points.
- *Elektro- und Elektronikgeräte* - **Electronic Waste 5 categories - please ask the attendants for the correct container** -
household appliances, refrigerators & freezers, information-, communication- and entertainment equipment, electric powered sports equipment, small electric items, e.g. dish washers, laundry machines, dryers, microwaves, small items like telephones, razors, toys, etc. – basically anything that runs on electrical power. **Batteries must be removed.**
- *Eisenschrott* - **scrap metal**
nails, screws, nuts, bolts, pots, pans, buckets, large cans, sheet metal, pipes, curtain rods, bicycles, non-electric sports equipment, etc.
- *Flachglas* - **“flat glass”**, i.e. mirrors, window panes

- *Gebrauchsgegenstände* - **useable items (small) in good condition**
e.g. books, small furniture, dishes, pots & pans, etc. No electric stuff.
- *Gelbe Säcke* - **yellow bags**
additional, alternate disposal option to curbside pickups (page 9)
- *Glas* - **glass**
containers for clear-, brown-, and green glass bottles & jars
- *Grüngut* - **green waste**
containers for compostable yard waste and plants
- *Kartonagen* - **cardboard**
boxes and cartons - please fold
- *Kork* - **cork**
bottle corks, clean cork tiles – no plastic “corks”
- *Problemüll* - **household hazardous waste (only at Industriegebiet Nord on the last Saturday in February, June & October, from 08:00 – 12:30)**
e.g. paint (enamel and wood stain – no wall paint), thinners, household cleaners, disinfectants, material containing or based on mineral oil, fire extinguishers, items containing mercury, etc.
- *Styropor* - **styrofoam**
e.g. styrofoam inserts from home equipment boxes
- *Tonerkartuschen, Tintenpatronen* - **toner- and ink cartridges**

D. Rose Barracks Recycle Center:

- **For Plastics, 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 stoves, tent frames and poles, strollers, ironing boards, rims, tools, bicycles, barbecue grills, metal furniture, gasoline powered lawnmower, 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, washers, dryers, toasters, electro powered lawnmower 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.

Useful Contacts

DPW Sort Program

Vilseck: DSN 599-4032 or Civ. 09641-70-599-4032

Grafenwoehr: DSN 526-4192 or Civ. 09641-70-526-4192.

Email Vilseck & Grafenwoehr: usarmy.bavaria.id-europe.list.dpw-oper-and-maint-sort@mail.mil
<https://home.army.mil/bavaria/index.php/trash>

DPW Environmental Office

Vilseck: DSN 599-4012 or Civ. 09641-70-599-4012

Grafenwoehr: DSN 475-7711 or Civ. 09641-83-7711

<https://home.army.mil/bavaria/index.php/environmental>

DPW Self Help Stores

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

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

<https://home.army.mil/bavaria/index.php/selfhelp>

DPW Customer Service Desk

DSN 526-4379 or Civ. 09641-70-526-4379

Email: usarmy.bavaria.id-europe.mbx.dpw-graf-customer-service@mail.mil
<https://home.army.mil/bavaria/index.php/WorkOrder>

DPW Housing Office

<https://home.army.mil/bavaria/index.php/housing>

MWR Auto Skills Center

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

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

<https://grafenwoehr.armymwr.com/programs/automotive-skills-centers>

Container Locations				
Location	Glass	Metal Cans	Green Waste (March - November only)	Clothes
Am Fiederbach	x	x		x
Am Kugelfang / Schlottstr.			x	
Ammerthaler Weg / Gerberstr.			x	
An den Franzosenäckern			x	
Bergauffahrt / Jahnstr.	x	x	x	x
Blößnerstr.	x	x	x	x
Claudiweg / Leopoldstr.	x	x	x	x
Dekan-Hirtreiterstr.	x	x	x	x
Eglseerstr. / Plechstr.	x	x		x
Friedlandstr.	x	x		x
Friedrich-Ebert-Str.			x	
Frühlingsstr. / Drillingsfeld	x	x	x	x
Fuchsstein / Ludwig-Feil-Weg	x	x	x	x
Gailoh / Rosenplatz	x	x	x	x
Gärbershof / Gerberstr.	x	x		x
Gerresheimer Str.	x	x	x	x
Haager Weg / Sparkasse	x	x	x	x
Hammermeisterstr.	x	x	x	x
Hans-Thoma-Str. / Parkplatz Milchhof	x	x	x	x
Im Frauental 7 / Wertstoffhof Gailoh	x	x	x	x
Jahnstr.	x	x	x	x
Karl-Bauer-Str.	x	x	x	x
Katharinenfriedhofstr.			x	
Köferinger Str.	x	x	x	x
Kokereistr. / Müllumladestation	x	x		
Krumbacher Kirchenleite	x	x	x	x
Langangerweg	x	x	x	x
Lothringer Platz	x	x	x	x
Luitpoldhöhe / Dr.-Robert-Strell-Str.	x	x	x	x
Max-Planck-Str. 25 / Wertstoffhof IG Nord	x	x	x	x
Merianstr.	x	x	x	x
Mosacherweg / Kolumbusstr.	x	x	x	x
Neubernicht / Fürstenweg	x	x	x	x
Oberammersrichter Weg / Hirschauer Str.	x	x	x	x
Othmayrstr. / Pfannmüllerstr.			x	
Pfalzgrafenring / Ziegeltorplatz	x	x		x
Portnerstr.			x	
Raigering / Forstamtsstr.	x	x	x	x
Raigering Süd / Am Birnensteig	x	x	x	x
Rammertshofer Weg / Parkplatz Real	x	x		x
Rotkreuzplatz	x	x	x	x
Ruoffstr. / Parkplatz Finanzamt	x	x	x	x
Schäfflohe	x	x	x	x
Schießstätteweg / Parkplatz Vilssteg	x	x	x	x
Speckmannshof / Am Postweiher	x	x	x	x
Stauffenbergstr.	x	x	x	
Sulzbacher Str.	x	x	x	x
Von-Scheffel-Str.	x	x	x	x

A pyramid diagram illustrating the Waste Management Hierarchy. The pyramid is divided into five horizontal sections, each with a label and a corresponding color. From top to bottom, the sections are: 'Reduction' (green), 'Re-Purpose' (light green), 'Recycling & Composting' (blue), 'Energy Recovery' (yellow), and 'Waste' (orange). To the left of the pyramid, the text 'Waste Management Hierarchy' is written vertically. To the right of the pyramid, the text 'Waste Management Hierarchy' is written vertically.



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

S.O.R.T

You can make a ton of difference.

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