



DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY
UNITED STATES ARMY GARRISON STUTTGART
UNIT 30401
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MEMORANDUM FOR ALL Members of the USAG Stuttgart Community and all working, living or doing business on Stuttgart Installations.

SUBJECT: USAG Stuttgart Command Policy Letter #38, Disposal of Lithium and other Batteries.

1. REFERENCE:

- a. Army in Europe Regulation 200-1, Environmental Quality Program, 08 May 2012.
- b. German Final Governing Standards (GFGS): C6.3.8.8.1 & C6.3.8.8.2
- c. ADR, European Agreement Concerning the International Carriage of Dangerous Goods by Road, Special provision P909
- d. Federal Association of the German Waste disposal, Water and Raw Materials
- e. USAG Stuttgart Hazardous Waste Management Plan
- f. USAG Stuttgart On-Post Recycling booklet

2. PURPOSE: To provide policies and procedures for the disposal of Lithium and Other Batteries throughout the Garrison footprint.

3. APPLICABILITY: This policy applies to all Members of the USAG Stuttgart Community and all working, living or doing business on Stuttgart Installations.

4. POLICY:

a. The U.S. Army encourages and supports the safe recycling and disposal of used batteries. Dry-cell batteries of more than 9 volts must have terminals protected from short-circuiting when storing and shipping. TB 43-0134 provides comprehensive guidance on the proper disposition of batteries.

(1) Lithium batteries are common in cellphones, power tools, digital cameras,

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laptops, children's toys, watches, remote controls, handheld games, and smoke detectors, electric cigarettes, robot vacuums, small and large appliances.

(2) The poles of Lithium batteries **of all types MUST** be taped before bringing them for disposals at the Hazardous Waste Accumulations Points (HWAPs).

(3) Batteries in metal cases/cover **should be dismantled from cases** before bringing for disposal. Batteries in metal cases shall not be accepted.

b. Treatment and storage of used batteries shall only be conducted at sites with impervious surfaces and appropriate weatherproofed cover or in appropriate containers. This also applies if used batteries are stored temporarily. Lead-acid batteries, Nickel-cadmium batteries and batteries containing mercury or lithium will be managed as Hazardous Waste (HW), regardless of whether they are to be recycled or disposed of permanently.

c. Regular and small alkaline batteries can be disposed of at the following locations:

Public (green colored) Hazardous Waste Battery Containers locations:

Robinson Barracks: Buildings 146 and 148

Patch Barracks: Buildings 2325, 2337 and 2350

Panzer Kaserne: Buildings 2952, 2957 and 2990

Stuttgart Army Airfield: Buildings 3254 and 3255

Kelley Barracks: Buildings 3312, 3317, 3324 and 3326

d. For the disposal of batteries that cannot fit through the slots of the green containers, the respective Installation Coordinator (IC) should be contacted. IC contact information can be found on the garrison website.

5. FAILURE to comply with the provision of this policy may result in adverse administrative action.

6. EFFECTIVE: Immediately.

7. PROPONENT: The proponent for this policy is the DPW, Environmental Division at DSN 596-6135, CIV: 09641-70596-6135.

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