



DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE
501ST COMBAT SUPPORT WING (USAFE)

MEMORANDUM FOR ALL PERSONNEL

FROM: 423 ABG/CC

SUBJECT: 423 ABG Recycling and Dumpster Disposal Policy

1. The purpose of this policy to ensure compliance with host nation environmental laws, reduce fees and eliminate fines, as well as maintain a professional base appearance.

2. Proper use of base recycling facilities and dumpsters are everyone's responsibility. Improper use results in the 423d Civil Engineer Squadron and others spending hundreds of extra hours sifting through and cleaning up trash to ensure our installations are not fined. I request everyone's cooperation in this area acting as good stewards of our taxpayer dollars. The dumpster disposal policy is as follows:

a. If you reside off installation you must dispose of your waste in doorstep collection bins or at the Local Authority Waste and Recycling Centers in the British community (e.g.the Local Council Recycling Facility located in Alconbury). You may not bring your waste onto the installation for disposal in base dumpsters.

b. If you reside within on-base housing units, separate wheelie bins for recyclable and non-recyclable are supplied and emptied weekly. Any excess waste outside of these bins will not be collected. Excess non-recyclable waste must be disposed of at Local Council Facilities in the British community. Excess recyclable materials can be taken to one of the on-base collection points (see 2c.). Do not dispose of excess waste in the base dumpsters.

c. No recyclable materials are to be disposed of in base dumpsters. Recycling bins are located throughout the installation and are labeled detailing the recyclable materials that can be placed in the container and instructions to be followed. Recyclables can also be taken to collection points at RAF Molesworth (near Tennis Courts) and the RAF Alconbury Recycling Center (off perimeter road). These bins are not to be used for trash or any other waste. For more information on recycling, please call the Recycling Program office at 01480-843320 (DSN: 268-3320).

d. If you reside in base dormitories, you may use the base dumpster located near the dormitory for disposal of your waste with the exception of the items listed below in paragraph 2e.

e. The following items may not be disposed of in, or around any base dumpster, including bulk waste dumpsters and recycling areas, does not include residential bins. These should be taken to the Local Council Recycling Facilities in Alconbury (SATNAV: PE28 4JH; 5 minutes from RAF Alconbury). This includes, but is not limited to:

- (1) Any type of electrical equipment
- (2) Any type of hazardous waste or hazardous materials, for example: batteries, paint, fluorescent light bulbs, household chemicals, garden chemicals, etc.
- (3) Any liquid waste, including fuel and cooking oils
- (4) Any refrigeration equipment

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- (5) Any bulk items, for example: furniture, couches, mattresses, etc.
- (6) Yard waste, for example: grass clipping, tree prunings, soil, etc. (Housing residents are authorized to dispose of yard waste within their home's waste bin)
- (7) Tires
- (8) For instructions on the disposal on the above mentioned items from Official Organizations, please contact 423 CES/CEIE 01480-843168 (DSN: 268-3168)

f. The base thrift store (B451, RAF Alconbury) is operated by a non-profit private organization, please follow the specific rules posted at facility for dropping off items. While the thrift store might accept certain items such as electrical goods and furniture in good condition; space in the thrift store is limited. As such any large items or items listed in paragraph 2e must be taken to the thrift store during its hours of operation and may only be left with consent of the staff. Items left without the consent of staff remain the responsibility of the owner, and they will be contacted to recollect such items. The thrift store uses CCTV to monitor their facility and may report violators of this policy to installation authorities.

g. Please close all lids when you are finished using the dumpster. If you observe an open lid, please close it. When lids are left open, birds extract trash and create an unsightly appearance.

3. This policy memorandum applies to all personnel (military members, DoD employees, dependents, NAF employees, MOD employees, retirees and contractor personnel). I ask that all supervisors widely disseminate this policy memorandum and that all recipients share this policy memorandum with their family members.

4. The 423d Civil Engineer Squadron monitors dumpsters by direct observation and targeted use of CCTV and will work with 423d Security Forces Squadron to identify individuals violating this policy. Those who are caught violating this policy will have their chain of command notified so they can take appropriate action. Repeat violations might result in more severe actions or loss of installation privileges. Military members failing to observe the prohibitions and mandatory provisions in paragraphs 2a, 2b, 2c, and 2e of this policy may result in punitive or administrative action in violation of Article 92(2) of the Uniform Code of Military Justice.

5. As this is an installation-wide environmental issue with host-nation implications, I appreciate your cooperation in this matter. For additional information refer to the 423 ABG Solid Waste Management Plan. If you have any questions, you may contact the Base Environmental Office at 268-3168.

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