

The state of Hessen is enacting a new law that will require all the residents to recycle their bio-degradable waste. The law goes into effect in 2013. In order to comply with our host nations requirements USAG Wiesbaden will start by issuing the new cans to the residents of the duplex and single housing units in the Aukamm housing area. Subsequent deliveries will be coordinated through the housing office. The occupants will be issued two new cans; one brown lid can for your bio waste and one blue lid can for your paper waste.

Properly sorting waste into recyclable fractions saves energy, reduces air pollution, decreases greenhouse gas emissions, and saves money. As guest of Germany, USAG Wiesbaden residents must comply with these laws.

## Bio Waste

The bio bin is solely for compostable waste from the kitchen and garden. Up to 40% of household refuse is bio waste. The bio waste is turned into compost in large-scale compost plants and can be used as fertilizer in the garden or on farms. Bio waste is also used in large biogas plants for energy production. Therefore bio waste can be recycled to 100%.

Furthermore the brown paper bags could be used for additional green waste such as leaves and grass cuttings. Brown bags are available at the Hainerberg Home Improvement Store (SHIP).

### YES

- Fruit & vegetable scraps
- Egg shells
- Coffee grounds with filter, tea bags
- Leftovers of meals & food
- Flowers & potted plants
- Leaves and twigs, grass, tree and hedge trimmings
- Saw dust and wood chipping from untreated wood

### NO

- Vacuum cleaner bags with content
- Stones, cigarette ends, ash
- Diapers, tissues
- Animal excrements, sweepings
- Furniture wood (treated or untreated)

During the winter months ( December to mid March) pick-up of Bio waste is every second week. In the summer times (Mid March to end of November) pick – up will be weekly.