

## What is a Caritas Box?

Caritas is a German charity organization. In cooperation with the Environmental Division, Caritas Boxes are provided to collect:

- **Ink cartridges**  
(for ink, used in inkjet printers)
- **Toner cartridges**  
(for fine colored powder called toner, used in copy & fax machines or laser jet printers)
- **Cell phones**  
(cordless or mobile phones)

Collected items will be handed over to a certified company for recycling in an environmentally friendly manner. **A portion of the profit is handed over to Caritas to fund charitable projects for people in need.**



## Cell Phones

Did you just get a new cell phone? Are you wondering what to do with the old one? Rather than adding it to your growing collection of unwanted mobile phones, recycle it in a Caritas Box!



- After testing, functioning mobile phones are given away for reuse (charity).
- Functional parts will be used to repair other phones to save raw material and energy.
- Any toxic materials, such as arsenic, lead or mercury, are disposed of properly to protect the environment. (Disposal with regular trash to landfill or waste incineration would mean that these toxic materials would end up in our groundwater or atmosphere.)
- Valuable raw materials are reused in new handsets in order to preserve rare and expensive resources. Did you know that 50,000 cell phones contain one kilogram of gold?

**Remember to remove the SIM card!**

## Printer & Copier Cartridges

Where do your empty cartridges go? In Germany more than 100 million printer cartridges are sold per year! And most of these end up in the trash after use.

**Better:** Recycling in a Caritas Box, because most cartridges are high-tech products and much more valuable than their content.



- All cartridges are separated by type, cleaned and tested for damage. Intact cartridges can easily be refilled.
- If used only once, cartridges become hazardous waste, dangerous for humans and the environment and very expensive to dispose.
- Therewith the garrison avoids expensive disposal costs and we help conserve the Environment

**Please wrap the empty cartridges in the packaging (plastic/carton) of the replacement cartridge.**

## Location of Caritas Boxes

Ink cartridges, toner cartridges and cell phones can be brought to all

**Recycling Centers**  
at USAG Schweinfurt:

- **Conn Barracks, Hawk Site**  
Mon - Thu 0730 - 1600  
Fri 0730 - 1430  
Closed on German Holidays
- **Askren Manor, Bldg. 560**  
Mon - Thu 1030 - 1430 / 1500 - 1900  
Fri 1030 - 1730  
Sat 0830 - 1200 / 1230 - 1600  
Closed on German Holidays
- **Ledward Barracks, Bldg. 235**  
Mon - Thu 0730 - 1200 / 1230 - 1600  
Fri 0730 - 1430  
Closed on German Holidays

**Hazardous Waste Storage Area**  
Conn Barracks, #147

Tuesdays 0900 - 1500 or by appointment  
Closed on American & German Holidays

## Contact

Contact:

**DPW Environmental Division**

DSN 354-6795

**DPW O&M Division, Utilities Branch**

DSN 354-6201, or

DPW SORT Coordinator (0162-270-9403)



**In bringing your old mobile phone or empty cartridges to a Caritas Box you are doing something great for the environment and for your community!**

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## Recycling of Ink Cartridges and Cell Phones



## Information on the Caritas Box

