

Welcome to the Community of Portobuffole' (this community includes Fae', Mansue', Ronche di Portobuffole' and Settimo)

This content is specific to your community. As you meet and talk with other Airmen at work you might discover subtle differences in waste collection that may not be how disposal is done in your community. This is the information that you should follow...contact our Community Recycling Liaison (DSN 632-2511 or commercial 0434-30-2511) when you encounter issues or problems. If a certain type of waste is not found in your community's pamphlet, refer to the [Waste Segregation](#) link for more detailed information.

NOTE: Many families' use or purchase containers to be used at their residence for "pre-separation" of waste collected throughout a week or two week period. These are placed in a closet, in the garage, or outside in a location not visible from the street. These "personal" containers help in keeping your waste separated so that when it's time to dispose of your waste it's ready to be placed in the appropriate collection container. The collection location could be at the residence curbside, a public street container, or the Ecological Platform (EP) also referred to as Waste Collection Center.

The calendar contains a wide variety of information and if you want to learn more, but don't read Italian, simply cut and paste what you want to learn into Google Translate. However, it's been found there are 2 main items of interest...how and when is waste collected in my community? From year to year the format of your calendar could or will change, but the content below will apply to your community regardless of the calendar format.

The table below provides a quick reference to the first main item of interest...how is my waste collected? There is more detailed information about these waste types further into this document (waste not listed below must be taken to the EP)

WASTE TYPE	METHOD OF COLLECTION
Non-recyclable dry waste (Secco residuo indifferenziato)	Door to door pickup in grey container
Plastic packaging and cans (Imballaggi in plastica e lattine)	Door to door pickup in blue bags
Paper and cardboard (Carta e Cartone)	Door to door pickup in yellow container
Glass (Vetro)	Door to door pickup in green or blue container
Organic waste/wet waste (Umido organico)	Door to door pickup in brown or green container
Garden waste (Verde e Ramaglie)	Must be taken to the EP
Hazardous waste (Rifiuti Pericolosi)	Must be taken to the EP
Batteries and Medicines (Pile e Farmaci)	Must be taken to the appropriate street containers or EP
Used clothes (Vestiti Usati)	Must be taken to the appropriate street containers or EP
Used Cooking Oil (Olio da Cucina Usato)	Must be taken to the appropriate street containers or EP

For door-to-door collection the container/bag needs to be placed in a visible location on the street in front of your residence after 2000 hours the night before the day of collection (disposal). If you live on a dead end street/road you might be required to take your container/bag to the main road.

Setting up your collection service: the pamphlet addresses documentation required for the activation, termination, and/or a change of user. You'll need your ID card, Codice Fiscale, copy of rental contract, and some things you will not have (previous tenant info, utility contracts, map of house, copy of cadastral, etc.) We recommend you contact your landlord or our Community Liaison for assistance. There are notes that any activation, termination, and/or a change must be communicated to the municipality 60 days prior (again, work with your landlord or our liaison). Also, it states that trash containers, when returned, must be thoroughly cleaned and wasted. Returning dirty containers will result in a fine from €25,00 to €50,00. We recommend that if you have any questions please contact our Community Liaison.

Now let's address the second main item of interest...when is my waste collected? Before discussing the use of the calendar, here are month and day translations:

January	Gennaio	July	Luglio	Monday	Lunedì
February	Febbraio	August	Agosto	Tuesday	Martedì
March	Marzo	September	Settembre	Wednesday	Mercoledì
April	Aprile	October	Ottobre	Thursday	Giovedì
May	Maggio	November	Novembre	Friday	Venerdì
June	Giugno	December	Dicembre	Saturday	Sabato
				Sunday	Domenica

The waste for this community and its' suburbs are collected all at the same time (there are no zones like other communities). The table below is a quick reference for when your waste is collected:

WASTE TYPE	COLLECTION	Frequency
Non-recyclable dry waste (Secco residuo indifferenziato)	Wednesday (Mercoledì)	Weekly
Plastic packaging and cans (Imballaggi in plastica e lattine)	Thursday (Giovedì)	Alternating with Paper
Paper and cardboard (Carta e Cartone)	Thursday (Giovedì)	Alternating with Paper
Organic waste/wet waste (Umido organico)	Tuesday and Friday	Twice per week
Glass (only the 1 st Wednesday of the month) (Vetro)	Wednesday (Mercoledì)	Monthly

So following the calendar is straightforward...you follow the day or the date of the month. If the calendar says **Umido** on a Venerdì then you place your **Organic/wet waste** container at the curb no earlier than 2000 hours on Thursday night. If the calendar says **Secco** on a Mercoledì then you place your **non-recyclable dry waste** container at the curb no earlier than 2000 hours on Tuesday night. **This same methodology is used for the other 3 door-to-door waste collection types.** You continue in this manner throughout the year.

Secco residuo indifferenziato (non-recyclable dry waste): this container is used for anything that does not fall into any other category. Waste disposed of in this container **MUST** be inside a closed bag. Any additional waste left at the curb outside of the container will **NOT** be collected. For any large amount of this type of collected waste you have to take it to the EP or use a pickup service that comes with a cost (contact our Community Liaison for assistance). Items allowed include; incandescent bulbs, absorbents, nylons, carbon paper, oily paper, audio and video cassettes, compact and floppy disks, pottery and clay shards; plastic cutlery, powders, vacuum cleaner bags, etc. Items **NOT** allowed include; recyclables (glass, aluminum, paper and plastic), household toxic waste, bulky items, Tetrapak containers (milk, juice, wine, cream), organic waste (Umido), etc. For a more complete listing of what can or cannot be disposed of in this container refer to the [Waste Segregation](#) link in the webpage.

Imballaggi in plastica e lattine (plastic packaging and cans): **blue bags are provided by the community or SAVNO (contact the Community Liaison for assistance).** These bags are provided annually at no cost. If you use all your bags before the end of the year you can purchase them at a grocery store (e.g. COOP, Eurospin, etc.). If you use any other type of bag the waste will not be collected. This bag is used for plastic cases, bags, bottles, disposable plates and cups as well as cans (aluminum and tin). You can dispose of more than one bag during any single collection. You need to breakdown plastic packaging and cans to reduce the volume so that more can fit in the bag. NOTE: while bottle caps are considered part of this waste type, there is an option that you can use that helps with cancer research and treatment. Please see the "PLASTIC BOTTLE CAP RECYCLING" section in the [Waste Segregation](#) link for more info. You may **NOT** dispose of any plastic refuse if it contains liquids or residues from the kitchen and other biodegradable waste. In other words, any plastics or cans disposed of must be completely empty and clean.

Carta e Cartone (paper and cardboard): this container is used for paper, cardboard, cartons, etc...for more detailed information about "etc." go to the [Waste Segregation](#) link. You are allowed to dispose of additional waste next to the container... this means that if you have more than the container can hold you can place the excess next to the container. However, this does not mean you have an unlimited amount that you can place here. You need to breakdown boxes and cartons so that they can fit in the container, in paper bags next to the container or bundled in a pile (If you have a large amount of cardboard to get rid of it is recommended you take that to the EP). You **CANNOT** dispose of sandpaper,

plastic paper, paper joined with aluminum, very dirty or oily paper, carbon paper, or plastic bags (again, refer to the [Waste Segregation](#) link for more info about these types of waste). Cartons cannot contain liquids or residues from the kitchen and other biodegradable waste. DO NOT put this waste in a plastic bag in the container to hold your discarded paper and cardboard. This inappropriately mixes the waste types so simply put your paper/cardboard directly into the container.

Vetro (glass): this container is used for glass products that fit into the container as well as broken glass. Items that CANNOT be disposed of in this container: bottles or/and jars with food or liquid residue, mirrors, crystal or pottery, plastic bags, light bulbs, and lamps (again, refer to the [Waste Segregation](#) link for more info about these types of waste). Waste disposed of in this container MUST be loose in the container DO NOT put this waste in a plastic bag in the container to hold your glass. This inappropriately mixes the waste types so simply put your glass directly into the container. You may NOT dispose of any glass refuse if it contains liquids or residues from the kitchen and other biodegradable waste. In other words, any bottle or jar disposed of must be completely empty and clean.

Umido organico (organic waste/wet waste): this container is used for leftover or spoiled food and food waste as well as any biodegradable waste such as small quantities of flowers and leaves (again, refer to the [Waste Segregation](#) link for more info about these types of waste). This type of waste MUST be put inside a biodegradable bag (you cannot use a regular plastic bag) before placing in the container...these bags are provided by the community, SAVNO (contact the Community Liaison for assistance) or can be purchased at a supermarket. Before disposing this type of waste into the biodegradable bag you need to remove all packaging holding the organic/wet waste and properly dispose of the packaging in the appropriate container.

Verde e Ramaglie (garden waste): grass, cut flowers, leaves, twigs, etc. must be taken to the EP. For any large amount of this type of collected waste you can use a pickup service that comes with a cost (contact our Community Liaison for assistance). When you take bags/boxes of this type to the EP you will have to dump out the garden waste where directed and then you can put the boxes or bags in their proper location (disposed separately). You cannot dispose of stones and/or soil at the EP.

Hazardous waste (Rifiuti Pericolosi): toxic/corrosive/flammable/hazardous/harmful products and/or containers labeled T (skull) and/or F (flame). All of this waste type (refer to the [Waste Segregation](#) link for more info) MUST be taken to the EP. Common sense should prevail with this waste; as an example, a bottle of bleach (XI symbol) can be thoroughly cleaned and then disposed of with plastic. However, a can of paint thinner or spray paint (might have a flame or skull symbol), either full or empty, should be taken to the EP...when in doubt take it to the EP.

Batteries and Medicines (Pile e Farmaci): this waste is disposed of in appropriate street containers placed inside or outside electrical/electronic shops and pharmacies. You will want to ask your landlord for the closest locations of these containers from your residence. This container is used for exactly what it states, however, before discarding of any battery or medicine you need to remove the packaging and discard that in the appropriate, separate container (e.g. plastic medicine bottles are discarded as plastic; refer to the [Waste Segregation](#) link for more info). Do not dispose of syringes in the medicine container or any medical spray cans labeled T and/or F.

Olio da Cucina Usato (used cooking oil): you must use the public street container or take it to the EP. You will want to ask your landlord for the closest locations of these containers from your residence. This container is used for exactly what it states, you will pour the oil into the street container and then discard the cleaned out jug/bottle in the appropriate, separate container (refer to the [Waste Segregation](#) link for more info).

Indumenti Usati (used clothing): you must use the public street container, you will want to ask your landlord for the closest location from your residence. This container is used for exactly what it states, however, before discarding of any clothes you need to remove anything that is not clothing (hangars, packaging, etc.) and discard that in the appropriate, separate container (refer to the [Waste Segregation](#) link for more info).

NOTE: leaving waste outside of a street container is a violation of the rules and laws governing the recycling program. This is where personnel have been caught...go back and click on the [Violating the Law](#) button for more information about what happens when you are caught improperly disposing your waste. Also, burning your waste is a violation of the law.

RAEE: this waste type includes household appliances (electric and electronic) that must be taken to the EP. Refer to the [Waste Segregation](#) link for more info.

The pamphlet contains information about the Ecological Platform (EP) also referred to as Waste Collection Center. The waste collection center is a place dedicated to dispose of waste that cannot be picked up by the "door-to-door" service or waste that cannot be disposed of in the public street containers. It informs you that personnel that work at the EP can check your ID before granting access to the area. The ID might be the first page of your lease to show residency or a magnetic card provided by your LL for access. You also need to make sure all the waste is sorted before bringing it to this center. There is a listing of the types of things you can bring to the EP, but a more extensive list can be found at the [Waste Segregation](#) link. However, be advised that the types of wastes allowed can change without notice based on changes to the law. It also provides the days and times of operation for the EP. This excludes any Italian holiday. The pamphlet suggests that before you take your waste to the EP you should check the SAVNO web site

(www.savnoservizi.it), because the waste that you can bring in may be different in one town or another. You can take a maximum quantity of waste (per trip) which you can find in the table

If you reside in an apartment/condo type complex these same rules apply and most likely there will be a centrally located waste area with public type containers. You need to comply with the rules of this calendar and any rules that might be imposed by the landlord of the complex.

For bulk waste (Ingombranti) pickup service the cost can range from €80,00 to € 180,00 with a cash payment required to be paid on the pickup day. Generally you need to provide notice 3 weeks in advance of your requested pick up date. You can avoid the cost by delivering directly to the Ecological Platform, but if that is not practical contact our Community Recycling Liaison to work out the details through email.