

Welcome to Italy!!!

In an effort to enable and assist U.S. members in complying with the above-stated requirements, Aviano AB has established a Community Recycling Liaison (DSN 632-2511 or commercial 0434-30-2511). This position is dedicated to acquiring, translating and providing quality, timely information from local communities to U.S. members and to help them successfully navigate the specific requirements of each community throughout their stay in Italy.

So let's briefly discuss the legal aspects of recycling with stationed at Aviano AB. This is not like most of the United States where recycling is simply encouraged. Recycling is the law in Italy (and Europe for that matter) so it's not only required it's mandated and not complying may result in fines from a minimum of €50,00 to a maximum of €750,00. Remember, you now live in a country the size of Indiana so setting aside vast tracts of land for landfills is not a practical or environmentally sound solution. Participation in the off-installation recycling programs is covered in Environmental Italian Law D.Lgs. 152/2006 and Aviano AB Instruction 90-502, *Aviano Air Base Community Standards*, paragraph 26.4;

“Trash and Recycling in the Community. In Italy, recycling is required by law and not complying may result in fines. At home, separate trash in accordance with community rules. Each community in the region has different recycling requirements and each town has specific guidelines for recycling. Trash bins designed for glass, cans, plastics, paper, cardboard, wet waste and mixed dry waste are placed either throughout each community or you are given individual containers to separate the wastes.”

Yes, the police are involved! If you have door to door collection and do not sort waste properly the operator leaves a notice of non-conforming waste and invites the user to correct the violation. If it happens a second time the operator will inform the recycling office and the problem will be referred to the local authorities. If you live in an apartment complex and improperly dispose of waste next to the dumpster; the problem will be referred to the local authorities. If you leave bulk waste (furniture, mattresses, etc.) at the curb or next to a dumpster the problem will be referred to the local police. 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...read below how the process informs your Squadron Commander.

When waste is abandoned along the roads the local police will investigate. If verified, a violation notice will be sent to the recycling office and the offender will be required to explain the situation to the Local Police Command. If found guilty the offender will be fined. Dumping waste from one community to another is illegal; so follow the rules laid out by your community to avoid any potential fines for non-compliance. Also, burning your waste is a violation of the law.

In all cases, a violation notice will be sent to the Community Recycling Liaison and the violator(s) Commander will be provided a package outlining the alleged offense. It is up to that Squadron's leadership to ensure the notification report is given to the violator to resolve.

When a violation notice is received by the Community Recycling Liaison an email package is put together that includes the violation notice (in Italian), pictures of the incident site and a Notification Report (see below). The report contains the information needed for action: names, date and time to appear, and a brief description of the issue. It also requires that the violator(s) provide translation services when making the appearance to the Local Police Command. **This package is then sent to the offender's Squadron Commander for action.**

-----EXAMPLE OF NOTIFICATION REPORT-----

MUNICIPAL RULES/DISPOSITION IN REFERENCE TO ASSESSMENT VIOLATION NOTIFICATION REPORT

The following violation has been brought to the attention of the Aviano AB Recycling Liaison:

Date (notification received)	
Violator(s)	
Violators Address	
Notification Official	
Community firm that manages the refuse separation collection for the Community	
Attention to cc to	[Squadron CC] [Name of Violator]
Contact information/ clarification of this notification	
Date and time to appear before the Local Police Command	

A translator could (and most likely will) be requested by the Local Police in order to assist the violator(s) during the draft report at the Local Police Command. Providing a translator is at the discretion of Squadron Leadership to assign or provide one to the violator (our recycling liaison does not provide this service)

IT WAS FOUND THAT THE OFFENDER:

[NAME]

and a resident of **[COMMUNITY]**, **[ADDRESS]**

was found to be jointly and severally liable by

[NAME], OFFICER IN FORCE AT **[NAME]** LOCAL POLICE COMMAND

OFFENDER:

Violations have been made against the [commune] municipal disposition and the regulations for refuse separation collection in reference to the ordinance nr 19 dated 03.07.2009 or old article 650 of the criminal code, and it has been ascertained that on **[date]** at **[address]**, non-conforming and non-sorted waste was placed next to the public street dumpsters. The assessment and monitoring has been performed by the staff of the auxiliary environmental local police. The offender declares to assume the responsibility of the non-conforming waste disposal or non-sorted waste.

NOTIFICATION:

Notification will be sent from the Local Command Police through the CE-Community Recycling Office in order to contact the offender and to notify him/her to appear in front of the Local Police Commander (acting as Judicial Police Officer). The violator will appear on the date and time scheduled on the notification in order to clarify his/her position during the draft report (this is not a court). Please understand that not complying with this invitation, without justification, Local City Police Command will proceed to report it to the Judicial Authority in accordance with Article 650 of the Criminal Code.

Notification will be sent from CE thru the Chain of Command

METHOD OF PAYMENT

Payment may be made at any FRIULADRIA BANK, at the MUNICIPLA TREASURY (on the spot) or at the POST OFFICE. If the offender will not pay the conciliation report (fines) within the 60 days established by Law, the same report will be transmitted by the Local Command to the Mayor of **[name]** Community for the application of the sanctions and to ascertain why the administrative violation fine has not been paid, then, the Mayor may assess additional charges.

HOW TO PROCEED FOR A LEGAL ACTION AGAINST THE LOCAL MUNICIPAL POLICE:

Within 60 days of the notification, the parties concerned may forward their complaints and/or paper documentations to the Mayor of the Municipality concerned thru the Local Police Command, and they may ask to be heard by the Mayor.

-----**END EXAMPLE OF NOTIFICATION REPORT**-----

Bringing waste from off-base to on-base dumpsters is also illegal since the installation was not the “generator” of the waste and is not an authorized intermediary.

If you live on base and improperly segregate waste or leave large bulk waste next to the dumpster the base refuse contractor will do one of 2 things: either the dumpster is left without clearing the contents and the contracting officer is notified or he puts a claim against the contract for more funds to sort the waste properly. In either case this costs the Air Force money simply because some personnel are not following the rules. **DO YOUR PART AND FOLLOW THE RULES!**