

Disposal and Recycling Notice

Return and disposal of luminaires, lamps, batteries and packaging in Austria

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1. Purpose and scope

This notice informs commercial and industrial customers as well as private consumers about the correct return and disposal of our products – luminaires, lamps, control gear and accessories – and of their packaging in Austria.

It also serves to fulfil our information obligations as a producer and own-account importer under the Austrian WEEE Ordinance (Elektroaltgeräteverordnung, EAG-VO), the Austrian Batteries Ordinance (Batterienverordnung) and the Austrian Waste Management Act 2002 (Abfallwirtschaftsgesetz, AWG 2002).

We place electrical and electronic equipment on the Austrian market both from our own production and through import. In both cases we qualify as a producer within the meaning of section 13a AWG 2002.

This document is a translation for information purposes. In case of doubt, the German-language version and the applicable Austrian legislation prevail.

2. Our compliance scheme memberships at a glance

Waste stream	Collection and recovery scheme	Our number
Packaging (household and commercial)	ARA – Altstoff Recycling Austria AG	Licence no.: 20730
Electrical and electronic equipment (household and commercial)	ERA – Elektro Recycling Austria GmbH	Compliance no.: 51949
Batteries and accumulators	ERA – Elektro Recycling Austria GmbH	Compliance no.: 51949

Registration in the Austrian producer register (EDM, Federal Ministry BMLUK): **GLN / registration number: GLN 9110022344769**

All electrical and electronic equipment that we place on the market is covered by our ERA membership – household equipment as well as equipment intended for commercial use. No additional disposal or licensing costs arise for our customers as a result.

3. Packaging – compliance via ARA

All packaging that we place on the Austrian market (outer cartons, folding boxes, cushioning material, films, strapping, pallets and similar items) is licensed with ARA – Altstoff Recycling Austria AG. The associated collection and recovery obligations are therefore discharged.

3.1 For commercial customers

Transport and commercial packaging must be sent for material recovery. You may return it via your regional waste management partner, via a collection system for commercial packaging or – by prior arrangement – together with a delivery to our premises.

Please note: as the final user of commercial packaging, you are subject to your own recovery obligation under AWG 2002. Our ARA licensing does not release you from the duty to collect and recover packaging properly within your own operations.

3.2 For private households

Please separate the packaging and return it via your municipal collection system:

- **Cardboard, paper inserts, leaflets:** waste paper collection
- **Plastic films, foam and EPS cushioning, moulded plastic parts:** lightweight packaging collection (yellow bin or yellow bag, depending on the municipality)
- **Metal parts, strapping, staples:** metal packaging collection
- **Glass components from packaging:** waste glass collection

The applicable separation rules are those of your municipality.

3.3 Sorting labels on the packaging

Our packaging is progressively being marked with the harmonised labelling and sorting information required by the EU Packaging and Packaging Waste Regulation (PPWR, Regulation (EU) 2025/40). The label on the individual packaging is always decisive for correct sorting.

4. Waste electrical equipment – compliance via ERA

Luminaires, lamps and electrical control gear are electrical and electronic equipment within the meaning of the EAG-VO. They must not be disposed of with residual waste.

As a producer, we participate in the authorised collection and recovery scheme operated by ERA – Elektro Recycling Austria GmbH. The transferable obligations relating to collection, take-back and treatment are thereby discharged.

4.1 The crossed-out wheeled bin symbol



Our equipment is marked with the symbol of a crossed-out wheeled bin (ÖNORM EN 50419). It means: collect separately, do not place in household waste. The equipment additionally carries our producer identification mark.

4.2 Equipment categories of our products

Under Annex 1 of the EAG-VO, our products typically fall into:

- **Category 3 – Lamps:** LED lamps, LED modules, fluorescent and discharge lamps
- **Category 4 – Large equipment:** luminaires with any external dimension exceeding 50 cm, such as continuous-row systems, batten luminaires and post-top luminaires
- **Category 5 – Small equipment:** luminaires whose external dimensions are all below 50 cm, such as downlights, recessed spotlights, table and wall luminaires

4.3 Return for commercial and industrial customers

Waste equipment from commercial use is generally not accepted at municipal recycling centres, which are reserved for household equipment. Because we have also registered our commercial equipment with ERA, return is nevertheless available to you:

1. Contact ERA directly, quoting our ERA compliance number (Entpflichtungsnummer) **51949** office@era-gmbh.at or www.era-gmbh.at
2. Alternatively, contact us at **info@lichtwerfer.com** and we will arrange collection or delivery with you.

Please have the equipment type, approximate quantity or weight and the collection address available. Larger quantities, for example from lighting refurbishment projects, should be announced in advance.

Different cost arrangements apply to equipment placed on the market before 13 August 2005 ("historical waste equipment"). We will clarify these with you on a case-by-case basis.

4.4 Return for private households – free of charge

Consumers have the following free return options:

1. **Municipal collection points** – recycling centres and hazardous waste collection points. Around 2,100 collection points are available across Austria.
2. **ERA collection points** – locations can be found at www.era-gmbh.at
3. **Return to the retailer** – when purchasing a new device of equivalent function and type, the retailer takes back the old device ("one-for-one take-back"), provided the shop has a sales floor area of more than 150 m².

4.5 Specific requirements for lamps

- **Please remove lamps from the luminaire** and return them separately – lamps form a collection category of their own.
- **Transport without breakage.** Fluorescent and discharge lamps contain small amounts of mercury. They belong neither in residual waste nor in waste glass collection.
- **If a lamp breaks:** ventilate the room, do not use a vacuum cleaner to pick up the fragments, and wear gloves.

5. Batteries and accumulators

Where one of our products contains batteries or accumulators – for example rechargeable table and portable luminaires – the following additional requirements apply. Please refer to the product marking or the operating instructions to determine whether your product is affected.

- **Remove before disposal** where this is possible without destroying the product, and return separately.
- **Portable batteries** can be returned free of charge wherever batteries are sold – including without purchasing a new one.
- **Industrial batteries** from commercial applications are taken back by ERA upon quotation of our compliance number.
- **Lithium-based batteries:** tape over the terminals before handover. Do not transport damaged, swollen or overheated batteries; contact the collection point in advance instead.
- **Marking:** batteries also carry the crossed-out wheeled bin symbol, in some cases together with chemical symbols (Hg, Cd, Pb).

If the battery is permanently installed and cannot be removed without destroying the product, please return the device in full as waste electrical equipment.

6. Why separate collection matters

Luminaires and lamps contain valuable secondary raw materials – aluminium, copper, steel, glass, rare earth elements and plastics – which proper recycling keeps in circulation. At the same time, substances of environmental concern such as mercury, lead and flame retardants are removed from the material stream under controlled conditions. Separate collection is therefore not a formality but the decisive step towards conserving resources.

7. Your point of contact



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8. Legal basis

- Austrian Waste Management Act 2002 (Abfallwirtschaftsgesetz, AWG 2002), in particular sections 13a et seq.
- Austrian WEEE Ordinance (Elektroaltgeräteverordnung, EAG-VO), Federal Law Gazette II No. 121/2005, as amended
- Austrian Batteries Ordinance (Batterienverordnung), Federal Law Gazette II No. 159/2008, as amended, and Regulation (EU) 2023/1542
- Austrian Packaging Ordinance 2014 (Verpackungsverordnung 2014), Federal Law Gazette II No. 184/2014, as amended
- Regulation (EU) 2025/40 on packaging and packaging waste (PPWR)
- Directive 2012/19/EU on waste electrical and electronic equipment (WEEE)
- ÖNORM EN 50419 – Marking of electrical and electronic equipment

This disposal notice has been prepared to the best of our knowledge and reflects the legal position as at [date]. The legislation in force from time to time and the municipal collection rules applicable at the place of return are decisive. Subject to change.