

Dear guest!

As an environmentally oriented organisation, we take the responsibility for our environment very seriously and strive to achieve improvements in all areas to protect the beautiful and healthy landscape for our future generations. It is important to us to encourage our guests to participate in the set of environmental measures and make available the importance of environmental protection. Our actions are therefore directed to the aims and objectives of the Environmental Charter of the International Youth Hostel Federation (IYHF) to protect the environment and to continuously improve our measures.

The following activities and areas are particularly important to us:

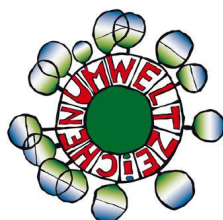
- **Dealing with energy and water** - we try to consume as little energy and water as possible and to use renewable energy sources where possible.
- **Dealing with garbage / recycling** - The separation of waste into paper, plastic and metal cans, and the use of deposit and recycling bottles helps to show young people and other guests in a visual way the careful use of the resources of our planet.
- **Transport** - We provide comprehensive information about public transportation. Guests arriving by car are encouraged to explore the area by using public transport, bicycle or on foot.

In order to communicate our environmental performance even more, we strive to meet the requirements of the **Austrian eco-label for tourist accommodation**.

With the criterias of the Austrian eco-label for tourist accommodation, the main environmental impact of the three phases in the life cycle of services (purchasing, provision and disposal) should be kept to a minimum. They are particularly aimed at:

- **Limiting energy consumption**
- **Limiting water consumption**
- **Reduced waste production**
- **favour the use of renewable energy sources and of substances which are less environmentally harmful**
- **Promotion of environmental communication and environmental education.**

For information on how you can support us in achieving our environmental efforts, please find below / on the back.



We ask you to note that the **Brigittenau Youth Palace** is a **low-energy building**, with an **active ventilation system** and therefore **the windows shouldn't be opened**.

In the Brigittenau youth hostel we ask that you keep the windows closed as much as possible when the heating is turned on in order **to avoid an unnecessary waste of valuable energy**.



... and **turn off the lights** when you leave the room.



Help us **to save water** by telling us if you discover a dripping water tap or a leaky toilet.



Please also consider **yourself in water consumption** (eg turn off the water when brushing your teeth and shaving; press the short toilet flush, etc.)



Linen / towels are not changed during your stay with us. If you would like another set, you can get it for €3.00 at our reception.

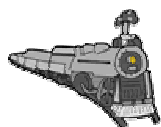


In order to recycle a large portion of the waste, we **ask if you could dispose** of your waste separated. **Collection stations** for plastics (PET-bottles!), cans, paper and other rubbish you can find in the **following areas: in front of the exit / in front of the restaurant / in front of the conference area** in the old part of the building/ in the **staircase on 4th floor** in the old building. Please **do not throw waste or sanitary products down the toilet**, but use the designated waste container.



Our entire building is a **NON-SMOKING AREA!** - Smoking is only allowed outside (in the garden or in front of the building)!

At the reception we provide the following information for you:



- **Our environmental policy.**
- **Schedules of public transport in Vienna** – We recommend the use of public transport for environmentally friendly vacation planning and will be happy to advise regarding your planned destinations.



To help with leaving the car at home, we can recommend **the City-Bike-station** at Friedrich-Engels-Platz. Here you can **rent bicycles** at special discounted rates ... more details are at the reception.

We would greatly appreciate any other suggestions and ideas you may have!