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Finding Accommodation in Marburg

for international students

INTERNATIONAL OFFICE

FOREWORD

We hope that the information in this brochure will help you in your search for a place to live in Marburg. Please feel free to contact us any time if any information is unclear or if you have questions. We will be glad to assist you.

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GENERAL INFORMATION



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Time and duration of your search

Marburg is a city with a high percentage of students in its population. This gives Marburg a very special atmosphere, something cherished by many. But it also means that many students – especially at the beginning of a semester – are simultaneously in search of a room. Many rooms and apartments are likewise vacated at the end of each semester because numerous students graduate, continue their studies in another city, or move away to complete an internship. So the best time to search for a place to live in Marburg is at the end of a semester. As the new semester approaches, the search becomes increasingly difficult. It is thus important to start early and allow yourself time for the search because it can easily last weeks until you find what you are looking for.

For many options (for example, in a dormitory) you have to apply very early. Information on various application deadlines can be found in the respective chapters of this brochure.

Personal ideas about accommodation

There are very many students seeking a place to live at the start of the semester in Marburg. Of course, most of them want low rent, a big room, and an apartment close to the university or in the middle of town. You, too, probably have an idea of how your new home should look. For particularly attractive rooms and apartments (for example, large, inexpensive rooms in the center of town) there are likewise lots of people interested. While you should not accept an offer that does not appeal at all to you, you should go into the search knowing that no room will fulfill all your wishes – so be prepared to make compromises.

In the event that you don't like your accommodation and you would like to move, we recommend waiting a few weeks until later in the semester. While there are fewer options during the semester, there are also fewer students searching for an apartment during the semester – so your chances are often very good.

Marburg – geographically speaking

Marburg is a relatively small city with many different districts, with a total population of around 75,000. As a student you automatically receive a Semesterticket, with which you can use the entire bus and train network throughout the state of Hesse. This ticket is also valid for the buses in Marburg, which run very frequently. It is thus not necessary to live close to the university or in the center of the city because you can travel from almost any part of town to another in less than 30 minutes.

The University of Marburg is not a campus university. That means that the institutes and lecture halls are spread throughout Marburg, so your classes will not necessarily take place in the city center. For some majors (e.g. chemistry and medicine) it can therefore even be advantageous to not live in the center.

Costs

Monthly rent in Germany falls under two

categories: a so-called *cold rent* and a *warm rent*. Cold rent entails only the bare rental price of a “cold” apartment, i.e. rent without the cost of utilities. Warm rent is the cold rent plus utilities (expenses for water, electricity, heating, garbage disposal, etc.). Utilities in private apartments are normally estimated. In the event that you use less than the estimated amount, you will be reimbursed the difference at the end of the subsequent year. Should you use more than the estimated amount, you will have to pay the remaining difference. This is referred to as a *back payment* (*Nachzahlung* in German). In addition to cold and warm rent there are often additional fees for telephone, internet, and television expenses.

When you enter a rental agreement you will normally have to pay a deposit in the amount of one to three months of cold rent. The deposit will be returned to you when you move out, provided that the apartment is left in good condition and you always paid your rent. The security deposit exists to protect the landlord.

fraud warning

You may possibly encounter fraudulent advertisements during your search for living quarters. We therefore strongly discourage you from sending a potential landlord any person information (for example, a copy of your passport) before having seen an apartment. You should also not transfer any money before a rental agreement has been finalized.

LIVING ARRANGEMENTS



DORMITORIES

Student housing office dormitories [↗](#)

The student housing office of the University (*Studentenwerk*) offers living space in dormitories at affordable prices (around 200-250 € per room per month). Types of living space available range from single rooms to a room in a shared suite or larger apartments. Most rooms are in shared living space arrangements where the kitchen, bathroom and other common areas are shared among the students. The housing office also offers special apartments for families and persons with disabilities. All rooms are furnished.

The option of living in a dormitory is widely known and popular among students, so there are very many students who apply for a room through the housing office. For this reason it is very important that you apply as soon as possible. It can nevertheless happen that the housing office is not able to offer you a room for the first one or two semesters.

When the housing office has a room become available for you, they will contact you two to three weeks prior to the date when you could move in and send you a

rental agreement and information about the room. If you agree to the terms of the contract, return the signed contract to the housing office.

If you do not get a room for the date you were hoping to move in, you will automatically be placed on a waiting list. You'll remain on the list for three months starting with the original date you were hoping to move in. Should you still not have received an offer by the end of this three-month period and you are still interested in living in a dormitory, then you should contact the housing office [↗](#) in advance and let them know that you are still interested and that you would like to remain on the waiting list.

Service package provided by the student housing office

The housing office has developed a special *service package for international students* [↗](#). You pay the full amount one time and receive in return the following services:

Warm rent

After transferring full payment, you have a guaranteed dormitory room for six months. For this time period your rent is already paid. After the six months period has passed you may be able to keep the room if you indicate this wish in advance.

Crediting your U-Card

The U-Card is a money card with which you can pay for things at various locations in Marburg. You can use it to eat in the cafeteria, to pay at the coffee machine, or for printing or copying documents in the library or other university buildings. The U-Card also functions as your library ID for checking out books. The service package includes a U-Card with a 250€ balance.

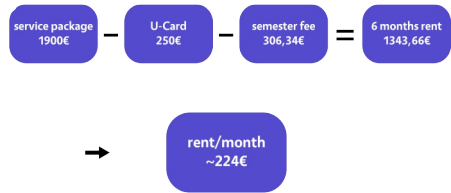
Semester fee

All students are required to pay this fee at the beginning of the semester. It is, however, not a tuition fee! The semester fee is a flat fee for services provided by the student union, a contribution for the representation of student interests (the so-called *Allgemeinen Studierendenausschuss AS-tA*), an administrative fee from the university and the cost of the Semesterticket for usage of the public transportation system throughout all of Hesse.

Along with the costs for the service package comes a deposit, which will be reimbursed to you at the end of your rental period (see costs section).

With these additional services included in the service package, the resulting actual

monthly rent is relatively inexpensive. As an example, the monthly rent for the winter semester 2015-16 came out to:



So the service package is a good choice for all students who would like to live in a dormitory and can pay the full amount due at once. Application deadlines are 31 July for the winter semester and 31 January for the summer semester.

Private dormitories

In addition to the student housing office dormitories in Marburg there are also a number of privately operated student dormitories.

For most of these dormitories you'll likewise have to apply for a room. It can take several weeks before you find out whether or not your application was successful, so be sure to apply early. More detailed information on the application process and application deadlines are available on the individual dormitory web sites.

Collegium Philippinum [↗](#)

The Collegium Philippinum is a self-governed dormitory of the Philipps-Universität Marburg with a total of 39 places. Due to the various forms of subsidizing the warm rent here is very economical (between 98 and 162€ per month), but this dormitory also has a certain philosophy whereby helping out with various offices and duties is expected of the tenants. You'll find an exact description of life in this dormitory in the information pamphlet [↗](#).

Diakonissenmutterhaus Hebron [↗](#)

The Protestant Deaconry Marburg leases several room on the Hebronberg. Currently there is room for approximately 30 students, both in the shared suites and in single rooms. The monthly warm rent lies between 230 and 330€. The rooms are normally rented without furniture, but in

some cases you may be able to receive some furniture from them.

Vilmarhaus [↗](#)

The Protestant church in Marburg offers students from all departments and independent of their religious and cultural background a total of 112 single rooms in three buildings. Each room is 11.5m² in size and costs approximately 260€ per month including all utilities.

PRIVATE HOUSING MARKET

Most students in Germany do not live in dormitories. Rather, they find an apartment on the private housing market. There are lots of different options out there that differ in room size, number of rooms, number of roommates, price and other things.

On the private market it's very important to consider beforehand what exactly it is that you're seeking so that you don't lose track of your goal as various possibilities surface. It will be easier to find your right match if you at least know what you don't want.

If you are searching on the private housing market it is very helpful to be present in Marburg during your search so that you can look at listings directly. This helps you get a better impression of the place, and it also helps protect you from fraudulent ads (see [fraud warning](#)). You'll find tips for accommodation during your apartment search under [short term renting](#).

Unlike dormitory rooms, for example, rooms on the private market are normally rented out unfurnished. An exception is so-called *subletting* (*Zwischenmiete* in German), where someone rents their room

for a limited time (two semesters at the most) while they are completing an internship or studying abroad. Sometimes it is also possible to negotiate assuming ownership of individual pieces of furniture with the previous tenant. You'll find information for acquiring furniture inexpensively under [furniture and furnishings](#).

Living in exchange for some help

The Marburg student housing office, together with the Freiwilligenagentur Marburg, has initiated a project called *Wohnen für Hilfe* (Living in exchange for some help) [☞]. The project follows a specific principle: Students can live in a room or apartment for free or at an economical rate. In return they perform small chores in the household of the landlord, for example yard work, assistance with shopping, or visits to the doctor.

This option is especially popular with older people who need support in their daily living and who have an entire apartment or a room available. But there are also young families who sign up because they, for example, need support with child care. The university housing office helps

connect landlords and students. They use a questionnaire to help match people with similar ideas of a harmonious living together. You can enter in the questionnaire which type of support you can see yourself providing. All the details plus the range and amount of support to be provided will be discussed in an informal personal meeting before the rental contract is finalized.

If you can imagine yourself in this sort of support role, you may find this type of opportunity very lucrative because via this arrangement you would not only have an inexpensive room but also a valuable living arrangement that would provide you with insight into the life of Marburg townspeople.

Online apartment listings

In Germany many apartments and rooms are listed online by private individuals. The people behind the listing are normally either the landlord, the prior tenants, or the people still living in the apartment/room. The advantage of this format is that it enables you to take up direct contact with the landlord or flatmates.

The online ads include all types of listings, including apartments, shared apartments, guest rooms or subleasings. These pages are also continually updated, so you should check these listings frequently to increase your chances of finding something.

The shared apartments (*Wohngemeinschaften* or *WG* in German) often receive many inquiries to their listings and only select a small number of people they would like to meet personally. It is common to make an appointment (*Besichtigung* in German) after initiating contact in order to go by the apartment and meet the others with whom you would be sharing the apartment. This sort of meeting usually lasts around 15-30 minutes and helps both sides to decide if they could imagine living together. The tenants who placed the ad then select the one person among all the candidates who they feel will fit in with them the best. Normally, you will receive a response within a few days of meeting the flatmates (more on [life in shared apartments](#)).

Contact is normally initiated via telephone

or e-mail. If you write an e-mail, you should tell a little about yourself so that the flatmates can get an idea whether or not you might be a good match for them (see example below). Here it's a good idea to create a standard text, which you can then quickly adapt for various listings and send out to lots of shared apartment listings. If there is something in the listing that you are especially drawn to (for example, a common hobby), you can mention it in order to demonstrate that you would fit well into the group. You can also include your cell phone number so that you can be called back. If you are not in Germany at the time you initiate contact, you can explain that and ask if they would be interested in meeting via Skype.

Student fraternities (*Studentenverbindung* or *Burschenschaft* in German) also often post listings on these sites. Fraternities maintain a special form of living together and housemates are selected accordingly. If you are interested in one of these listings, you should gather information in advance

on what they are seeking and expecting in terms of living together. The fraternity listings are easy to identify since they either directly mention that they stem from a student fraternity or since they provide very inexpensive rooms in large apartments with many flatmates and a big common area that is usually located near the castle.

Privatzimmerbörse ↗

The Privatzimmerbörse (private room listings) is maintained by the student housing office, which maintains the web site and offers basic support to the landlords. The listings here, however, are from private individuals and not from the student housing office itself. This forum is especially popular with landlords who do not want to advertise on large web sites. Old listings are not always deleted right away. So when you are looking here, be sure to check the date and the rental timeframe mentioned in the listing.

TO: lisa@zimmer-frei.de
FROM: ana@zimmer-suchend.de
SUBJECT: Your listing on WG-Gesucht

Hello Lisa,

I loved your ad on WG-Gesucht and it sparked my interest. So I would be really interested in meeting you and the rest of the WG.

My name is Ana, I'm 20 years old and I come from Colombia. I'll be coming to Marburg for the Wintersemester to study Germanistik for a year, and I would very much like to live in a WG during my time in Marburg.

Aside from my studies I like sports, especially volleyball, and I like to watch movies. Just like you, I love cooking and of course I'd love to show you and the others in the WG some Colombian dishes.

I'd be glad to come by and see the WG.

Best regards,

Ana

WG-Gesucht (“Seeking a shared apartment”) ↗

This is the most widely known online forum for room in shared apartments or WGs. It offers many listings that are continually updated. Many students post their listings here when they want to move out of an apartment or when a room becomes vacant in a WG. On this site there are not only lots of listings, but many of them also vary widely from one another. To more quickly locate listings that are relevant to you, you can filter the listings by various criteria. WG-Gesucht is widely known, so there are many listings but also many applicants. It’s perfectly possible for a listing to be online only for a few hours because they tenants already received a high number of inquiries in a very short time. For this reason it’s important to regularly search for listings and initiate contact with lots of WGs because doing so increases your chances of being invited to view the apartment and meet the potential flatmates.

Similar web sites:

- www.studenten-wg.de ↗
- www.zwischenmiete.de ↗
- www.wgfinden.de ↗
- www.wg-cast.de ↗
- www.studenten-wohnung.de ↗

Marburger Express ↗

The *Marburger Express* is a free local newspaper with a web page for accommodation listings. The site unfortunately has no filter function even though the listings are very diverse. The

advantage of this forum is that it is widely used within Marburg. But outside of Marburg there are few people who are familiar with it so there are many listings but comparatively fewer people who apply. The listings are constantly updated so it is important to regularly check for new listings.

facebook

There are various facebook groups where apartment and room listings are posted. These listings are often also on other web sites, but sometimes they are listed exclusively here. If you use facebook, this can be a good opportunity to quickly establish contact. In these groups you also have the option to post your own search by telling a little about yourself and what you are looking for. Sometimes landlords respond to these searches who would prefer not publishing a listing themselves.

Several groups:

- [wg zimmer wohnung in marburg room flat apartment rent](#) ↗
- [Uni Marburg WG Börse](#) ↗
- [WG in Marburg gesucht!](#) ↗
- [WG Zimmer frei in Marburg](#) ↗
- [Wohnungsmarkt Marburg](#) ↗
- [WOHNUNGsmarkt Marburg - KEI-NE WG!](#) ↗
- [Wohnungen frei in Marburg](#) ↗

Property management firms

Many property owners prefer not having to tend to their real estate on their own and so they hire property management firms to complete this work for them. These firms also manage the acquisition

of a new tenant for an apartment when a tenant has terminated their lease. But often it takes a while for a listing to be published, so it can be helpful to contact the property management firms directly and inquire about vacant apartments. This way you can sometimes get an apartment very quickly before its vacancy is even published.

There are several property management firms in Marburg. Here are some examples:

- Marburger Haus- und Grundstücksverwaltung [↗](#)
- Studentenwohnheim Peter [↗](#)
- SHG Hausverwaltung mbH [↗](#)
- Hausverwaltung Konrad Stolp [↗](#)
- 1A – Top – Immobilien [↗](#)
- HVS Marburg GmbH [↗](#)
- HSB Haus- und Grundstücksverwaltung GmbH [↗](#)

GeWoBau Marburg [↗](#)

The city of Marburg itself also rents apartments that it manages through *GeWoBau*. On their web site you'll find current listings with an exact description of the rental unit. If you are interested in a listing you should not let yourself be put on the applicant list; instead, contact GeWoBau at the telephone number or e-mail listed. Though there is still a link for an application on the web site, the administration is no longer using the online application process.

Realtor portals

Apartments in Germany are sometimes brokered by *realtors* who manage the lis-

tings, organize apartment showings and finalize the lease contracts. When renting through a realtor you often have to present a series of documents that demonstrate you will be able to pay the rent in question.

The majority of listings with a realtor are full apartments, though there are also occasionally rooms in shared apartments. If you are planning to remain in Marburg for an extended period of time, living together with your family, or will be starting your own shared apartment, you can search for listings here.

The following web sites are portals where realtors publish their listings:

- www.immobilienscout24.de [↗](#)
- www.immowelt.de [↗](#)
- www.immonet.de/hessen/marburg-biedenkopf-wg.html [↗](#)
- www.immobilo.de [↗](#)
- www.meinestadt.de/marburg/immobilien [↗](#)
- www.wohngemeinschaft.de [↗](#)
- www.wohnungsboerse.net [↗](#)

SHORT TERM RENTING

There are special options for those who will only be in Marburg for a few days or weeks. The aforementioned sites normally only have listings where the person will be renting for at least one month. If you'll be coming to Marburg for an internship, a research visit or you'll only be in Marburg for a brief time for whatever reason, you'll probably be better off searching for a *Ferienwohnung* (vacation rental) or a room in a hotel or youth hostel. This option can also be suitable as a temporary solution for the time when you are searching for a long-term solution.

Often you'll be charged per overnight stay, which can be relatively expensive when added up for a month. So during semester breaks it can pay off to search the [online apartment listings](#) for a rent duration of two weeks to two months since many students sublet their rooms while they're on vacation or away completing an internship. But usually there are not that many of these listings. For brief periods while the semester is in progress, it is highly unlikely to find an apartment or room to sublet.

Shortly before the semester begins there are lots of students in Marburg who are searching for a place to live, and they stay

in a hostel, hotel or B&B. Many places are then quickly fully booked. If you plan to stay in Marburg during this time, we recommend reserving a room several weeks in advance if possible.

For very brief stays or for the time when you are searching for an apartment, you may want to think about staying a few nights with friends you might already have in Marburg. That way you would not only have a place to sleep, but you'll also come into contact with other students who may know someone else who has a room for long-term rent.

Marburg youth hostel [↗](#)

The *Marburg youth hostel* is centrally located in Marburg and has rooms with 1 – 6 beds. Costs per overnight stay are at least 22€.

Hostel Marburg One [↗](#)

Hostel Marburg One is located in direct vicinity of the Hauptbahnhof and has rooms with 4 – 6 beds. Costs per overnight stay are at least 20€.

Privatzimmerbörse [↗](#)

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basic support to the landlords. The listings here, however, are from private individuals and not from the student housing office itself. This forum is especially popular with landlords who do not want to advertise on large web sites. Old listings are not always deleted right away. So when you are looking here, be sure to check the date and the rental timeframe mentioned in the listing.

Tourist information page for the city of Marburg ↗

Here you will find many different types of listings for rooms in Marburg: Hotels, vacation rentals, private rooms, hostels, etc.

AirB'n'B ↗

AirB'n'B is an online portal for private persons who want to rent either their entire apartment or individual rooms for several days. You have to open an account in order to place an inquiry. A room listing does not automatically mean that the room is actually vacant during the period of your search. This often has to be clarified directly with the person who placed the ad.

Couchsurfing ↗

Couchsurfing is an online community where (often young) people offer a place to sleep in their apartment. These listings are normally for free since the people placing the ads are primarily interested in meeting people from other countries and showing hospitality. You have to open an account to be able to establish contact with potential hosts. You'll want to be su-

re to write up a friendly profile so that other users have a good impression of you. Establishing contact is no guarantee that you will be able to stay in the apartment because the hosts must first check to see whether or not they can host you in the time frame you've requested.

A couchsurfing stay should normally not last longer than a few days since you really are only a guest.

PRACTICAL TIPS



LIFE IN SHARED APARTMENTS

The most popular form of living among students in Germany is the shared apartment (*Wohngemeinschaft / WG* in German), where a large apartment is shared with other students and rented together. Usually the kitchen, bathroom, and living room are shared with the other flatmates and each individual has their own room. Because in many German cities there are not enough single apartments, the shared apartment is an economical and sound alternative. At the same time it's an opportunity to come into contact with other students and perhaps even to find friends.

Several people live together in a WG, each with their own wishes and ideas. So in order for the living arrangement to function well, many WGs try to find flatmates that are a good match for them. In a WG it's also necessary to come to an agreement on certain rules so that everyone lives together happily. The following points are some examples for typical rules. But there are many more areas where there may be rules (for example, separating trash, WG parties, etc.). Because the rules can vary widely from one WG to another, you should ask the WG members during a visit how they run things so that you can decide if you can imagine li-

ving together with those people.

Close vs. distant WG

WGs can be very different in terms of what it means to them to live together. Some WGs find it very important to spend a lot of time together, go to parties together, play games together or cook together. Other WGs spend very little or even no time together and only live since it's often more economical or because they haven't found another apartment. WGs where the flatmates spend little time together are called practicality WGs (*Zweck-WG* in German).

When you're searching for a place to live in a WG you should ask yourself whether you want to spend time with your flatmates or if you want to be alone and live independently. Many WGs include a short description in their listing what sort of WG life they are seeking. These descriptions, however, are based on the self-assessments by the flatmates, so a similar description among different WGs can mean very different realities. The most accurate impression of what it will be like to live with the flatmates will be when you go to look at the apartment and meet the flatmates. You should therefore closely read what the flatmates write in their ad

about life in the WG but don't let the statements keep you from applying. The statement "keine Zweck-WG" ("not a practicality WG") does, however, always mean that the flatmates are interested in some form of communal living situation.

WG finances

Independent of the type of living situation in the WG, they also vary in regard to shopping arrangements. In some WGs all groceries and daily commodities are purchased out of the so-called WG wallet (*WG-Kasse* in German), into which all the flatmates pay regularly. In most WGs, however, grocery shopping is separated so that each flatmate can purchase the groceries they want and place them in their own compartments and shelves in the kitchen, while staples such as cleaning supplies, printer cartridges, oil, and salt are purchased together.

Cleaning schedules and snow removal

When different people live together there are also different definitions of hygiene and cleanliness. Many WGs therefore have a cleaning schedule that sets forth who cleans what part of the apartment when. For dishwashing there are often special rules that are independent of the cleaning schedule.

Sometimes the cleaning schedule includes other chores such as cleaning the stairs, setting out the trash bins for garbage removal or snow and ice removal. Especially snow and ice removal are very important and may not be forgotten if the city

or landlord are not responsible. Should someone slip and fall in front of the building and injure themselves, the tenants can be held responsible and possibly be required to cover medical expenses of the injured person(s).

Smoking

Many WGs indicate in their posting whether or not they are smoke-free. Some WGs allow smoking throughout the apartment while others want smoking to be limited to certain rooms (for example in one's own room). And other WGs want no smoking at all in the apartment, neither in the common areas nor in the private rooms.

AFTER MOVING IN

Furniture and Furnishings

Since many rooms are rented unfurnished, many students are on the lookout for an economical way to furnish their place. The larger furniture stores in Marburg and the surrounding area offer new but likewise expensive furniture. In addition to those stores there are also many options for acquiring furniture and other furnishings economically and in some cases used.

Marburger Express [↗](#)

On the web page of the local newspaper *Marburger Express* there are not only listings from apartments and rooms but also for furniture and household items.

Flea markets [↗](#)

In Marburg there are regularly occurring flea markets where private persons sell their old or unwanted items. Here you can try negotiating a cheaper price with the seller.

eBay classified ads [↗](#)

In addition to auctions, *eBay* also offers a classified ads section where you can find many listings for furnishings. Here you should pay particularly close attention to

the seller's location so that you won't have to transport any furniture a long way.

Praxis GmbH [↗](#)

Praxis GmbH is a non-profit employment and training organization that focusses on providing long-time unemployed people with a good job. As part of its operations it runs a thrift store where you can buy used furniture and home furnishings. *Praxis GmbH* also sells used electronic appliances in its second hand store called *Relectro*.

facebook

There are also various groups on *facebook* where many items are offered at cheap prices or even for free. Listings are often only current for a very brief time, so here it's important to be quick.

The following two groups are the most important for Marburg:

- Flohmarkt Marburg [↗](#)
- Verschenk's MARBURG [↗](#)

Legal questions

After moving in, there are some legal issues to observe for living in Marburg.

Registration with the authorities

All persons moving into a new apartment in Marburg have to register with the city office (*Stadtbüro*) within the first two weeks after moving in. Apart from identity papers (e. g. passport or European ID card) you will need to bring a confirmation form sign by your landlord/landlady (*Wohnungsgeberbestätigung*) [↗].

Licence fee

In Germany, all inhabitants pay a monthly *licence fee* (*Rundfunkbeitrag*) for public broadcasting services (via radio, television, and the internet). After registering your apartment with the authorities you will receive a letter with specifications on the licence fee. In a shared apartment, one joint payment for all flatmates is enough.

Janitor services and snow-clearing

Your lease contract might include additional obligations to be fulfilled by the tenant such as cleaning the stairs, taking out the trash for waste collection or removing snow and ice on the sidewalk. Read your contract carefully to make sure whether you are responsible for clearing and securing the sidewalk to prevent pedestrians from slipping (as a tenant you can be help responsible for covering medical bills of injured pedestrians).

Depending on the arrangements of the building, setting out the garbage for removal is either done by a janitor service or by the tenants themselves. Relevant provisions are usually stated in the lease contract or in the house rules. The city of Marburg provides a schedule [↗] specifying which trash will be collected when.

Tenants association [↗]

In case of damage in the apartment or problems with the owner, the tenants association (*Mieterverein Marburg und Umgebung e. V.*) can provide support and guidance.

ABBREVIATIONS IN ADS

In apartment listings there are sometimes lots of abbreviations, many of which are often difficult to understand. In the table below you'll find important abbreviations and their meaning.

2 MM KT	2 months' rent as deposit	NK/NBK	utilities
2-Zi-Whg	2-room apartment	NkVz	advance payment for utilities
Abstellk	storage room	NR	non-smoker
BaWa	bath thub	OG	upper floor
Blk	balcony	renov.	renovated
D	entryway	SpüMa	dishwasher
DU	shower	Stellpl.	space (usually for a car or bikes)
DaBO	attic	TG	underground garage
DG	top floor	TL	daylight
EB	first tenancy	VB	asking price
EBK	built-in kitchen	w	female, number and m or w (e. g. 2 m, 1 w) = number of male and female (w) flatmates (in the example: 2 male flatmates, 1 female flatmate)
EFH	single family house	WaMa	washing machine
EG	ground floor	Wfl.	living space
G-WC	guest restroom	WG	Wohngemeinschaft/shared flat apartment
HK	heating costs	Whg.	
Inet	internet	WK	eat-in kitchen
KM	cold rent (excludes utilities)	warm/WM	warm rent (includes utilities)
KT	security deposit	ZH	central heating
m	male, number and m or w (e. g. 2 m, 1 w) = number of male and female (w) flatmates (in the example: 2 male flatmates, 1 female flatmate)	ZKB	room, kitchen, bath
MM	monthly rent	zzgl.	plus