



MAGTFTC-MCAGCC 29 Palms

Environmental Standard Operating Procedure



1 October 2025

Organic Waste Collection (OWC)

Application and Purpose

This guidance applies to those personnel preparing organic waste materials for collection and recovery in accordance with SB 1383 aboard Marine Air Ground Task Force Training Command, Marine Corps Air Ground Combat Center Twentynine Palms (hereafter called the “installation”).

This document provides environmental protection guidelines for the collection and recovery of organic waste materials. California Senate Bill (SB) 1383 requires the diversion of organic waste. Personnel must sort food waste and green waste (such as yard trimmings) from trash and recycle the materials in the designated “organic waste” container.

California Code of Regulations, Title 14, Section 18982, provides the following definition of organic waste: “Solid wastes containing material originated from living organisms and their metabolic waste products including, but not limited to, food, green material, landscape and pruning waste, manure.”

Procedures

Collection and segregation of organic waste must be performed in a safe and efficient manner. Collection and segregation methods must prevent fires, safety hazards, pest harborage, and disease-carrying vectors. Activities must confirm that only organic waste materials are disposed of in organic waste containers and dumpsters. Prohibited wastes include but are not limited to household hazardous waste, hazardous waste, asbestos, medical waste, recyclable materials, and municipal solid waste (for example, trash).

Table 1 presents a list of designated collection sites.

Table 1. Designated Collection Sites

Command Name	Location Description	Building Number
DECA	Commissary	1025
NHTP	Hospital	1145
Food Services/CLD	Phelps Messhall	1460
Food Services/CLD	Littleton Messhall	1660
Food Services/CLD	Dunham Messhall	1880
Food Services/CLD	Camp Wilson Messhall	5401
PWD	Landfill / Wood Lot	2100

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Command Name	Location Description	Building Number
EA	Qualified Recycling Program	2085
MCCS	New Horizons	694
MCCS	Stepping Stones	1089
MCCS	Food Issue Point	1107
MCCS	Exchange/MCX	1502
MCCS	Excursions	1531
MCCS	Frontline/Brass & Rockers	1573
MCCS	Game Time Grill	1584
MCCS	Sunset Cinema	1510
MCCS	Marine Mart Gas Station	1090
MCCS	Coyote Grill	1863
MCCS	MCCES Marine Mart	1863
MCCS	Golf Course	3811
MCCS	Janitorial	3851
MCCS	Ocotillo Gas Station	3853
MCCS	Warriors Club	5410
I&L Supply/ELCC	Trash Collection Compound	5408

CLD = Center Logistics Division

DECA = Defense Commissary Agency

ELCC = Exercise Logistics Coordination Center

I&L = Installations and Logistics

MCCS = Marine Corps Community Services

MCX = Marine Corps Exchange

PWD = Public Works Department

Operational Controls

The following controls apply:

- Containers that collect organic waste (such as food waste and green waste) will be emptied at least weekly to reduce pest harborage and disease transmission.
- Organic waste containers and dumpsters, with the exception of those in office spaces, will have lids on them that are kept closed to prevent pests from entering containers and control odors.

- Containers and dumpsters in areas that may come into contact with precipitation will be kept closed to prevent stormwater contamination. Drain plugs should remain in place on the dumpster, if applicable.
- Containers must be in good serviceable condition.
- All collection areas will be inspected and policed by unit personnel.
- Organic waste material will be placed in collection containers appropriately labeled "Organic Waste."
- Whenever possible, waste containers must be placed at a minimum of 50 feet from occupied buildings to reduce fire hazards and pest infestation and disease-carrying vector problems.
- General municipal solid waste should be disposed of. Trash in organic waste containers and dumpsters is prohibited.
- Disposal of hazardous material and hazardous waste in organic waste containers is prohibited. For proper disposal, these materials should be turned into the Hazardous Waste Management Branch, Building 2095, Rifle Range Road.
- Disposal of materials presenting the potential of an explosive hazard, (such as ordnance, range residue, trash, and ordnance related packaging material taken off the range) is strictly prohibited. These items must be taken to the Range Sustainment Branch, which is located at Building 2096, Rifle Range Road, for inspection and screening. The Range Sustainment Branch will make the determination as to the proper disposition or demilitarization of said range residue.
- Disposal of pressurized containers, such as aerosol cans, in organic waste containers is prohibited.
- All unactivated Meal Ready to Eat heaters must be turned into the Hazardous Waste Management Branch (Building 2095) for proper disposal.
- Parking of vehicles or the placing of objects in front of an organic waste dumpster in a manner that would deny access to this container is prohibited.
- If there are any specific situations or other concerns not addressed in these instructions, please contact the Environmental Compliance Coordinator or MCCS and PWD contract representative.

Emergency Preparedness and Response Procedures.

Refer to the Installation Integrated Solid Waste Management Plan and spill response procedures listed in the Abatement ESOP.

Inspection and Corrective Action

The Environmental Compliance Coordinator (ECC) will confirm unit adherence to this ESOP. The ECC will confirm that unit personnel are trained in this ESOP and maintain appropriate documentation in accordance with this ESOP. If this ESOP contains an enclosed inspection checklist, designated personnel will conduct the inspections using this ESOP as guidance and document the inspections via the enclosed checklist. If deficiencies are discovered during an inspection, the ECC will ensure immediate corrective action is taken and that all deficiencies and corrective actions are recorded on the enclosed checklist.

Training Requirements

All affected personnel must be trained in this document and General Environmental Awareness Training.

Recordkeeping

A MCCA and PWD representative must submit monthly and quarterly organic waste tonnage records to Environmental Affairs, Solid Waste Manager.

References

- (a) Installation Integrated Solid Waste Management Plan
- (b) California SB 1383
- (c) California Code of Regulations, Title 14

Use and Version Control

ESOPs are used to augment instructions contained in official orders and directives, and, where necessary, provide for sufficient control of the installation's significant practices. Environmental Affairs maintains the authoritative, current version of this and other ESOPs on the installation's website:

<https://www.29palms.marines.mil/Staff-Offices/G-4-Installation-Support-Directorate/Environmental-Affairs/#environmental-sops>.



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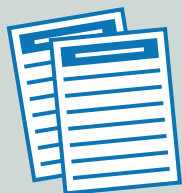
DO: Empty containers at least one per week to reduce pest harborage and disease transmission.



DO: Confirm containers are in good serviceable condition.

DO: Place organic waste material in collection containers appropriately labeled "Organic Waste."

DO: Educate others, and provide outreach to ensure proper segregation and avoid contamination.



DO: Follow Senate Bill 1383 local guidelines.



DON'T



DON'T: Place organic waste materials in regular trash bins or recycling bins.

DON'T: Dispose of pressurized containers, such as aerosol cans, in organic waste containers.



DON'T: Place liquids (e.g., soup, oil, beverages) in organic waste bins.

DON'T: Dispose of hazardous waste in organic waste containers.



DON'T: Park vehicles in front of the containers, which prevents weekly collection of organic waste materials.