



MAGTFTC-MCAGCC 29 Palms

Environmental Standard Operating Procedure



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Solid Waste Recycling Collection Local (SLF)

Application and Purpose

This guidance applies to personnel preparing solid waste and recyclable materials for collection aboard Marine Air Ground Task Force Training Command (MAGTFTC), Marine Corps Air Ground Combat Center (MCAGCC) Twentynine Palms ("installation").

This document provides environmental protection guidelines for the accumulation of solid waste and recycling materials for collection.

Procedures

Collection of solid waste must be performed in a safe and efficient manner. Collection methods must prevent fires, safety hazards, pest harborage, and disease-carrying vectors. Activities must confirm that only solid wastes and other locally approved waste streams are disposed of in solid waste containers. Prohibited wastes include, but are not limited to, household hazardous waste, hazardous waste, asbestos, medical waste, and recyclable materials.

Local requirements prohibit the disposal of bulky items, pallets, and construction debris in solid waste containers. The installation uses trash can receptacles, recyclable can receptacles, dumpsters, and roll-off receptacles for nonhazardous solid waste.

Operational Controls

The following controls apply:

- Containers that collect food waste must be emptied at least weekly to reduce pest harborage and disease transmission.
- Trash containers and dumpsters, except for those in office spaces, must have lids on them that are closed unless when adding trash to prevent pests from entering containers and to contain trash and debris.
- Trash containers and dumpsters in areas that may encounter precipitation must be kept closed to prevent stormwater contamination. Drain plugs must be installed on the dumpster.
- Trash containers must be in good serviceable condition.
- Trash collection areas must be inspected and policed daily by unit personnel.
- Recyclable material must be placed in the appropriately placarded recyclable collection containers, mixed recycling (such as aluminum cans, plastic, and glass bottles and containers) or cardboard and paper dumpsters, among others.

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- Whenever possible, waste containers must be placed at a minimum of 50 feet from occupied buildings to reduce fire hazards and pest infestation or disease-carrying vector problems.
- Disposal of high liquid content wastes (such as wastes containing greater than 50 percent water by weight) is prohibited.
- Disposal of hazardous material and hazardous waste in trash or recycling containers is prohibited. These materials should be turned into the Hazardous Waste Management Branch (HWMB), Building 2095, Rifle Range Road, for proper disposal.
- Unused Meal, Ready-to-Eat (MRE) heaters is a reactive hazardous material. MRE heaters must be deactivated before they can be classified as nonhazardous solid waste. Unused MRE heaters must be turned into the HWMB for proper disposal.
- Disposal of pressurized containers, such as aerosol cans, propane containers, and vape devices, in solid waste containers is not permitted. These items must be placed into designated satellite accumulation area sites or turned into the HWMB, Building 2095, Rifle Range Road. For further assistance, please call (760) 830-7244.
- Disposal of material presenting potential of an explosive hazard (such as ordnance, range residue, trash, or ordnance related packaging material taken off the range) is strictly prohibited. These items must be taken to the Range Sustainment Branch (RSB), located at Building 2096, Rifle Range Road, for inspection and screening. The RSB will make the determination as to the proper disposition or demilitarization of said range residue.
- Tires are not permitted for disposal in a solid waste dumpster. Coordination must be made with the Defense Logistics Agency (DLA) for the proper disposal or recycling of used tires. Commands that generate this waste stream must contact their supply activity for further instruction pertaining to this requirement.
- Bulky materials such as serviceable pallets, metal furniture and items, and appliances without freon must not be placed in or around dumpsters but instead turned in as scrap to the Recycling Branch, located at Building 2085, Rifle Range Road. All wooden, fabric or household type furniture must be sent to DLA or taken to the landfill.
- Scrap wood and non-serviceable pallets must be taken to the wood lot at the landfill.
- E-waste is not permitted for disposal at the Recycling Branch. Coordination must be made with DLA for the proper disposal of all e-waste. Scrap cables, cords, and tools can be turned into the Recycling Branch. Parking of vehicles or the placing of objects in front of a solid waste dumpster in a manner that would deny access to this container is prohibited.
- Wastes such as grease trap pumping, large dead animals (over 75 pounds), septic tank pumping, cannery wastes, infectious medical wastes, and industrial process sludge are not allowed.
- Asbestos (friable or nonfriable), metallic discards, and wastes containing burning and smoldering materials are prohibited.

If there are any specific situations or other concerns not addressed in these instructions, please contact the Recycling Branch via phone at (760) 830-5666.

Training Requirements

All affected personnel must be trained in this document and the following:

- General Environmental Awareness training

Recordkeeping

There is no required record keeping for this Environmental Standard Operating Procedures (ESOP).

Emergency Preparedness and Response Procedures

Refer to the Integrated Contingency and Operations 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.

References

- (a) Integrated Contingency and Operations Plan
- (b) Installation Integrated Solid Waste Management Plan

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>.

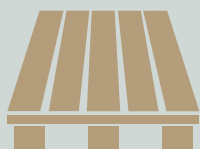


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DO: Recycle scrap metal, ferrous metal, and nonferrous metal such as steel, tin, iron, aluminum, brass, copper, and stainless steel.



DO: Recycle serviceable pallets (40 x 48 inches) (broken or oversized pallets must go to the wood lot).

DO: Bring waste tires with a DD1348 that has been signed by a Defense Logistics Agency representative.



DO: Contact the Recycling Branch at (760) 830-5666 with any questions.



DON'T



DON'T: Bring food waste or household waste.

DON'T: Drop off tactical vehicle parts (i.e., communication equipment, radios, antenna, doors, or tracks).



DON'T: Drop off hazardous waste (i.e., liquids, oils, paints, batteries, or appliances containing freon. These items should be taken to the Hazardous Waste Management Branch at building 2095.



DON'T: Drop off e-waste. Coordinate with a Defense Logistics Agency representative for any e-waste.

