

Environmental Standard Operating Procedure (ESOP)	
Solid Waste Recycling Collection Local (SLF)	
Environmental Affairs (EA): Total Waste Management Program (760) 830-5666/5403	Revised: 1 October 2024

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

1. Purpose. This document provides environmental protection guidelines for the accumulation of solid waste and recycling materials for collection.
2. Application. This guidance applies to those 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. For further references to MAGTFTC, MCAGCC in this document, the term "installation" will be used.
3. 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.

4. Operational Controls. The following controls apply:
 - a. Containers that collect food waste must be emptied at least weekly to reduce pest harborage and disease transmission.
 - b. Trash containers and dumpsters, with the exception of 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.
 - c. Trash containers and dumpsters in areas that may come into contact with precipitation must be kept closed to prevent stormwater contamination. Drain plugs must be installed on the dumpster.
 - d. Trash containers must be in good serviceable condition.
 - e. Trash collection areas must be inspected and policed daily by unit personnel.

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- f. Recyclable material must be placed in the appropriately placarded recyclable collection containers, mixed recycling (such as aluminum cans, plastic and glass bottles/containers) or cardboard/paper dumpsters, among others.
- g. Whenever possible, waste containers must be placed at a minimum of 50 feet from occupied buildings to reduce fire hazards and pest infestation/disease-carrying vector problems.
- h. Disposal of liquids in solid waste containers is prohibited.
- i. 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.
- j. 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.
- k. 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 SAA sites or turned into the HWMB, Building 2095, Rifle Range Road. For further assistance, please call (760) 830-7244.
- l. Tires are not permitted for disposal in a solid waste dumpster. Coordination must be made with the Defense Logistics Agency 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.
- m. Un-activated 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. Un-activated MRE heaters must be turned into the HWMB for proper disposal.
- n. Bulky materials such as pallets, scrap wood, furniture, barbeques, and more, as well as metal items, must not be placed in or around dumpsters but instead turned in as scrap to the installation Qualified Recycling Program (QRP), located at Building 2085, Rifle Range Road.
- o. 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.
- p. If there are any specific situations or other concerns not addressed in these instructions, please contact the Environmental Affairs Office, Qualified Recycling Program, via phone at (760) 830-5666 or the Hazardous Waste Mgmt. Branch via phone at (760) 830-7244/5403.

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5. Documentation and Record Keeping. There is no required record keeping for this ESOP.
6. Training. Affected personnel must be trained in this document and the following:
7. General Environmental Awareness training
8. Emergency Preparedness and Response Procedures. Refer to the Integrated Contingency and Operations Plan and spill response procedures listed in the Abatement ESOP.
9. 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.