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HAPPY EARTH DAY! WHY DOES IT MATTER?

Earth Day started in 1970 after years of unregulated pollution, which devastated the lands we rely on. People were frustrated and Former Senator Gaylord Nelson called Americans to action on April 22, 1970, where 20 million people answered the call.

This immense support helped create the Environmental Protection Agency and many crucial regulations we still abide by today. Some of these laws and regulations includes the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA), Clean Water Act, Endangered Species Act, and so many more.

The U.S. Army Garrison of Hawaii (USAG HI) is committed to protecting the environment, as it is considered one of the most important aspects of USAG HI's mission. If we don't act as stewards of our natural resources then we impact access to our training areas, water supply, and recreation activities.

For USAG HI's Directorate of Public Works (DPW) Environmental Division, Earth Day is every day. We are passionate about our work and diligently strive to promote *(continue on to page 2...)*



HAPPY EARTH DAY!

WHY DOES IT MATTER? (CONT.)

...the cleanliness of our air and drinking water, protect vulnerable species, ensure compliance for proper waste disposal, incorporate pollution prevention measures, and work towards eliminating the discharge of all pollutants into our waterways.

Here in Hawaii, it is especially important to protect our natural resources. The Hawaiian Islands are incredibly diverse with species that are present nowhere else on the planet. Hawaii makes up only about 0.2% of the landmass in the United States, but holds about 1/3 of the total listed endangered or threatened species.

Every action we take as soldiers, civilians and residents will have a huge impact on the world around us.

Let's do the right

thing for our mission, our families and the environment.



Happy Earth Day!

HOW CAN YOU HELP?

TIPS TO ACHIEVE U.S. ARMY ENVIRONMENTAL GOALS

Clean Water Program

The Clean Water Program oversees the garrison's compliance with the Clean Water Act (CWA). This program supports the Army's efforts to perform its construction, training and daily operations in a manner that sustains Hawaii's naturally beautiful waters. *How can you help?*

- ☐ Be mindful of our motto, "Only Rain Down the Drain!"
- ☐ Stencil your local storm drains (Contact the Clean Water Program for more info)
- ☐ Clean military vehicles at designated wash racks
- ☐ Don't park your POV on grassy or muddy areas



Clean Air and Safe Drinking Water

The Clean Air and Safe Drinking Water program's focus is to comply with the Clean Air Act and the Safe Drinking Water Act to ensure the public's health and safety in terms of air quality and drinking water quality. This program maintains compliance with air permits issued by the Hawaii Department of Health, monitors air emissions and air emitting devices, conducts drinking water sampling, and prepare Consumer Confidence Reports to provide drinking water quality information to all residents and tenants of USAG-HI. *How can you help?*

- ☐ Turn off the faucet while washing dishes or brushing your teeth
- ☐ Open burning is not allowed in Hawaii, if you see an open burn on the garrison, report it to DPW Environmental (808) 656-3107
- ☐ Do not connect to fire hydrants to fill water containers or water buffalos. This can result in contamination of our drinking water

Environmental Compliance Officer Program

The Environmental Compliance Officer (ECO) and Inspector (ECI) program is dedicated to helping units/activities and offices maintain compliance with EPA, Hawaii Dept. of Health (HDOH), and Installation regulations. Our ECOs are trained by DPW Environmental and serve as environmental experts for their facility. *How can you help?*

- ☐ Sign up for an Environmental Compliance Office Training (see page 4 for dates)
- ☐ Encourage leadership to take the Senior Leader Environmental Compliance Training (SLECT)
- ☐ ECOs should work closely with their dedicated ECIs to ensure compliance with all programs



HOW CAN YOU HELP?

TIPS TO ACHIEVE U.S. ARMY ENVIRONMENTAL GOALS (CONT.)



Hazardous Waste

The Hazardous Waste program oversees the garrison's compliance with the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA), Subtitle C. This program provides resources and pick up services for hazardous, universal and non-regulated waste in USAG HI facilities. *How can you help?*

- ☐ Use up all of the product that you have before ordering more
- ☐ Only order materials listed on your Authorized Use List (AUL)
- ☐ Opt for items that are less harmful to our environment, when possible. Look for bio-based and recycled items.
- ☐ Call the Transfer and Accumulation Point (TAP) to schedule a pick up of hazardous waste, POL, universal, and unregulated waste: (808) 656-0867

Solid Waste & Recycling Program (Army Recycle Program)

The Solid Waste & Recycling Program focuses on the disposal of solid waste, pollution prevention, and recycling, in compliance with RCRA, Subtitle D. Its mission is to prevent and minimize waste through reducing, reusing and recycling to decrease the volume of waste being sent to the landfill or the incinerator. This program offers many resources to help civilians and military personnel, including recycling bins, signage, support, pickups and drop off services. *How can you help?*

- ☐ Reach out the Army Recycle program to set up recycling bins and services: (808) 656-9911
- ☐ Keep your recycling bins free from trash and other non-recyclables (i.e. Styrofoam, soft plastic, food, etc.)
- ☐ Opt for reusable water bottles, coffee cups and bags
- ☐ Buy used and donate gently used items. *Check out the Excess Office Furniture Reuse Program for gently used furniture on base: email usarmy.hawaii.recycling@mail.mil*

Spill Prevention and Response

The Spill Prevention and Response program helps to comply with the Clean Water Act by preventing and responding to any spills on base. Common spills may include gas or oil from vehicle transport and maintenance. *How can you help?*

- ☐ Keep and maintain a spill kit on site at all times (designated facilities)
- ☐ Implement secondary containment systems to prevent spills from occurring
- ☐ Save gasoline by carpooling or taking public transportation
- ☐ For Stationary Storage Tanks, check gauges before adding more POL and don't ignore any visual or audible alarms
- ☐ Report any spills to the Spill Prevention and Response Program: (808) 656-1111

Toxic Substance and Control Act (TSCA)

The TSCA program oversees compliance with the Toxic Substance and Control Act by handling the identification and sampling of lead and asbestos in USAG HI facilities. Sampling is done primarily in older facilities that are damaged or will undergo construction, as lead and asbestos are not harmful if left undisturbed. *How can you help?*

- ☐ Don't remove paint, flooring, insulation, etc. without submitting a DA Form, 4283 Facility Engineering Work Request (FEWR)
- ☐ If you notice damaged and suspect materials, contact the DPW TSCA Program: (808) 656-3106



WANT TO KEEP LEARNING?

VOLUNTEER EVENTS AND RESOURCES

Volunteer Opportunities

MWR BOSS Beach Cleanup (April 10, May 8, June 12). Visit HiMWR.com for more info

DPW Environmental Natural Resources Volunteer Program. Contact outreach@oanrp.com

Protect and Preserve Hawaii. Offers forest restoration volunteer opportunities in Pia Valley

Sustainable Coastlines. Hosts large scale and small scale beach clean ups

808 Cleanups. Offers beach cleanups and restoration work

Reach out to these organizations to confirm volunteer event status and COVID-19 precautions

Resources

U.S. Army Garrison Hawaii DPW Environmental Division.

Provides an overview of our programs, services, links to relevant policies. Check out the Sustainability and Environmental A-Z guide! <https://home.army.mil/hawaii/index.php/garrison/dpw/environmental-division>

U.S. Army Environmental Command. Offers coloring books, posters, tips, etc. <https://aec.army.mil/index.php/earth-day>

Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). Includes history of Earth Day, lesson plans and tips on how to live “greener”

Earth Day: The Official Site. This website offers tips and ideas for how to get involved

**The U.S. Army Garrison Hawaii does not endorse any of the listed outside organizations*

2020/21 ENVIRONMENTAL COMPLIANCE OFFICER TRAINING DATES

2021

13-15 APR	ECO BASIC
11 MAY	SLECT
13 MAY	ECO REFRESHER
1-3 JUNE	ECO BASIC
13 JULY	SLECT
15 JULY	ECO REFRESHER

The ECO trainings are for USAG-HI personnel and are tailored to focus on USAG-HI environmental requirements.

ECO Basic is a 3-day course required of new ECOs

ECO Refresher is a 1-day course required annually of veteran ECOs

SLECT is the Senior Leader Environmental Compliance Training

For more information and to register call: (808) 655-1560

CONTACT US!

Clean Air and Safe Drinking Water

Phone Number: (808) 656-3107

Clean Water

Phone Number: (808) 656-7001

Environmental Compliance Officer Training

Phone Number: (808) 655-1560

Hazardous Waste

Transfer and Accumulation Point (TAP): (808) 656-0867

Solid Waste & Recycling Program

Army Recycle Pickup Line: (808) 656-9911

Spill Prevention and Response

Spill Line: (808) 656-1111

TSCA– Lead and Asbestos

Phone Number: (808) 656-3106

USAG-HI DPW Environmental Division Website

<https://home.army.mil/hawaii/index.php/garrison/dpw/environmental-division>

