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PALLET REUSE REVOLUTION Turning Waste into Opportunity

Pallet accumulation on United States Army Garrison (USAG) Hawai'i installations is a growing issue. Many usable pallets are being discarded instead of reused, leading to an increase in wood waste at the Army Recycling Center (ARC). With low capacities for wood waste, a reuse program for usable pallets is beneficial to all customers who rely upon pallets to complete daily actions.

The Pallet Reuse Program aims to divert usable pallets from disposal by making them available for reuse across USAG Hawai'i. You may dropoff or pick-up usable pallets at the ARC. Unusable/scrap pallets and wood waste may still go to the ARC for disposal (limited quantities only) but customers must call ahead to confirm space availability before delivering scrap wood to the ARC.

Participation in the Pallet Reuse Program will benefit our environment by reducing the amount of wood waste that goes to HPOWER, by saving logistics and supply money, and by helping reach DOD waste diversion goals.

ECO Class Schedule

Visit the Army Recycle Center:

1087 McMahon Rd. Schofield Barracks M-F 0730-1600*

*Weekend Cardboard Recycling Bin available



Pallet Drop-off & Pick-up:

- Call ahead for availability. Call 808-428-3158 to check space availability for pallet drop-off or to confirm quantity of usable pallets to pick-up, <u>before</u> making a trip to the ARC.
- Fill out the ARC Logbook Record your visit on the Pallet Reuse Program logbook at the ARC.

Army and Local Volunteers Unite for Mokulē'ia Beach Clean-Up

Mokulē'ia, Hawai'i – On Saturday, Sept. 7, United States Army Garrison (USAG) Hawai'i partnered with 808CleanUps and local volunteers to restore Mokulē'ia Beach, located adjacent to Dillingham Military Reservation. The event, which began at 8 a.m., was part of an ongoing effort to preserve Hawai'i's natural beauty while enhancing military security and environmental resilience.

808CleanUps, a local nonprofit organization founded in 2014, has been at the forefront of community-driven environmental stewardship on O'ahu. Their mission includes removing litter, marine debris, and graffiti, as well as addressing invasive plant species, with the goal of restoring and protecting culturally and environmentally significant sites.

"Regular community cleanups like this provide a consistent conservation effort that helps sustain these unique and very important native ecosystems for future generations," said Kimberly Welch, Environmental Protection Specialist with USAG Hawai'i's Directorate of Public Works (DPW) Environmental Division.

The clean-up featured strong Army participation, with personnel from various units volunteering alongside environmental experts and

community members.

Lexa Medero, who works for the DPW Clean Water Program, emphasized the collaborative nature of the event: "We had some units volunteer today, and we're here in support of the 808CleanUps program. It's great to see everyone coming together to provide efforts for beach cleanups here in Hawai'i."

Kaia Kong, a Natural Resources Specialist with DPW Environmental, shared the atmosphere of the event: "We have lots of volunteers here—families, people brought their kids. It's a beautiful day, and it looks like we're going to be able to get a lot done."



USAG Hawai'i DPW Environmental Division personnel joined community members to support the 808CleanUps volunteer event on Sept. 7, to remove litter and marine debris from Mokulā'ia Beach on O'ahu's North Shore.

The coastal area around Mokulē'ia is home to endangered species such as green sea turtles and native yellow-faced bees, which rely on the beach's natural vegetation for nesting and



808CleanUps provided tools for collecting litter, including long-handled magnets to remove hundreds of nails left in the sand after illegal bon-fires.

sheltering. Maintaining these ecosystems is crucial for protecting endangered species and mitigating the impact of climate change, such as sea-level rise and extreme weather events.

Unpermitted camping and illegal dumping in the area have posed significant threats to both the natural environment and military readiness. Michael Loftin, Executive Director of 808CleanUps, noted the impact of the cleanup effort: "Today, we're at Mokulē'ia Army Beach cleaning an area that's seen a lot of abuse people burning pallets, dumping furniture, abandoning campsites. We're going up and down the road cleaning that up."

Loftin also highlighted the importance of community involvement: "We love working with the Army at this site. It's one of those things that needs all hands-on deck. These partnerships are key because they bring the folks together that will make a real difference, restoring the site to where it needs to be."

Saturday's clean-up received added support from Patagonia staff, who sponsored the event, alongside military personnel, and environmental experts. DPW provided logistics support, including waste disposal resources for the collected debris. Volunteers worked tirelessly, equipped with tools and materials provided by 808CleanUps.

The Army's Integrated Natural Resources Management Plan, which includes beach cleanups like this one, is essential to protecting endangered species and maintaining military training readiness.

The U.S. Army in Hawai'i is deeply committed to working alongside local communities to protect and preserve the unique natural and cultural resources of the islands. Our efforts go beyond maintaining military readiness; they are about building strong partnerships that benefit both the environment and the people of Hawai'i. Events like the Mokulē'ia Beach clean-up are



Environmental Division personnel with the United States Army Garrison (USAG) Hawai'i record bag weight for litter collected during the beach clean-up.

vital examples of how we can come together to sustain the land, protect endangered species, and ensure that future generations can enjoy these special places.

We extend our gratitude to all the volunteers, local organizations, and businesses who dedicate their time and resources to these important initiatives. Together, we can make a lasting positive impact.



Got Recycling or Waste/POL?

DPW Environmental Division has transitioned to online service request forms. Two forms highlighted here can be used to schedule Recycling pick-ups or Waste/POL (used oil, fuel, etc.) removal. Scan the QR Codes below to access the appropriate service request forms today!

REQUEST FOR WASTE & POL REMOVAL SERVICES			
PLEASE COMPLETE FORM TO REQUEST SERVICE	S REQUEST FOR WASTE REMOVAL SERVICES		
* Required 1. RANK, LAST NAME, FIRST NAME * <i>MILITARY: SPC. CW2, LT1</i> [<i>CIVILIAN: CIV</i> Enter your answer 2. MOBILE PH# *			
Enter your answer 3. EMAIL (GOVERNMENT) Only submit personal if gov't not working p Enter your answer 4. BUILDING #: * EXAMPLE: SCHOFIELD 1600, WHEELER 206, SHAFF Enter your answer	U.S. Army Garrison (USAG) Hawai'i Recycling Pick-Up Request Form * Required 1. First Name * Enter your answer 2. Last Name * Enter your answer 3. Phone Number (include area code) * Enter your answer		
U.S. Army Garrison (USAG) Hawai'i Recycling Pick-Up Request Form	4. Email * Enter your answer 5. Installation * 5. Installation *		

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Environmental Compliance Officer Class Schedule

The ECO course covers a wide range of environmental management requirements. One primary and one alternate ECO is required at all levels of command. The 3-day course is required to attain ECO certification. WALK-INS ARE NOT ALLOWED For the ECO refresher and senior leader courses click <u>here!</u>

Class Number	Class Dates	
002-25	03-05 DEC 24	Location:
003-25	04-06 FEB 25	SB 264 DPW Training Classroom
004-25	01-03 APR 25	Class Times:
005-25	03-05 JUN 25	0900-1600
006-25	05-07 AUG 25	

Contact Us: Updated phone numbers!

<u>Recycling</u> (808) 927-6610 usarmy.hawaii.recycling@army.mil ECO Training/Environmental Inspections (808) 381-4513

Hazardous Waste Transfer Accumulation Point (TAP): (808) 927-5675

> Spill Prevention and Response (808) 787-3125 (520) 687-2249

TSCA- Lead and Asbestos (520) 687-2245



Clean Air/Safe Drinking Water (520) 687-2254

> Clean Water (520) 687-2249 (520) 687-2245