



FORT BENNING HOUSEHOLD WASTE AMNESTY DAY

25 – 26th May 2016

BLDG 377



WHO CAN PARTICIPATE?

- The Fort Benning Environmental Management Division has developed a program to collect household hazardous materials and hazardous waste from:
 - Active Duty Military personnel & dependents residing in Base housing units
 - Military personnel & dependents residing off post
 - DOD Civilians
 - DOD Contractors

- Note the items collected are from **households only**, not from the individuals work place.

WHAT IS HOUSEHOLD WASTE?

- Some jobs around the house require the use of products containing hazardous components. Such products include paints, cleaners, varnish, batteries, motor oil, and pesticides. The used or leftover products are called “used household hazardous material or household hazardous wastes.”
- According to the EPA, the average U.S. household generates more than 20 pounds of household hazardous waste per year; that is over 530,000 tons generated annually in the US. As much as 100 pounds can accumulate in the home, often remaining there until the residents move out or do an extensive cleanout. Improper disposal of these items can create a potential risk to people and the environment.

WHAT IS HOUSEHOLD WASTE CONTINUED....

- The Household Hazardous Waste Program collects three major groups of wastes generated by households:
 - **Hazardous Materials:** Are products that can be used for their intended purpose and have the potential to harm people and or the environment if used improperly. The labels contain words like Caution, Danger, Flammable, or Corrosive.
 - Examples: Glass cleaners, floor polish, and toilet cleaners.
 - **Hazardous Waste:** Items that cannot be used for their intended purpose and constitutes disposal.
 - Examples: Expired or unusable Enamel Paints, varnishes, some household cleaners.
 - **Universal Waste:** Are wastes that cannot go to the landfill and managed Universal Wastes.
 - Examples: Fluorescent light bulbs, mercury thermostats/ thermometers, and lithium batteries.

GOOD ADVICE TO REMEMBER....

- Purchasing only the amount you need eliminates waste to disposed of.
- Never leave household hazardous products or wastes within reach of children or pets. When possible, buy products with less harmful ingredients (read the labels) or buy nonhazardous alternatives to hazardous products.
- When using a product, read and follow the label directions, never mix it with other products, and use it up entirely.
- Do not dispose of household hazardous wastes in the trash, on the ground, or in storm or sewer drains.
- Do not remove product labels, and do not remove products from their original containers.

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