

**FORT CAMPBELL ENVIRONMENTAL HANDBOOK**  
**Guidance and Instructions**  
**DISPOSAL OF EMPTY CONTAINERS**  
**(TAB 16)**

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1. **Purpose and Scope:**

The purpose of this bulletin is to provide information on the proper disposal of empty hazardous material containers that are: five gallons or less and five gallons to fifty-five gallons, five gallon fuel cans, fuel pods and used oil buffaloes.

2. **Reference:** None

3. **Definitions:** None

4. **General:**

The following policy is jointly adopted by DRMO, ISSD, DOL, and PWBC-Environmental Division for the disposal of empty containers.

5. **Responsibilities:**

- a. The EQO is responsible for disseminating the information contained in this bulletin to all parties in his/her unit.
- b. Each individual soldier is responsible for disposing of the empty container in accordance to procedure listed in this bulletin.

6. **Instructions:**

- a. The disposal of any containers with a capacity of five (5) gallons or less and five gallons to fifty-five (55) gallons used for storage of hazardous materials may be performed using the following procedures:
  - 1) Be sure that the container has been completely emptied of its contents. Contents should be transferred to another container and relabeled to identify contents for use rather than disposal. Emptying the contents of the container on wash racks, in oil/water separators or the environment is strictly prohibited.
  - 2) All hazardous material containers issued for garrison use through the Hazardous Material Control Center (HMCC) are to be returned when emptied to established "Return Areas" located in unit/activity maintenance areas for recycling or disposal by HMCC personnel.
  - 3) All containers, to include empties, containing hazardous materials issued to support contingency operations on the installation are to be returned upon recovery to the HAZMAT Contingency Facility (798-9765), Building 5133, located within the Pollution Prevention Operations Center at 3<sup>rd</sup> Street & Wickham Ave.
  - 4) For off post deployments/locations Units/Activities are to follow disposal procedures of the hosting installation.

Note: Improper transportation of empty hazardous material containers may violate Hazardous Waste Regulations. For further information on host installation policies or procedures contact Mr. Bob Fletcher at 798-9595 or email: [fletcherb@campbell.army.mil](mailto:fletcherb@campbell.army.mil)

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- 5) For disposal of all empty fifty-five (55) gallon drums: Contact PWBC Environmental Division, Waste Operations at 798-9790 to make an appointment, then transport the empty drum to the Pollution Prevention Operations Center at 3rd and Wickham for recycling or disposal.

b. The disposal of empty five (5) gallon fuel cans will be in accordance with the following procedures:

- 1) Drain the can of its contents. Contents should be transferred to another container and relabeled to identify contents for later use.
- 2) Rinse the container three times with hot water or steam clean it three times at the unit wash rack (unless the contents were acute hazardous waste or toxic waste). Do not dump the rinsate directly into an oil/water separator. If the unit does not have a wash rack, contact the PWBC Environmental Division for an available wash rack.
- 3) Complete a certificate stating that you have triple rinsed the container and complete a 1348-1 Turn-In form. The certification can be written in section CC, DD, or EE of the Form 1348-1. Mark the word "Rinsed" on the outside of the container.
- 4) Take the container to ISSD. They will either accept it or instruct you to deliver it to DRMO.

c. The disposal of fuel pods and used oil buffaloes will be in accordance with the following procedures:

- 1) Remove all product/sludge/debris from the container. Accumulate the liquid drained from the container, keeping like materials together.
- 2) Contact CH2MHill, Tank Purging at 431-5117 to make an arrangement to have the container inspected for a purging permit. The container must have all POL product removed before a purging permit will be issued. After a permit is issued, the container will be cleaned with hot water or steam on the unit's wash rack. If the unit does not have a suitable wash rack, inform the PWBC, Environmental Division when residual oils or liquids can remain in the container after it has been cleaned.
- 3) Prepare a DD form 1348-1 Turn-In document and process it through ISSD to DRMO. The 1348-1 must have a written certification in blocks CC, DD, EE stating "I CERTIFY THIS CONTAINER HAS BEEN TRIPLE RINSED". "This container was drawn back from Defense Reutilization and Marketing Office (DRMO) to temporarily store used oil in the motor pool".

**7. Additional Guidance:**

- a. For additional guidance and information, and answers to your questions, contact Solid Waste & Recycling Program Manager, PWBC Environmental Division, 798-9782.
- b. For future reference, place this document behind *Tab number 16* in your Fort Campbell Environmental Handbook.