

FORT CAMPBELL ENVIRONMENTAL HANDBOOK
Guidance and Instructions
DISPOSAL OF WASTE FROM FIELD OPERATION
(TAB 16)

December 2003

1. **Purpose and Scope:**

The purpose of this bulletin is to provide information on the proper disposal of waste from field operations.

2. **Reference:**

Keane, John M., Major General, "Ammunition/Explosives in Off-Post Landfill", 15 July 1994

3. **Definitions:** None

4. **General:**

a. Instructions have been issued through the Eagle Bulletin, Eagle Flash, Fort Campbell Courier, and the Sergeant Major's Meetings directing military personnel to deliver their waste from field operations to the Convenience Center. Field trash is continually found in the dumpsters in unit areas. Calls are routinely received from units wanting additional dumpsters or additional service.

b. Both Tennessee and Kentucky have regulations prohibiting the disposal of waste on the ground. Waste must be placed in covered containers or taken directly to the landfill.

c. Dumpsters in unit areas are for waste generated at those facilities. To bring waste from field operations to the unit dumpsters overwhelms the system and the system cannot manage the overload. The waste disposal contract does not require the contractor to furnish extra dumpsters nor to constantly pick up the waste that was improperly disposed.

d. Many contractors rent dumpsters for construction debris. Soldiers have been dumping their field waste in those dumpsters. The contractors are permitted to have their construction/demolition debris hauled to the Woodlawn Road Landfill without having to pay a fee. Once the dumpster contains other waste, the contractor must have the waste delivered to a sanitary landfill and pay the fees plus the cost of disposing of someone else's waste. The contractors may file claims against Fort Campbell to reclaim these fees.

e. When the dumpsters were removed from the field, the Convenience Center was designated as the proper location for disposal of field waste. At the center, waste is sorted into recyclable materials and refuse. Much of the field waste is cardboard and removing it from the waste stream provides income for the Recycle Center and avoids disposal fees at the landfill.

5. **Responsibilities:**

a. The Commander is responsible for insuring that all waste from field operations is transported to the convenience center for separation. No explosive or hazardous waste is to be included in this waste.

b. The EQO is responsible for disseminating the information contained in this bulletin to all parties in his/her unit.

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c. Each individual soldier is responsible for segregating the waste that he/she generates in the field into waste that can be disposed of as solid waste and waste that must be otherwise managed.

6. Instructions:

a. When trash is generated in the field, it is to be separated and transported to the convenience center.

b. When accumulating trash in the field, all soldiers will exercise all care necessary to ensure that unused MRE heaters and fired ammunition or explosives are not mixed in with the trash that is destined for disposal at the county landfill.

c. If recyclable materials are transported to the convenience center on the same truck with the trash, the soldiers, when loading the field trash, will keep the trash and the recyclables separate on the transport vehicle.

7. Additional Guidance:

a. For additional guidance and information, and answers to your questions, 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.