

WE HAVE SOLUTIONS



FOR THE FUTURE OF CAMP PARKS



The environmental mission is to enhance the training and readiness of the Army reserve Component. The United States Army Garrison, Camp Parks is committed to accomplishing this mission while assuring environmental preservation. This assurance is achieved through a commitment to environmental management strategies and principles. The specific requirements of all members of the USAG CP community are: a) Providing a clean and safe environment in our community. b) The conservation and protection of natural and cultural resources. c) Compliance with relevant and environmental laws, regulations and other requirements. d) The reduction of both solid and hazardous waste generated. e) Maximizing the amounts of materials recycled. f) Minimizing hazardous materials purchased and used. g) Promoting environmental preservation through education, training and awareness. h) Commitment to continual environmental management system improvement and prevention of pollution. i) Continually assessing environmental effects due to the installation's operations. j) Setting objectives and targets to minimize adverse environmental impacts.

On October 2009 the Garrison Commander of Camp Parks established a new policy for environmental compliance. The policy addresses Executive Order 13423 which directs Federal agencies to implement sustainable practices for:

- Energy efficiency and reductions in greenhouse gas emissions.
- Use of renewable energy.
- Reduction in water consumption intensity.
- Acquisition of green products and services.

Executive Order 13423

- Pollution prevention, including reduction or elimination of the use of toxic and hazardous chemicals and materials.
- Cost-effective waste prevention and recycling programs.
- Increased diversion of solid waste.
- Sustainable design/high performance buildings.
- Vehicle fleet management, including the use of alternative fuel vehicles and alternative fuels and the further reduction of petroleum consumption.
- Electronics stewardship.



Reduce, Reuse, Recycle

Dan loves his job! His morning drive is relatively simple and by all accounts, fun. When he gets to the Camp Parks front gate, he exchanges pleasantries with the security personnel and five minutes later he's sitting at his desk and is ready to indulge in his first ritual. First, energy drink, check e-mail, listen to messages, read the newspaper because it's his job, check weekly planner then work the priorities for the day.

Fighting the shooting pain on his left arm he is immediately reminded of the empty can in his hand. A somewhat sarcastic voice in his head screams; "Dan, what about the environment!?" Then almost like a flashing blue light special three words pop into his brain, Reduce, Reuse, Recycle.

The concept is called 3R's. It's easy but how many times this week did he choose to put all the trash in one can instead of sorting it. Based on a daily consumption he makes a choice on what goes in the trash every day. Moreover, to complete the circle he has to make sure that the trash is sorted and gets to the right place.

The process is simple, put bottles and cans in the blue bin and separate paper and cardboard. Place it in the designated collection point in the building and someone collects it and brings it to the recycle receptacles for disposal.

Simple but almost impossible to complete. Why?



Education? Motivation? Maybe apathy. Maybe buying the can in the first place was the problem. Whatever it is, simple solutions are available.

Determined to do what's right Dan found his blue receptacle and placed his energy drink can in it. Then asked the inmate labor to put the contents in the recycle bin. This somehow made the pain go away in his left arm.

Now, he worries about making the words he wrote worth more than the paper it's written on.

To be continued...

- ### What We Recycle
- Cardboard
 - White office paper, computer paper, and newspaper.
 - Aluminum and steel cans
 - Glass bottles
 - Plastic bottles
 - Wooden Pallets
 - Metal scrap
 - Expanded range brass properly certified as safe or inert.
 - Electrical copper wiring from demolished buildings.
 - Washers, dryers, and water heaters.
 - Printer ink cartridges

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