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MEMORANDUM FOR Garrison Commanders and Directors of Public Works

SUBJECT: Prohibition of the Disposal of Off-Post Household Waste on Installations

This memorandum expires in 1 year.

1. Garrison commanders must establish a policy prohibiting personnel from bringing household waste from off-post housing onto installations for disposal. Household waste is waste generated by residential dwellings destined for disposal by incineration or at a landfill.
2. Most DOD personnel living off post receive compensation for their household-waste disposal through living quarters or overseas housing allowance. This means that the United States effectively pays twice for every item of off-post household waste put into an on-post dumpster. In addition, allowing household waste to be placed in dumpsters designated for office waste precludes the garrison from contracting for waste disposal and recycling services at a reduced rate based on the recyclable value of the paper, metal, and other valuable materials that often make up office waste. This is poor stewardship of the ever-decreasing funds provided to our garrisons. Garrisons must therefore make a serious effort to prevent this waste of resources.
3. In most cases, host-nation laws regulating household waste prohibit residents from taking their waste to unauthorized places for disposal. U.S. personnel living off post must abide by these laws in keeping with the NATO Status of Forces Agreement and supplemental agreements between the Sending and Receiving States.
4. Garrison commanders are authorized to take steps to ensure that host-nation laws are not violated and their Operations and Maintenance, Army, funding is not wasted. In keeping with a garrison commander's responsibilities to safeguard the installation and ensure mission success, determining the degree of control to prevent abuse of the garrison's solid-waste disposal system is an integral part of these responsibilities.
5. Garrison commanders should also take reasonable, inexpensive steps to prevent dumpster abuse. This includes publicizing that dumping off-post household waste in on-post dumpsters is illegal and posting this information by dumpsters, fencing dumpsters to prevent inappropriate access, and placing dumpsters near high-traffic areas to discourage anyone from dumping garbage brought from home when no one is watching.
6. Many garrison commanders have already issued policy prohibiting off-post residents from dumping their household waste in on-post trash receptacles. The enclosed memorandum from the Commander, United States Army Garrison Baden-Württemberg, is a good example. I expect each garrison to follow this example and develop a similar garrison policy. The policy should include possible sanctions for violations.

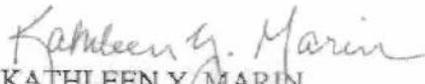
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7. This policy does not apply to the disposal of recyclable materials at recycling or reuse centers on post that accept recyclable and reusable materials.
8. The POC for this policy is Mr. Fenn, DSN 370-8248 or e-mail: michael.fenn.civ@mail.mil.

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