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Environmental services we provide:

- Environmental Management System
- Environmental compliance training and assistance
- Hazardous Material/ Hazardous Waste management
- Natural and cultural resources management

If you have any questions, please contact us at 354-6795 or

environmental-usag-schweinfurt-dpw@eur.army.mil

We can assist you with any occurring environmental problem!

Environmental Performance Assessment System 2011

Every year, the DPW Environmental Division (ED) conducts an internal environmental assessment of USAG Schweinfurt, according to the Environmental Performance Assessment System (EPAS) guidance set forth by IMCOM-Europe. EPAS is a program used to assess and monitor the Garrison's environmental programs and compliance. The EPAS helps to identify environmental deficiencies and the resources necessary to correct these deficiencies.

This year's assessment was conducted from April to June 2011. During this time, various tenant units and organizations of the USAG Schweinfurt were evaluated according to the 19 protocols of the Final Governing Standards (FGS) for Germany. Deficiencies were identified in the following areas:

- Waste Water,
- Hazardous Material,
- Hazardous Waste,
- Solid Waste,
- Natural Resources,
- Spill Prevention and Response Planning, and
- Underground Storage Tanks.



EPAS assessor checking a HM storage container during EPAS 2011.

A report summarizing all identified issues was prepared and memoranda will be sent out to affected POCs. ED will track corrective action and re-check identified findings throughout the coming months. An external EPAS will be performed in March 2012.

Kitzingen - Bavarian Regional Garden Show

Garden shows have a long tradition in Germany and every year they delight gardening enthusiasts and others. In 2011 the Bavarian Regional Garden Show takes place in Kitzingen, a small city near Würzburg and former military base of 417th Base Support Battalion (BSB). Under the banner 'Garden city on the River', visitors of all ages can discover the traditional art of horticulture. Seven colorful and specially created themed areas along the River Main present topics such as fragrances, tree nurseries and wilderness on approximately 2.5 acres. There are also various events planned, especially on the weekends. Halfway through the show, organizer estimates that 137,000 visitors have been to look around the gardens, which is a great turn out. A day pass for the Garden Show costs 10 Euros for adults and 2.50 Euros for children. The Bavarian Regional



Garden Show in Kitzingen remains open until 21 August 2011.

If you plan on visiting Kitzingen, it is recommended that you travel sustainably. Use the train, which only takes 45 minutes (one transfer) from Schweinfurt Hauptbahnhof (main station) (<http://www.bahn.de/i/view/USA/en/index.shtml>) or practice car sharing. Follow the signs to the parking areas around the site.





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Summertime - Healthy Living and Energy Saving



During summertime, when the weather is fine, why not think about walking short distances or using a bike? By leaving your car at home, you can **reduce fuel consumption and emission of greenhouse gases**. To save additional energy, avoid the use of air conditioning. Alternatives to keep your home or office nice and cool include:

- Shutting shades or blinds to prevent the sun from heating up rooms,
- Airing your rooms and creating a draft by opening windows wide, especially in the morning and at night when outside temperatures are lower,
- Avoid or reduce use of candles, computers, dishwashers, and TVs in the daytime as they are an additional source of heat inside your home.

Sources: <http://www.consumerenergycenter.org/tips/summer.html>, <http://www.energysavers.gov>

Furthermore, you can **improve your health by walking or cycling**:

In one hour of leisurely **cycling at 12- 13.9 mph, putting in moderate effort**, the average male weighing 190 pounds (86 kg) burns **690 calories**. For an average female weighing 163 pounds (74 kg), this would be **590 calories**. In comparison, approximately 200 calories are burned while walking at a slow pace on level and firm ground. This figure increases with speed, slope, and load carried.

Source: <http://www.dietandfitnesstoday.com/caloriesBurned.php>



E-BIKES - DID YOU KNOW?



An electric bicycle, also known as an e-bike, is a bicycle with an electric motor used to power the vehicle. In Germany 70,000 e-bikes were sold in 2007, whereas in 2010 this figure increased to 200,000. Most e-bikes can be classified as zero-emissions vehicles, as they emit no combustion byproducts. The environmental effects of electricity generation, power distribution, and manufacturing and disposing of (limited life) high storage density batteries must be taken into account. But even with these issues considered, electric bicycles have a significantly lower environmental impact than conventional automobiles and are generally seen as environmentally desirable in an urban environment.

Source: http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Electric_bicycle

Battery Shop

The Environmental Division (ED) and 172nd Support Battalion (SB) have established an agreement on turn-in procedures for tactical vehicle batteries. During the deployment of 172nd SB, ED personnel will accept tactical vehicle batteries on **Thursdays between 1000 - 1100 hrs at the Battery Shop, Bldg. 1166, Conn Barracks**. In the event that Thursday is a German Holiday, batteries will be accepted the Wednesday before the holiday.

Delivering units are responsible for safe handling of the batteries and must use **proper personal protective equipment**. For further information and the memorandum, please contact ED at DSN: 354-6795 or environmental-usag-schweinfurt-dpw@eur.army.mil



Open Burning Prohibited!

Garrison Policy, referencing US Army Regulation and German Law, states that **open burning is prohibited** within the US Army Garrison Schweinfurt footprint. This includes but is not limited to the burning of paper documents and other record carriers, grass clippings, garden wastes and wildlife such as ants or bees.



⇒ **Documents** designated for destruction must be taken to the Recycling Center, Building #147, Conn Barracks (DSN 354-6201), which is equipped with an industrialized pulper (secret clearance granted). This shredder complies with the highest security standards.

⇒ On-post, all **organic waste** needs to be put into special large paper bags (leaf bags) that you can get at the Self Help Store. Bring the filled bags to the Conn Barracks Recycle Center. If you live in government quarters or government leased housing, view the "Facilities & Grounds" weekly update page or download the Community Calendar for scheduled organic waste pick-ups.

⇒ If you detect **wildlife** in your quarters, do not use fire! Always call the Operations and Maintenance Division (DSN: 354-6201) to arrange an appointment with pest control.



Opening Hours Conn Recycling Center & Paper Shredder

Monday - Thursday
0730 - 1600 hrs
Friday
0730 - 1430 hrs
50 kg or more
by appointment with
O&M Division

Closed: Saturday, Sunday, German Holidays

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