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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

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We can assist you with any occurring environmental issue or question!

Christmas at the Forest on Sunday, 16 December 2012

Looking for something fun to do with your kids?



The Christmas-Party at the wildlife park "Wildpark an den Eichen" is a great event for the whole family! Enjoy live music, lots of good food from Bratwurst to Lebkuchen, and a great Christmas atmosphere! You can observe lots of different animals like moose, highland cows, red deer, wild boars, lynx and many more! There are also several playgrounds to enjoy, so there is no way your kids will be bored!

Check out the website at: www.wildpark-schweinfurt.de

Merry Christmas from the Environmental Division !



In the season of Advent, when you're thinking of buying presents for your loved ones, it's also time to think of the environment. In the U.S., 5 million extra tons of trash are generated between Thanksgiving and the New Year! Here are a few things you can do to be an environmental steward:

- Buy environmentally friendly products such as energy-efficient electronics and gifts without unnecessary packaging.
- Use wrapping paper and Christmas cards with recycled paper content (like comics from the Sunday newspaper) or send your cards via e-mail.
- Use energy-efficient LED (light-emitting diode) decorative lighting, and switch off any electric Christmas decorations during the daytime and when you are not at home.
- Pass any unwanted presents on to your local charity shop (e.g. the Freecycle Center) - you can be sure someone will like them!

Recycling Centers Holiday Schedule

The Garrison's Recycling Centers have the following schedule during the Christmas



ASKREN MANOR RECYCLE CENTER
Saturday 22 December – OPEN
Sunday 23 December – CLOSED
Monday 24 December – OPEN
Tuesday 25 December – CLOSED
Wednesday 26 December – CLOSED

CONN AND LEDWARD RECYCLE CENTERS
Saturday 22 December – CLOSED
Sunday 23 December – CLOSED
Monday 24 December – CLOSED
Tuesday 25 December – CLOSED
Wednesday 26 December – CLOSED

Christmas Tree Pick-Up



In order to dispose of your Christmas Tree at Askren Manor or Yorktown Village, beginning 6 January 2012, you can put it in front of your house. It will be picked up in the following few days.

Remember to check the Community Calendar for Trash and Bulk Waste Pick-Up Dates!



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Bird Feeding during Winter Season

Now that temperatures are falling and it starts snowing again, we are happy to have warm and cozy homes and all those delicious treats! But what about our little feathered friends out there in the cold? What should we keep in mind when providing a healthy source of energy for them?



Here are some important tips to help our friends stay healthy:

1. Typically, winter feeding is offered **from November to the end of February**, especially during freezing temperatures and snow cover.
2. Choose feeders where the birds don't have to run around in their food and contaminate it with feces.
3. The best choices are **bird-seed dispensers** where the seeds slide down in a tube, so that no food residue builds up and the food doesn't get spoiled. This also provides a dry weather-proof storage.
4. If you do use regular **house-like feeders**, **clean them regularly** with hot water and only put out a small amount of food at a time.
5. Place the feeder at an **open location** so you have a good view of it and cats can't sneak up on it. There should be some bushes or trees around **providing shelter**.
6. **Sunflower seeds** are best as a main food source for almost all species. Commonly called "**outdoor feed mixtures**" include additional seeds of different sizes that are preferred by different species. If you provide any soft food like raisins or oatmeal, make sure that it doesn't get spoiled and replace it regularly. Chickadees love "**bird fat balls**" (German: *Meisenknödel*) which you can buy in almost any German supermarket during the winter.

"Energy Saving" Cookies

It is the Holiday Season and ovens everywhere run at full speed, preparing Thanksgiving turkeys, Christmas cookies, pies, and other delicious treats that we have waited for all year. Here is a recipe for some quick and easy "Energy Saving" Peanut Cookies that give the oven a well-deserved break.



Ingredients:

- 1 3/4 cups sugar, 1/2 cup milk,
- 4 oz unsalted butter, 3/4 cup chunky peanut butter, 1 tbsp vanilla, 1/2 cup cocoa mix powder, 1 1/2 cup oatmeal

Preparation:

Bring the sugar, milk, butter, and peanut butter to a boil. Reduce the heat.

Simmer the mixture under constant stirring for 3 minutes to melt the sugar.

Take the mixture off the stove and mix in the remaining ingredients.

Prepare a ca. 7x11" tray with non-stick parchment paper or foil.

Pour the mixture on the tray and let it cool.

Once hardened, cut into squares.



Enjoy!



Proper Heating and Airing in the Winter



During winter it is especially important to practice proper heating and airing techniques; therefore, follow the following steps:



1. Turn off your heat COMPLETELY.
2. Open windows/doors WIDE.
3. Air up to 5 minutes.
4. Close windows/doors.
5. Turn heat back on.



REPEAT PROCEDURE SEVERAL TIMES A DAY and NEVER TILT WINDOWS!

The advantage of this intermittent ventilation is that the stored warmth remains in the walls, and after closing the windows, the room air quickly reaches the desired temperature again.

Cold and Wet Weather Preventive Maintenance: Draining the Hull of Tactical Vehicles



In the cold and wet season, water can accumulate in the hull of tactical vehicles, possibly creating problems for the vehicle. This can be prevented by draining the water from the hull by opening available drain plugs.

Be aware! The water can be **contaminated** with POLs and other hazardous liquids, such as hydraulic oil, JP8, and antifreeze from leaking parts.



To prevent pollution, drain the vehicle hull at the Recycling Wash Rack on Conn Barracks. Alternatively, you can drain the hull also on a concrete area as long as you collect the drained water in a drip pan and dispose of it correctly. If the drained liquid contains a large amount of POLs, it needs to be disposed of in the Waste Oil Underground Storage Tank!



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