



## ILLEGAL DUMPING PROHIBITED ON JOINT BASE PEARL HARBOR-HICKAM

**M**isuse of government solid waste bins by military personnel, DoD civilians, and residents on Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam (JBPHH) is a problem and must stop immediately. Captain Jeffery James, JBPHH commander, is directing that dumping illegal waste at the installation is strictly prohibited as it pollutes the environment, creates a burden for the dumpster's owners, and is in violation of State and Federal law.



A car's seat placed next to a solid waste dumpster is a prime example of illegal dumping occurring at JBPHH.

### WHAT IS ILLEGAL DUMPING?:

It is the unlawful disposal of hazardous or nonhazardous material in an unpermitted area and typically occurs to avoid waste-handling fees or the time and effort required to dispose of waste properly. This illegal activity most commonly happens at night or early morning, when the person is least likely to be seen.

**Solid waste dumpsters on military installations are allocated to specific activities that generate waste and are intended for "official use only." Dumping of hazardous or nonhazardous waste is unlawful and strictly prohibited.**

### Common Items Illegally Dumped:

- building materials, construction, and demolition waste (paint, roofing shingles, drywall, concrete, lumber, bricks),
- appliances or electronic waste (A/C units, TVs, computers, refrigerators),
- scrap tires, auto parts, bicycles, batteries,
- hazardous household products,
- yard and green waste,
- furniture, mattresses, and other household items,
- medical waste (potentially hazardous).



Used automotive batteries must be disposed of at City & County of Honolulu Convenience Centers (see Pg. 2) or the dealer that sold you the battery.

### WHY IS IT A PROBLEM?:

Illegal dumping contributes directly to environmental pollution as waste can contain hazardous substances and cause other types of contamination. Disposal of materials in an unpermitted area can pollute our land, air and drinking water sources. It costs the government time and money to remove unlawful waste that should have been disposed of correctly the first time. **Activities that use solid waste dumpsters pay for their use and are subject to additional costs/charges when people dump personal waste next to or into them.**

### ***Common Problems Attributed to Illegal Dumping:***

- Dumped items are often combustible and pose a fire hazard and can generate toxic fumes if burned.
- Heavy rains can leach hazardous chemicals into the soil affecting waterways, wildlife, and natural resources. They can also carry debris towards waterways and obstruct drainage ways, which makes areas more vulnerable to flooding.
- Discarded items attract rodents (rats, mosquitoes, flies) which may carry infectious diseases.
- Illegal dumping often attracts more illegal dumping and other criminal activity in the community and creates more costs to the government.



Scrap tires collect and trap standing water, which attract mosquitoes that may carry infectious diseases.

### **ENFORCEMENT:**

Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam is subject to State of Hawaii Department of Health inspections at any time, without notice. Enforcement action and civil penalties of up to \$10,000/day may be assessed for each offense (§342H-9, HRS). For more information concerning State of Hawaii illegal waste activities, visit: <http://healthuser.hawaii.gov/health/environmental/waste/sw/index.html>.

**Military and civilian personnel caught illegally dumping on JBPHH will be reported to base security and are subject to disciplinary action.**

### **WHAT IS THE SOLUTION?:**

Effective environmental management is the responsibility of our government, workforce, and community, as well as our duty as citizens. We all enjoy the benefits of a clean environment to live and play. It is important to make the right decision when faced with the opportunity to dump illegally.



### **City & County of Honolulu Convenience Centers**

Convenience centers are available for residential waste only and free to use. They are open seven days a week and accept most household items, including furniture, appliances, nonhazardous waste, tires, and car batteries.

#### ***Two locations closest to Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam:***

**Waipahu Convenience Center**  
93-071 Waipahu Depot Road  
Waipahu, HI 96797  
7 a.m. – 6 p.m.

**Wahiawa Convenience Center**  
71-129 Wilikina Drive  
Wahiawa, HI 96786  
7 a.m. – 6 p.m.

For more information on how to dispose of waste legally, or to check when the bulky item pick-up occurs in your neighborhood, visit <http://www.opala.org/>.