

Flying Green

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The Flying Green is designed to help keep you informed on what is happening in the Environmental world at Fort Rucker. Please send comments or questions to melissa.g.lowlavar3.civ@army.mil.

Installation Name Change

As of **10 April 2023**, Fort Rucker will be renamed Fort Novosel. The environmental website has already been changed to www.fortnovosel-env.com to reflect the upcoming change. The Directorate of Public Works, Environmental and Natural Resources Division will also be transitioning all environmental documents from Fort Rucker to Fort Novosel after it becomes official, so be on the look out.

FY23 Internal Environmental Performance Assessment (EPAS)

The FY23 Internal EPAS has been scheduled for **10-14 April 2023**. Fort Rucker will be conducting the Internal EPAS as a desktop audit to look at each environmental document (Plans, Work Instructions, and USAACE Forms), environmental permits, etc. to see what needs to be transitioned from Fort Rucker to Fort Novosel. Each finding will be logged as a Class III DoD noncompliance. Be on the look out for updated published documents on the environmental website, www.fortnovosel-env.com. If you have any questions, feel free to contact Melissa Lowlavar at melissa.g.lowlavar3.civ@army.mil.

FY23Q3 Environmental Compliance Training

Fort Rucker's Environmental Compliance training scheduled for April 2023 will be provided in person. Please be sure to sign up for required training on the environmental website (www.fortnovosel-env.com). Please contact Travis Farmer (travis.a.farmer5.ctr@army.mil) if you have any questions.

Date	Time	Course Description
19 April 2023	1300-1500	90-Day Hazardous Waste Central Accumulation Area (HWCAA) Manager Training
20 April 2023	0800-1600	Environmental Officer Training
25 April 2023	1300-1500	Hazardous Waste Satellite Accumulation Area (HWSAA) Manager Training
25 April 2023	0800-1000	90-Day Hazardous Waste Central Accumulation Area (HWCAA) Manager Training
26 April 2023	0800-1000	Hazardous Waste Satellite Accumulation Area (HWSAA) Manager Training
26 April 2023	1300-1500	Spill Prevention, Control, and Countermeasures (SPCC) Plan Training
27 April 2023	0800-1600	Environmental Officer Training

"The Earth is what we all have in common." – Wendell Berry

Remember to check the environmental website for more information! <https://www.fortnovosel-env.com>

Compliance Corner



The Compliance Corner is focusing on **EARTH DAY** this quarter. Let us know if you would like information about a particular topic, and we will include it in the next Flying Green article.

“Earth Day” – 22 April 2023

ARMY EARTH DAY

Recipes for a Healthy Environment



Have you ever thought about how many chemicals you use every day? Do you wonder how they may be affecting the environment?

Some disinfectants, cleaners and even air fresheners contain chemicals that can potentially damage your health, as well as the environment. However, by substituting chemical with natural ingredients you can clean up your home, office, clothes, and the environment.

These Earth-friendly products are made with readily available ingredients that work as well or, in some cases, better than traditional cleaners

Just implementing a few of these at a time will go a long way toward creating a chemical-free house, a safer environment and a healthier family.

Floor and Rug Cleaners

- **Ceramic Tile:** Clean using a solution of 1/4 cup baking soda, 1/2 cup white vinegar, 1 cup ammonia and 1 gallon warm water. This solution also works well as a general cleaner.
- **Linoleum/Vinyl Floors:**
 - Polish with a mix of 1 part thick boiled starch with 1 part soap suds. Rub this mixture on the floor and polish with a clean, soft, dry cloth.
 - To strip commercial floor wax, pour club soda on the surface, scrub, let soak for a few minutes and wipe clean.
- **Wood Floors:** Damp-mop with a mild vegetable-oil soap; dry immediately.
- **Rugs/Carpets**
 - Mixing 1/2 cup dishwashing detergent and 1 pint boiling water.
 - Cool and whip into a stiff foam with an electric mixer.
 - Apply the solution to 4-by-4-foot sections with a damp sponge.
 - Wipe off the suds and rinse with a solution of 1 cup vinegar in 1 gallon of warm water, changing the rinse water frequently.
 - Clean your rug on a dry, warm day so you can open the windows to facilitate drying.

Spot Remover

- **Butter, Coffee, Gravy, or Chocolate Stains:** Scrape off or sponge up as much of the spot as possible. Then dab with a cloth dampened in a mixture of 1 teaspoon white vinegar and 1 quart cold water.
- **Grease Spots:**
 - Apply a paste of cornstarch and water.
 - Cover with baking soda or commeal, let dry, and brush off.
 - Scrub the spot with toothpaste.
 - On rugs, sprinkle dry comstarch on the spot and vacuum.



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ENVIRONMENTAL IQ

LAST QUESTION: Do items such as cell phone chargers, fans, coffeemakers, desktop printers, radios, etc. consume energy even when they are turned off?

ANSWER: Yes! Items such as these use energy even when turned “off”. This energy is referred to as “Phantom Energy” and can amount to up to 5% of a building or home’s energy use.

NEW QUESTION: Earth Day sparked the creation of what government environmental organizations?

Check here in the next issue for the IQ answer and a new question to test your environmental knowledge.