

Fort Gordon Community GARDEN



I recently stumbled upon this great community activity that I thought was worth sharing. Me being a gardener myself, I was really inspired to know that the military has a community garden on post. What an idea!

What, you might ask is so great about community gardening? Studies have shown that Community gardens are beneficial in many ways to people. It helps families and individuals establish relationships with one other, relate to each other, reduce daily stresses, and encourage physical activity. It can even save you \$400-\$1000 a year in groceries.

Military community gardens are really unique. They give soldiers and their families something to sink their "feet" into. It gives them "roots" in a hectic, not so normal lifestyle when they are on the go. Studies have shown that participating in these gardens can ease turmoil associated with deployment and extended separations. Community gardening helps alleviates side effects of having space constraints within housing units often seen on posts.

It's a great way to get kids outside and learning. Classes are taught at Fort Gordon Child Youth and School Services (CYSS) programs.



Fort Gordon Gardens:

- ◆ "Chemical Free- Bird, Bee and Kid Friendly"
- ◆ Plots are 9ft x 9ft
- ◆ 2016 fall season cost \$20, annual cost March thru December season is \$45
- ◆ Visit Fort Gordon MWR Community Garden on Facebook

For more information on Fort Gordon Gardening, call 706-791-9483.

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This office conducts training in all aspects of Environmental, Natural and Cultural Resources compliance. Classes will be held in the DPW/Safety Training Center, Bldg 11307, Lane Avenue unless otherwise noted.



Upcoming Environmental Trainings and Meetintgs

TRAINING	Training/Meeting	Date(s)	Time	Location
	Environmental Officer (EO)Course	Oct. 17-21	0800-1600 hrs	Bldg. 11307
	*Refresher Haz Waste/Materials Mgmt	Nov 3	0830 hrs	eDelivery
	1st Qtr FY17 Cross Functional Team Mtg	Nov 3	1300-1430 hrs	Bldg 14600 Conf Rm
	Initial Haz Waste/Materials Mgmt	30 Nov—1 Dec	0800-1600 hrs	Bldg. 11307
	*Refresher Haz Waste/Materials Mgmt	Dec 6	0830 hrs	eDelivery
	SPCC Training	Dec 15	0830-1200 hrs	Bldg 11307
	Stormwater Industrial Training	Dec 16	0900-1100 hrs	Bldg 11307

*What's new in training: Haz Waste/Materials Refresher is now being administered through electronic means. We will continue to identify the dates and times of availability for training on the environmental training calendar. You will have to take a test upon review of the training materials. For more info, please call 791-6278.

Download our Environmental Training Matrix to find out if you are required to obtain any environmental training: http://www.gordon.army.mil/images/DPWED/Training/TIII-FG-SEMS-006_01_TrainingMatrix2016_Rev2.pdf

For detailed information on environmental training, please visit the Environmental Training webpage: <http://www.gordon.army.mil/index.php/environmental-division/environmental/prevention-compliance-branch/training>.

For Environmental Information and Forms, please visit the Environmental Quick-Links page: <http://www.gordon.army.mil/index.php/environmental-quick-links>



Using Energy Wisely



The objective of energy management in every household is to minimize energy cost and prevent waste without affecting the occupants comfort. The same principle applies to our facilities on Fort Gordon. The top operating expenses are energy, labor, and materials. Energy would emerge as a top ranker for cost reduction.

The first step in energy reduction is to analyze the cost of energy. We all know that electricity cost less at night compared to the prices during the day. It is prudent to purchase electricity during the night and avoid the high cost during the day. This principle can be applied to our homes by vacuum our floors, washing, drying, and ironing our clothes at night. We can also

set our dishwashers to clean dishes while we sleep. During the night, we can reduce the temperature because we all sleep under blankets. With a programmable thermostat, we can slowly raise the temperature and wake up to a nice comfortable room. When everyone has gone to school, and we are off to work, the programmable thermostat can automatically lower the temperature in the house when it's vacant and warm it up slowly as the family returns home.

Here at Fort Gordon, we procure electricity through a tariff rate that saves the taxpayers over \$3.1 to \$5.3 million annually. In addition to this savings we leverage the night to make two millions of gallons of chilled water and store it. During the day when the cost of electricity increases, we discharge the chilled water. We store enough chilled water to last us through the peak demand times and restart the process once the electrical prices drop.

As a wise consumer, we have systematically replaced our inefficient boilers and chillers with highly efficient equipment. The new equipment consumes 0.5 kilowatts per ton (kw/ton) compared to the old equipment that consumed 1.3 kw/ton. In addition, we have installed controls in our facilities that allows us to reduce the heating and cooling when our facilities are not occupied. Installing occupant sensors, variable air volume in our heating and cooling system has allowed us to reduce our consumption over 50 percent.

Even with the best equipment and management tools, we cannot save any money if we leave our doors and windows wide open. No one who pays for a utility bill at home would ever leave their doors or windows wide open. If your family member did this, you would certainly have a "sticker shock" when you look at your next utility bill. The same principle applies to Fort Gordon. Please keep the doors and windows closed during the heating and cooling season which will make us all wise users of energy.



Hunting Seasons on Fort Gordon

- ⇒ **DOVE SEASON**-Sept. 3-18 / Oct 8-Oct 28/Nov. 24--Jan 13 in Training Area 23 & 28
- ⇒ **DEER**- Archery **ONLY**-Sept. 10-Jan 8
- ⇒ **DEER**- Muzzle loader-Oct 15-Jan 8
- ⇒ **DEER**- All weapons- Oct 22-Jan 8



You must have a Georgia State hunting license and a Fort Gordon hunting license to hunt on Fort Gordon.

Fort Gordon licenses are available at the Tactical Advantage Sportsman Range (Range 14) on North Carter Road.

Information is also available at the sign in board on 111th street.

For more details on management zones, bag limits, and other restrictions please contact, Natural Resources Division, 706-791-6135 or 706-791-2397.

!!ALL HUNTERS, REGARDLESS OF AGE, MUST POSSESS A HUNTER SAFETY CERTIFICATE!!

Fishing Rodeo

Saturday October 24, 2016

Kid's fishing rodeo at Clay Pit 1 from 0800-1100.

National Hunting and Fishing activities at the Sportsman Club 1200-1600.

Kids under 16 are free!





NOVEMBER 15 IS AMERICA RECYCLES DAY

A national initiative of Keep America Beautiful



Do you still need convincing on why we should all recycle? By looking at the infographics, you are able to see the significant impact of America Recycles day and other recycling initiatives.

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Raising Awareness:

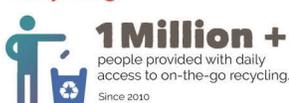
National public service advertising campaign that has over \$118 million in donated media and 3.8 million website visitors.



Pledge to Recycle:



Support Public Space Recycling:



Recycling Ambassadors:



Research to Identify Successful Strategies:

First-of-its-kind research regarding recycling bin configuration and communications, improving recycling by



Collected Items for Recycling & Reusing:



Greenhouse gas emissions avoided



K-12/College Students:



Data based on 2015 Keep America Beautiful reporting unless otherwise noted.

2015 Recycling Impact Infographic

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How Will You Keep America Beautiful?

Keep America Beautiful seeks to educate, motivate and activate people to recycle more and recycle right by improving recycling awareness and participation. We provide tools to inform people how and where to make recycling happen, and most importantly why to recycle—transforming the act of recycling into a daily social norm.

Learn more about some of our key recycling programs: America Recycles Day, I Want To Be Recycled, Recycle-Bowl and RecycleMania.

Donate | Volunteer | Partner
kab.org

Take the 2016 pledge to:

Learn, find out what materials are collected in your community.

Act, reduce your personal waste by recycling. Try recycling more and buying products made w/recycled content.

Share, In the next month, encourage a family member or friend to take the #BeRecycled pledge. start recycling or to recycle more (try recycling a different item).

Visit this link to make an electronic pledge: <https://americarecyclesday.org/pledge/>

JOIN THE NATION IN RECYCLING MORE!

For more information about recycling here on Fort Gordon, please call 791-7881.

Fort Gordon will be hosting events in honor of America Recycles Day!

November 15th, 1000-1300 hrs in the Darling Hall Lobby

November 16th, 1000-1300 hrs at the entrance of the Commissary.

Both events will have games, contests, prizes, giveaways, and of course, lots of information about Recycling on Fort Gordon.



Remember The Three R's

Reducing the amount of waste you produce is the best way to help the environment.

Reuse, instead of throwing things away, try to find ways to use them again!

Recycle, purchase items that can be recycled, like paper bags, soda cans, and milk cartons. In addition, purchase products that contain recycled materials.

Recycled items are put through a process that makes it possible to create new products out of the materials from the old ones.



Sources
<http://www.fortgordon.com/programs/community/recreation/community-garden/>

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Keep America Beautiful's 2015 Recycling Impact Infographic [Displays significant impacts related to recycling]. (2015, November). Retrieved October 18, 2016, from <https://www.kab.org/our-programs/america-recycles-day/recycling-impact>

<https://americarecyclesday.org/pledge/>

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Environmental Quick-Links: <http://www.gordon.army.mil/index.php/environmental-quick-links>

Facebook: https://www.facebook.com/ftgordonenvironmental/?ref=aymt_homepage_panel

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