

Good Housekeeping

Practice good housekeeping and follow best management practices (BMPs) that are appropriate for your daily routine at home and work area.

- Regularly sweep and mop paved areas and parking lots to remove debris and sediment, especially before wash downs. Dispose properly.
- Install barriers to prevent soil and debris runoff while doing home improvements.
- Reduce or reuse construction-generated debris.

Implementation—inquire if the following could be implemented in your community and at work:

- Add more trash receptacles or increase maintenance around areas that accumulate litter quickly.
- Install “No Dumping” signs.
- Composting of paper and green waste.

Be Proactive in Your Community

- Pick up any debris, including tiny bits, around drainage systems. Gather leaves and grass cuttings and dispose as green waste or compost.
- Participate in clean-up activities.

Important Contact Numbers

To report a questionable discharge into a Navy storm drain system or nearby waters, please take the following action:

- Residents of Naval Base Guam (NBG) Apra Heights Housing/Community—contact the Area Housing Manager
- All other Base Personnel—contact:

NBG Storm Water Program,
NBG Environmental Office
(671) 339-3711

For additional information, visit Naval Base Guam Storm Water web page at https://www.cnic.navy.mil/regions/jrm/installations/navbase_guam.html

References:

**Guam Recycling Guide* can be found on the Naval Base Guam website under Recycling, or visit the Guam EPA websites <https://guamepa.govguam.net/> or <http://epa.guam.gov/recycling/>

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Importance of Reducing Trash Waste



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What is Trash?

Trash is used interchangeably with ‘litter’. **Litter** is any piece of misplaced solid waste ranging in size from tiny bits of paper to large appliances and automobiles.



Why are we concerned about reducing trash especially around drainage systems?

Drainage systems are important infrastructure that help remove excess rain water that does not soak in the ground. As rain flows from rooftops, over paved areas and bare soils, and through sloped lawns, it will pick up a variety of pollutants on its way to drainage systems, eventually discharging to Guam’s rivers, oceans and beaches.



Water pollution can destroy habitats and harm or kill marine animals and other wildlife. *This water is not fully treated before it is directly discharged into the waters in which you swim, fish and surf.*

According to the 2018 Guam Statistical Yearbook, a total of 169,523 pounds of trash were picked-up on land and in sea during the 2018 International Coastal Clean-up.

Below are the top 10 debris types found during the 2018 islandwide clean-up.

Type of Debris	# of pieces
Beverage Cans	43,620
Cigarette Butts	30,109
Beverage Bottles (Plastic)	26,790
Plastic Pieces	17,703
Bottle Caps (Plastic)	14,422
Food Wrappers (candy, chips, etc.)	13,384
Beverage Bottles (Glass)	12,865
Glass Pieces	10,221
Foam Pieces	7,752
Bottle Caps (Metal)	6,884
Total debris pieces	183,750

2018 Guam Statistical Yearbook

Discharge from drainage systems can carry trash into the sea, where it can later wash ashore onto our beaches.

You can take preventive measures to reduce pollution heading into our waterways. Being proactive in picking up trash around drainage systems and recycling are small yet easy steps you can do to reduce water pollution.



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Recycling Options on Base

Naval Base Guam (NBG) encourages its base personnel, contractors and community residents to recycle. With the mindset of being more eco-friendly and practicing recycling, large-scale pollution can be prevented.

Currently, NBG offers a variety of recycling opportunities to its residential and non-residential community.



NBG Housing offers its residents recycling of cardboard, aluminum, plastic (type 1 and 2) and green waste. Residents must place their recyclables in designated containers/bins or bags marked “recyclable waste” by the curbside. For more information about the recycling opportunity on the NBG Housing, call your Area Housing Manager.

Clients of the base are allowed to request recycle bins. Recyclables shall be segregated by the type of recyclable waste.

NBG also offers metal recycling wherever designated dumpsters or containers are found around the base.

There are other local facilities on Guam that will accept other recyclables as well as hazardous waste. *The Guam Recycling Guide* lists contact details for local companies that will accept your recyclables.*

