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Facilities Engineering

CONSERVATION AND CARE OF TREES

**Summary.** This regulation revises and consolidates installation policy and procedures for the care, conservation, and removal of trees.

**Applicability.** This regulation applies to all commanders at all major activities, staff offices/departments, tenant commands, and occupants of Government quarters on this installation.

**Suggested improvements.** The proponent of this regulation is the Directorate of Engineering and Housing. Users are invited to send comments and suggested improvements on DA Form 2028 (Recommended Changes to Publications and Blank Forms) directly to CDR, USAARMC and Fort Knox, ATTN: ATZK-EHE, Fort Knox, Kentucky 40121-5000.

1. **Purpose.** To establish the policies and procedures concerning the care, conservation, and removal of trees.

2. **Reference.** AR 420-74, 1 Jul 77, Natural Resources; Land, Forest, and Wildlife Management.

3. **Protection.**

a. Do not cut trees or otherwise remove without prior approval of Forestry Section (4-8147). This is not to restrict the occupants or users from performing minor pruning requirements within the scope of their capability under the provisions of the self-help program, nor does it require Grounds Section to obtain approval for removing hazardous trees.

b. Do not use trees as permanent or temporary anchors for ropes or cables, nor damage by driving nails or other metal obstructions into the trunk.

c. Take precautions while using lawn mowers to prevent scarring or breaking the bark, especially on young trees.

d. Parents will employ precautions to prevent children from swinging or climbing on trees or breaking limbs and branches from small trees.

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\*This regulation supersedes USAARMC Reg 420-15, 4 Jan 77.

e. When construction or other activities are in progress which might endanger trees or fences, construct guards or barricades for their protection.

f. The second year remove twine, rope, wire, or other material used for guying purposes to prevent damage to growing trees.

g. Do not paint or whitewash trunks of trees except as needed by the Forestry Section.

h. Exercise care during the movement of vehicles through wooded areas to prevent the careless destruction of trees. Assemble and move tracked and wheeled vehicles in training areas along established trails.

4. Care.

a. Application of water to newly-planted shade trees is important throughout the first year. Occupants of government quarters and other buildings are responsible for watering young shade trees thoroughly during prolonged periods without rain for the period 1 May through 1 Sep.

b. Place mulch around trees when planted. Place mulch around trees as needed to prevent damage from mowing and to conserve water. Mulch can be obtained for trees on post at the mulch pick-up point on the east side of Wilson Road near Eleventh Ave.

5. Removal. Report dead or hazardous trees within the cantonment to Grounds Section (4-5322). Remove trees which constitute a threat to life or property once reported; remove other trees during the winter months.

6. Insects and Diseases. Report indications of heavy infestations of insects or diseases on trees to the Pest Management Branch (4-3631). The Pest Management Branch will accomplish the spraying for control of insects.

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