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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 Public Works. Users are invited to send comments and suggested improvements on DA Form 2028 (Recommended Changes to Publications and Blank Forms) directly to Commander, US Army Garrison Command, Directorate of Public Works (IMSE-KNX-PWE), Fort Knox, Kentucky 40121-5719.

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

2. Reference. AR 200-3, Natural Resources – Land, Forest, and Wildlife Management, 28 February 1995.

3. Protection.

a. Do not cut or otherwise remove trees without prior approval of the Forestry Section (624-8147). This is not to restrict the residents 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 (DPW) to obtain approval for removing fallen trees.

b. Do not use trees as permanent or temporary anchors for ropes or cables, and do not damage them by driving nails or other metal obstructions into the trunk.

c. Take precautions while using lawn mowers and weed eaters 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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e. When construction or other activities are in progress which might endanger trees or fences, construct guards or barricades for their protection.

f. During 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.

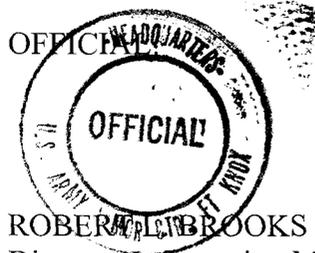
a. Application of water to newly-planted shade trees is important throughout the first year. Residents of government quarters and other buildings are responsible for watering young shade trees thoroughly during prolonged periods without rain for the period 1 May through 1 Sep.

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 at the landfill on Frazier Road.

5. Removal. Report dead or hazardous trees within the cantonment to DPW Work Reception (624-4246). Removal of approved trees is to occur only during the winter months (after 15 Oct and before 1 Apr) in order to comply with the Endangered Species Act of 1973 regarding the management of critical habitat for the Indiana bat (*Myotis sodalis*).

6. Insects and Diseases. Report indications of heavy infestations of insects or diseases on trees to DPW Work Reception (624-4246).

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