

▶▶ **Remember: Your help matters!**

Families and Marines aboard Camp Pendleton play a vital role in environmental protection.

Best Management Practices, like those suggested in this brochure, will help us improve environmental quality, protect public health, and focus resources where they are needed most.



By following a few simple guidelines, you can help us promote the Base's reputation as a responsible steward of the environment.

MCB CAMP PENDLETON'S Wastewater Source Control Pretreatment Program

is an initiative of the
Water Resources Division (WRD)



**Working together, we can ensure
a better environment, and
a cleaner ocean for all!**

For general questions,
contact WRD at 760-725-3567

To report a sewage spill, call:

▶ **760-725-4324/4683** ◀

**CAMP PENDLETON NEEDS YOUR HELP
TO ENSURE THE BASE'S SEWAGE
TREATMENT PLANTS OPERATE
EFFICIENTLY AND EFFECTIVELY!**



Camp Pendleton operates several sewage treatment plants with **sensitive treatment processes** that can be disrupted by contaminants such as oil, grease, and harsh chemicals introduced through household plumbing. Some contaminants, such as certain medications, cannot be removed through wastewater treatment.

▶ **Left unchecked, contaminants can end up in our local waters where they threaten wildlife and endanger public health.**

Furthermore, treatment processes cannot degrade consumer products such as *so-called* "flushable" wipes, diapers, latex, or feminine hygiene products. Along with kitchen grease, such products can also clog pipes.

▶ **Clogged pipes lead to overflows of untreated sewage in housing and environmentally sensitive areas.**

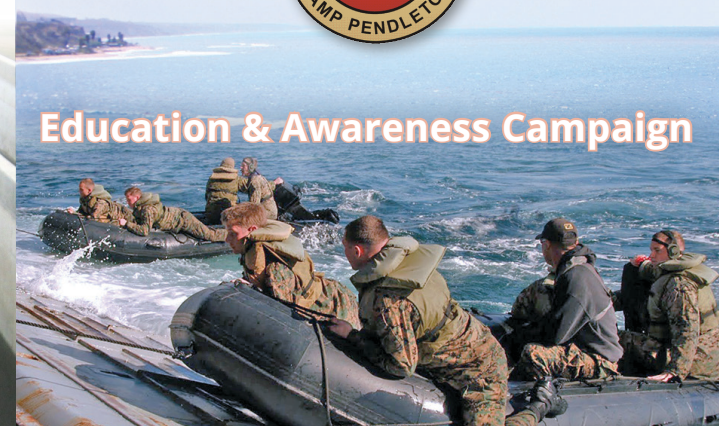


MARINES TRAIN IN WHAT GOES DOWN THE DRAIN

**MARINE CORPS BASE
CAMP PENDLETON**
Wastewater Source Control
Pretreatment Program



Education & Awareness Campaign



IN THE KITCHEN

The kitchen is the source of many sewer backups and overflows that occur on Base.

Fats, oils, and cooking grease (FOG) used in the kitchen will coat and cling to the insides of sewer pipes. Using soaps, degreasers, or hot water to flush FOG down the drain only pushes the problem further down the pipe where it eventually solidifies, creating blockages that result in an overflow of raw sewage.

DON'T: Pour vegetable oil, fats, or grease down the drain!



DO: Pour grease into a used non-recyclable container, such as a milk carton, then dispose of it in the garbage.



RECOMMENDATIONS...

- ✓ **Wipe dishes, pots & pans** coated with greasy residue using a disposable towel.
- ✓ **Scrape food scraps and grease** into the garbage prior to washing.
- ✓ **Place screens over sink drains.** Dispose of food scraps in the garbage instead of using your disposal unit.



You can help us limit the amount of grease that enters the sewer system, reduce the potential for sewage spills, and keep the Base's treatment plants in good working order!

IN THE BATHROOM

You'd be surprised by what we find in the sewer. People will try to flush just about anything down the toilet, causing sewer overflows.

DON'T: Flush baby wipes, paper towels, medications, or other objects down the toilet! Wipes clog pipes!



Please dispose of trash and personal hygiene products including disposable wipes (even if labeled "flushable"), diapers, latex, and feminine hygiene products in the trash.

DO: Place a wastebasket in the bathroom to dispose of solid wastes.

Unwanted/Expired MEDICATIONS

Some medications cannot be broken down by sewage treatment. Once flushed down the drain, they can end up in the ocean, causing harmful effects on the marine environment.

Unfortunately, medications that end up in landfills can also leach into the environment, causing pollution.

The San Diego County Sheriff's Department has

FREE DROP-BOXES

throughout the County where residents can drop off unused medications for proper disposal. To find a location near you, please call **(858) 974-2222** or visit <http://www.sdsheiff.net>



HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE (HHW)

HHW includes anything that is **corrosive, reactive, toxic** or **flammable/ignitable**.

Examples include:

- Paints, Thinners, Solvents, and Stains
- Glues, Adhesives, and Epoxies
- Harsh Cleaners and Bleach
- Herbicides and Pesticides
- Automobile, Lawnmower, and Other Engine Fluids



DON'T: Dispose of HHW down a sink or toilet!

DO: Use environmentally friendly cleaners intended for household cleaning.



USE LESS: Use no more than is necessary to get the job done.

ALWAYS: Dispose of HHW safely and properly at one of our free HHW drop-off locations for residents of Family Housing.



FAMILY HOUSING HHW DROP-OFF LOCATIONS

Monday - Friday, 8am - 5pm

DeLuz	(760) 385-4835
Mountain District	(760) 430-8476
Del Mar District	(760) 430-0040
Mesa District	(760) 385-5318
Stuart Mesa District	(760) 430-0694
San Onofre District	(949) 940-9178