

# ENVIRONMENTAL BULLETIN

A collection of social media posts from the previous month and announcements for upcoming events

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## Marine Corps Base Hawaii Environmental Compliance & Protection Division (ECPD)



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Earth Day Every Day



# Inspire an Eco-Friendly New Year 2021

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Starting a new year brings new inspiration! Try out a new or not-so new environmentally-conscious “green” action below from Biofriendly Planet. Inspire and encourage others to do the same. All are single-, family-, and kid-friendly. Happy New Year 2021!

1 – Use reusable containers like a water bottle that can be filled up to take on walks.  
2 - Reduce waste. Use only materials you need to complete projects and save leftover materials for next time.

3 - Save water. Turn off the faucet when washing your hands and taking a shower until needed. Reuse gray water to water plants is also something most kids enjoy doing.

4 – Go outside. Take walks, ride bikes, go skating, climb trees, instead of driving or watching TV or other electronic devices all day. Many adventures occur down the block, right around the corner and within walking distance of home.

5 – Start recycling. Recycling saves one item so it can begin a whole “new life” as something else!

6 – Save energy around the house. Turn off lights during the day or when you leave a room. Open window blinds in the morning to let natural light in rather than using electricity.

## Free-roaming cats, or “cats at large,” are a serious threat to wildlife

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Be a responsible pet owner. All pets including cats must be microchipped, registered with the on-base animal control officers, and kept under your physical control at all times. This keeps your pet, other people, and the environment safe. Free-roaming cats, or “cats at large” can transmit fleas, roundworms, hookworm and cat-scratch fever which is transmitted to other cats/pets and to humans by a scratch or bite. Free roaming cats also excrete toxoplasmosis through their feces, which is a serious threat to federally protected marine species such as the endangered Hawaiian monk seal. Predators such as cats, rodents, and mongoose found aboard MCBH are a primary threat to endangered waterbirds and ground-nesting seabirds. Non-native, introduced wildlife have taken a significant toll on Hawaii’s native wildlife populations. An intensive, year-round predator control program has been implemented on base to reduce the impact

from these invasive predators. Animal control within the Nu’upia Ponds Wildlife Management Area (WMA) at MCBH Kaneohe Bay, Marine Corps Air Station (MCAS) airfield; Camp Smith, Pu’uloa and Marine Corps Training Area Bellows (MCTAB) include live trapping of potential predators. Traps are checked daily when active trapping is being conducted. This is a necessary tool to protect our endangered wildlife species. Controlling wildlife also provides a safe training environment and protects the health of base personnel from wildlife that may carry harmful pathogens. It is important that pet owners know where their pets are at all times. If cats or dogs are outside they are required to be on leash. If your cat or dog gets loose, contact MCBH Animal Control Officers immediately.


To register your pets or to report escaped or missing pets, call MCBH Animal Control Officers (ACO) at (808) 257–1821.

Source: <https://www.mcbhawaii.marines.mil/Offices-Staff/S-4-Installations-Environment-Logistics/Environmental/Natural-Resources/Wildlife/Threats/>

# Taking out the trash

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U.S. Marines from various units aboard Marine Corps Base Hawaii participate in a canal clean up (Mokapu Central Drainage Canal, MCBH Kaneohe Bay). 



## Announcements & Upcoming ECPD Events

For more ECPD information visit: <https://www.mcbhawaii.marines.mil/Offices-Staff/S-4-Installations-Environment-Logistics/Environmental/>