

## Management of Flameless Ration Heaters

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This guidance document provides information to organizations on Fort Leonard Wood (FLW) for proper management of flameless ration heaters (FRHs).

FRHs are flat fiberboard pads that are provided in the meals, ready to eat (MREs) ration package. FRHs ensure Soldiers have an opportunity to consume a hot meal at any time and in any place.

#### FLW Guidelines

##### Guidelines for Individual Use:

1. FRHs that are issued to an individual Soldier in the field, used in a residential setting, or used for a group of Soldiers are excluded from the federal regulation, 40 CFR 261.4 (b) (1). This exclusion applies to household hazardous waste and allows single used and unused FRHs to be discarded in the trash as general solid waste.

##### Guidelines for Multiple, Unused FRHs:

1. The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and Department of Army (DA) have determined that bulk unused FRHs that are not packaged with MREs that have never been issued to Soldiers present an ignitable hazard and must be managed as a hazardous waste.
2. These FRHs cannot be discarded into the trash or dumpsters on the installation. Contact the Hazardous Waste Disposal Contractor at 573-596-5951 to turn in bulk FRHs and ensure hazardous waste turn-in procedures are followed.

For additional information regarding FRHs and proper disposal, contact the Directorate of Public Works Environmental Division at 573-596-0882.



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