

Appearance

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You may be asking yourself, "What can I do to help?" Well, each of us should take pride and clean up in and around the facilities we work in, focus on improving what you already have, and don't worry about creating something new. Here is a list of some simple things you can do:

Exterior:

- Clean up around the outside of your building
- Pick up litter everytime you see it
- Sweep sidewalks and remove weeds from cracks
- Remove weeds from streets and curbs
- Weed eat sidewalks and around buildings
- Prune shrubs and hedges

- Clean up smoking areas and cigarette butts

Interior (Facilities listed on page 1):

- Spot paint facility interiors
- Clean up office areas
- Remove extra furniture and reduce "clutter"
- Focus on improving the entrance to your facility (first impression)
- Clean marks off walls
- Ensure items hanging on walls are framed
- Neatly organize bulletin

boards

■ Remove materials from the tops of cabinets and cubicles

Housing:

■ Mow, edge, and trim grass between Oct. 17 and 18

■ Remove all weeds from cracks

■ Trim all bushes and hedges

■ Ensure your yard presents a neat appearance

Pine straw will be available at the Self Help Store for enhancing existing shrub beds, only. These are just a few things you and your organization can do to show your Team Charleston pride, and remember, "Every day is pride day."

The Base Appearance Working Group is the focal point for the base appearance effort. If you have questions, please contact the following individuals: **Wing project officer**-Capt. David Scharf at 963-5010, **logistics**-Lt. Col. Henry Haisch at 963-2288 and Senior Airman David Guevara at 963-2326, **medical**-Timothy Simons at 963-6806 and Staff Sgt. Britian Yocum at 963-6740, **operations**-Lt. Col. James Kirby at 963-5516, **support**-Lt. Col. Connie Davis at 963-



Photo by Staff Sgt. Richard Kaminsky

Tech. Sgt. Gary Wright, 437th Communications Squadron, removes weeds from a crack.

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Air Expo 2000 safety

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The Charleston Air Force Base Air Expo promises to be a particularly exciting event this year. From the precision aerial displays to many static aircraft displayed on the parking ramp, our senses will be overwhelmed with the activity and power of this event.

It is important, however, to keep in mind some of the hazards associated with this unique environment.

Smoking areas and fire control lanes: The entire aircraft-parking ramp is a NO SMOKING area. Additional NO SMOKING areas and fire control lanes will be designated near the aircraft-parking ramp.

Waste receptacles: Aircraft inlets must be kept free of foreign objects that could be inadvertently ingested. Because of this, trash and other waste must be placed in appropriate waste receptacles. They will be placed throughout the display area.

Bicycles, skates, roller blades and skateboards: Bicycles, skates, roller blades and skateboards are banned from the ramp and hanger areas.

Unsafe viewing stands:

Spectators will not be allowed to use maintenance equipment, vehicles, portable facilities, roofs of buildings, exterior aircraft surfaces or anything that is considered unsafe for a viewing stand.

Pets: Pets are prohibited on the flight line. Dogs for the disabled are allowed.

Tripping hazards: Be alert for power cords, aircraft grounding wires and uneven pavement. There will be plenty of activity in the air above you, but remember to look down when you walk.

Thunderstorms and lighting: If thunderstorms develop near the local area, be prepared to evacuate the aircraft-parking ramp. Open fields, isolated trees and metal or electrically conductive objects (like aircraft exteriors) should be avoided. Large metal-framed buildings (hangers), automobiles, buses and other vehicles with metal tops and bodies are suitable shelters from lightning.

If these simple rules are kept in mind and followed, the Air Expo will prove to be a fun-filled and exciting event to remember.

For more information, call the safety office at 963-5595.