

AGRONOMY PROGRAM ON FT. CARSON

The DECAM Agronomy Program provides the following services for Ft. Carson and the Piñon Canyon Maneuver Site (PCMS):

1. Plants, waters and maintains street trees.
2. Prunes trees and shrubs in the Cantonment area.
3. Provides technical assistance with Landscape Projects.
4. Provides technical assistance on all turf and ornamental species on Ft. Carson and PCMS.

Guidelines: The following guidelines are provided for everyone on Ft. Carson and PCMS. The information also applies for all homeowners in the Rocky Mountain region:

1. Basic Planting Guide.
2. Tree and Shrub Pruning Guide.
3. Plant Watering Guide.

Responsibilities: Troop units and family housing occupants must mow the grass, water the lawn if not done by an irrigation system; and prune trees and shrubs within their area of responsibility. The unit or the family housing occupant may plant trees in their areas as long as the plants are selected from the approved plant list in the Basic Planting Guide above, and a dig permit is obtained prior to planting.

Pruning small trees and shrubs within the unit or by the family housing occupant is allowed to provide clearance over walkways, for safety and for aesthetic purposes. Tools are available from the Family Housing self-help store on the installation. Guidelines for the correct procedures to follow are listed in the above guide on pruning. Contact the DECAM Agronomy Branch or the Family Housing contractor to prune trees and shrubs that are too difficult or too tall (those that cannot be reached from the ground).

Watering lawns on Ft. Carson is permitted only when necessary, and never more than once every 2 days. In the Family Housing areas, even number houses shall water on even numbered days, odd numbered houses on odd numbered days. Water only in the early morning or late evening to avoid water loss to evaporation. Do not water when the wind is blowing or when there is a threat of rain. Following the guidelines above for how to determine the amount of water to apply and when.

For further information on the DECAM Agronomy section, call (719) 526-1666.