

Hazardous Materials...

GLAD THAT'S DONE!

WHEW! YOU GOT HOT!

I THINK I'LL COOL DOWN WITH A DRINK!

HEY, DUDES! I'M A RED HOT LAWN-MOWER! WHADDAYA THINK ABOUT THAT?

WE'RE IMPROPERLY-STORED HIGHLY FLAMMABLE MATERIALS! WE THINK YOU'RE AN IDIOT!

BOOM

YOU'LL FIND 'EM IN THE DARNEDDEST PLACES

Dear Editor,

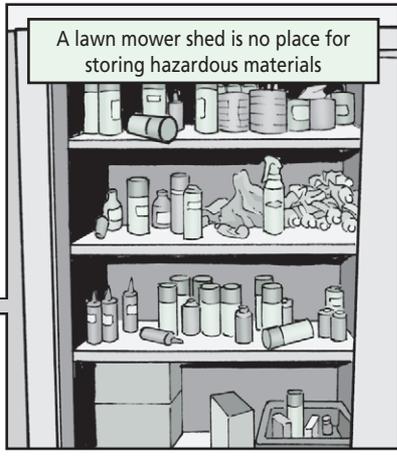
In the editorial of your October 2005 issue, you discussed hazardous materials in *motor pools*. As you pointed out, in every nook and cranny soldiers can find fuel, lube, cleaning solvents, antifreeze, degreasers and the like. They all must be handled and stored according to Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) rules and regulations on HAZMAT.

While it's true the most common place to find HAZMAT is in motor pools, here at Schofield Barracks we've found it in other places. I'm talking about company areas such as the arms room and even the shed for storing lawn care equipment. That's where soldiers try to cram everything in the same cabinet or locker—even materials that pose a fire hazard if stored close together. I've found all sorts of things stored improperly and in violation of EPA regs.

Here's just a sample:

- lubricants
- a variety of paints, primers and enamel coatings
- CLP
- polyurethane coatings
- insecticides
- rifle cleaning compound

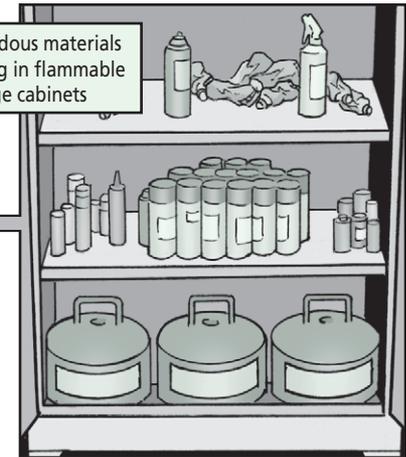
A lawn mower shed is no place for storing hazardous materials



One company in our brigade even made a locker out of wood—yes, wood!—and used it to store flammable materials. They should have ordered some flammable storage cabinets.



Hazardous materials belong in flammable storage cabinets



So, if you're a HAZMAT officer—or anyone else concerned about hazardous materials—it's not just the motor pools that need your attention. It's the company areas as well.

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Editor's note: You really do find HAZMAT in the darneddest places. Thanks for the heads-up. By the way, if you need NSNs for flammable storage cabinets, you'll find them online:

<https://www.logsa.army.mil/psmag/archives/PS2003/609/609-54-55.pdf>