

# Recycling and Disposal Guide for Oahu

Opalavision on  
**the green channel**

Channel 332 and on the web at [opala.org](http://opala.org)



## Redefining trash TV in a new era of television

Watch "Opalavision" on The Green Channel and on the web at [opala.org](http://opala.org).

New episodes added regularly, with an archive of dozens to keep you entertained. Select stories of interest to you – it's interactive. Hawaii's The Green Channel is the nation's first eco-conscious television network. It's locally produced and provides viewers a central source of information about preserving our environment, island-style. The Green Channel's "Opalavision" stories focus on recycling and intelligent waste management, one of today's most important issues contributing to our island's sustainability. The Opalavision programming is supported by the City's Department of Environmental Services.

## Be Opala Akamai

*Please take the time to learn more about all the stuff we throw away, and how you can help sort it out. How we manage our island's waste will affect generations to come. Increasing recycling and waste-to-energy will benefit the environment and divert thousands of tons from the landfill.*

*Oahu generates more than 1.5 million tons of waste annually of which more than one million tons are diverted from landfill through recycling and H-POWER waste-to-energy. More than 500,000 tons of various materials are remade into new products, and another 500,000 tons are converted into electricity.*

*We can and need to do more. With increases in recycling and WTE, we can expect to send little more than ash and residue from processing technologies to island landfills. New expansions to H-POWER have increased its capacity by an additional 300,000 tons. Curbside recycling is islandwide. Let's work together to sort it out for a sustainable future.*

*Mahalo,*

**Department of Environmental Services  
City & County of Honolulu  
Kirk Caldwell, Mayor**

## Look inside for helpful information on...



### Curbside Recycling

The 3-cart system is islandwide for refuse, green waste and mixed recyclables.



### Recycling Centers

Redeem HI-5 deposits and drop-off other recyclables at islandwide locations.



### Condo Recycling

Reimbursement for program startup costs available up to \$2000.



### Bulky Item Collection

Regular, monthly pickup schedules for all areas of the island.



### Household Hazardous Waste

Bi-monthly drop-off events.



### Business Recycling

Reduce waste and save on disposal costs. Online resources, design guidelines, model programs.



### Education + Schools

Learn more at the annual Discover Recycling Event. Sign up for Tour de Trash. Resources for recycling projects and activities to educate our keiki and raise funds for your school.

# Recycling Refuse Collection Service

Refuse collection schedules changed as curbside recycling integrated into the City's collection system. Your neighborhood is serviced twice per week: Monday/Thursday, Tuesday/Friday or Wednesday/Saturday. One day is designated for refuse pickup and the other for recycling pickup. Most island homes are using the wheeled carts provided by the City. Some neighborhoods, where automated collection is not possible, are serviced with a manual collection system using your own 35-gallon containers. The manual service is twice weekly, and does not include separate recycling as yet. Apartment dwellers should follow directions for recycling/disposal provided by your property management.



## Curbside Recycling

### 3-Cart Refuse / Recycling Collection

Blue cart for mixed recyclables. Green cart for green waste. Gray cart for refuse. Your neighborhood's weekly collection schedule includes one refuse day and one recycling day (alternating weekly between the blue and green recycling carts). Collection schedule maps and monthly calendars to track the alternating recycling days are posted online at [www.opala.org](http://www.opala.org).

Islandwide expansion for the 3-cart curbside recycling collection system was completed in May 2010, including a total of 160,000 homes. Recycling was added to the automated collection areas first, and plans for the manual collection areas will follow.



## Condo Recycling

Most multi-family buildings have private refuse hauling services contracted by your property management. Recycling programs require similar coordination through your association of apartment owners and property management.

Recycling offers condominium and apartment buildings an opportunity to lower refuse costs. Establishing a program in your building to separately collect aluminum, glass, plastic, newspaper, cardboard and green waste reduces the volume of material in your refuse dumpster. The City can help with recycling containers, technical assistance and reimbursement for start-up costs – [www.opala.org](http://www.opala.org) or call 768-3200.



For all curbside collection services:

### Refuse, Recycling and Bulky Items

- » Place at the curb by 6:00 am and no earlier than the evening before your scheduled collection day.
- » Keep containers (and bulky items) on your property during non-collection days.
- » Pickup access should not be blocked by objects or vehicles. Allow 5 feet between cart and any object. Allow 2 feet between carts, if setting out more than one.
- » Holiday Collections – The City provides scheduled collection service on all holidays except Christmas Day and New Year's Day. When your refuse day falls on these holidays, the missed collection will be made up on the following 1-2 days. Please leave the gray cart at the curb until it is serviced. In manual collection areas with twice weekly refuse service, please hold your refuse for the next scheduled day. Recycling days that fall on the holidays will not be made up. Please hold mixed recyclables and green waste for the next scheduled pickup. Bulky collection is conducted over a 3-4 day period, and the crews will continue on the days following the holiday.

### For refuse and recycling:

- » Carts must be placed at the curb facing out.
- » All material must fit in the cart with the lid closed. Carts with green waste, refuse or boxes protruding out the top cannot be collected. Please cut branches and flatten boxes. Crush and compact refuse to reduce volume in your gray cart.

### For refuse:

- » Securely bag all refuse, especially organic food and pet waste. Periodically rinse out your gray cart to control odor and vectors.

# Special Wastes and Drop-Off Sites



## Bulky Item Collection

Bulky item collection is provided to all residential properties on a no-call, regular monthly schedule: [www.opala.org](http://www.opala.org) or call 768-3200. Pickup is conducted over a 3-4 day period. All your items must be placed at the curb fronting your property by 6:00 am on the first day, or they may not be collected. Separate trucks are used to collect recyclable metals versus H-POWER-bound items, and may drive through your neighborhood at different times. Bulky items must not be placed at the curb any earlier than the day before your collection day, or you may be subject to fines.

There's no excuse to dump on Hawaii.

Collection services are readily available. Refuse and recyclables are collected curbside weekly, bulky items monthly, and drop-off centers are available around the island. Please call 768-3300 to report any illegal dump sites. If you witness someone illegally dumping, call 911 immediately.



## Drop-Off Facilities



### Multi-Material Recycling Centers

Drop off **ALL** your mixed recyclables! Redeem HI-5 deposit beverage containers and drop-off other recyclables, including metal cans, glass bottles/jars, plastics  and , newspaper, white/colored paper, ewaste.

For a complete list of islandwide locations, visit [opala.org](http://opala.org)

### Drop-Off Convenience Centers for Refuse & Recycling

Household rubbish, appliances, furniture, tires, auto batteries, propane tanks, green waste; be prepared to sort items into separate containers for recycling and disposal: combustibles bin, which is taken to H-POWER; green waste bin, which is taken to the composting facility; and designated areas for tires, batteries, appliances and propane tanks. Follow the guard's instructions. Six locations: Waimanalo (Hihimanu St. near sewage treatment plant), Waipahu (Waipahu Depot Rd.), Ewa Beach (Geiger Rd.), Waianae (off Plantation Rd.), Laie (Kamehameha Hwy., behind City baseyard), Wahiawa (Wilikina Dr. at Kamananui Rd. intersection). Open daily, 7:00 am - 6:00 pm.

### Household Hazardous Waste

Bi-monthly drop-off events on Saturday by appointment only. Call 768-3201. More information, product lists and disposal instructions at [www.opala.org](http://www.opala.org).

### Transfer Stations

Similar to Convenience Centers, with some restrictions. Keehi Transfer (Middle St.) open 12:00 pm - 6:00 pm Monday through Saturday (closed Sunday). Kapaa Transfer (Kapaa Quarry Rd., Kailua) open 10:00 am - 6:00 pm Monday through Friday, 7:00 am - 6:00 pm weekends. Kawaihoa Transfer (off Kamehameha Hwy., Haleiwa) open 7:00 am - 6:00 pm daily. Keehi Transfer accepts combustible material only.

### Mulch/Compost Facilities

Green waste, such as leaves, branches, trimmings, palm fronds, stumps. Hawaiian Earth Recycling Facility.

### Waimanalo Gulch Sanitary Landfill

Disposal only; no recycling options. Located off Farrington Hwy. West of the Ko Olina exit. Open 7:00 am - 4:30 pm daily.

# SORT IT OUT

for recycling & energy.



- » Curbside Blue Cart
- » Recycling Centers
- » Condo Programs



**Metal Cans**  
Aluminum & steel. Rinse.



**Glass Bottles and Jars**  
Rinse, remove and discard lids and tops. Includes containers for beverages, wine, spirits, food.



**Newspaper**  
Remove magazines and glossy inserts.



**Corrugated Cardboard**  
Flatten boxes. No single-layer flatboard, such as cereal boxes and tissue boxes.

**NOTE:** Deposit all items loose into your blue cart. Do not bag, tie or bundle recyclable materials.



**Plastic Containers**  
and ONLY  
Rinse, remove and discard lids and tops. Look for the plastic number code in a triangle embossed on containers.



**White & Colored Office Paper**  
NO envelopes, junk mail, tape, stick-on labels, rubber bands, magazines, or shredded paper. Staples are okay.

# How is it used?

The story of new products, compost, energy – **nothing to landfills.**

**Mixed Recyclables**  
are sorted and shipped to remanufacturing facilities to be made into new products.

**Recycled glass** is used in new container glass, “glasphalt” road pavement and fill material in construction.  
**Recycling aluminum** to make new cans and other aluminum products cuts energy use in production by 90%.

**Recycled plastic** is used to make new plastic containers, plastic lumber, carpet and textiles.  
**Recycled newspaper and cardboard** become new newsprint, boxes and tissue paper.



**Did you know...**  
“Post-consumer” recycled content means that the product was made from materials recovered after consumer use. Look for the recycled content logo on products you buy.



- » Curbside Green Cart
- » Drop-Off Centers



**Yard Trimmings**



**Leaves**



**Grass Clippings**



**Christmas Trees**  
No ornaments, tinsel or flocking.

**Green Waste**  
is locally composted to produce a variety of soil amendment products.

**Local mulch and compost** products are sold as Menehune Magic in garden shops or you can buy direct from Hawaiian Earth Recycling.  
**Mulch** is coarsely ground, partially cured green waste. Use as ground cover to prevent erosion. Spread around trees and garden beds to retain moisture and limit weed growth.

**Compost** is fully processed, ground green waste with the look of rich soil. Use as a top dressing or mixed with other soils for potting and planting to add organic nutrients.

**Did you know...**  
Leaving grass clippings on your lawn adds nutrients. One full year of “grasscycling” equals one fertilizer treatment.



- » Curbside Gray Cart
- » Dumpster

**Plastic bags**  
**Styrofoam**  
**Telephone books**  
**Cereal boxes** and other flatboard.  
**Junk mail or magazines**

**Plastic containers** other than #1 and #2 (plastic codes #3 - #7)  
**Other glass** such as ceramics, dishes, glassware, window glass, light bulbs, and mirrors.  
**General household rubbish**

**Refuse**  
is processed at the H-POWER waste-to-energy facility to produce electricity.  
**H-POWER** incinerates waste and generates 10% of Oahu’s electricity – 70 megawatts of power, enough to power 60,000 homes.  
**H-POWER** provides an alternative to fossil fuels and contributes to our island’s energy sustainability.

**H-POWER** recycles virtually 100% of the metals from the mixed waste. Metals are extracted using magnets and eddy currents.

**Did you know...**  
The low-grade papers and plastics not designated for the recycling bins are combustibile, and provide greater benefit in local energy production than shipping to distant markets.



Learn more at [opala.org](http://www.opala.org)

# Other Refuse

## Appliances

Large appliances collected by the City, appliance dealers and private refuse haulers are delivered to a metal recycler. • Arrange for the appliance dealer to remove your old appliance when they deliver your new one. • Place at curb for City bulky item pickup. • Drop off at City Convenience Centers for Refuse & Recycling or at Kapaa and Kailua Transfer Stations. • Commercial entities should deliver directly to the recycling facilities.

## Batteries

Give your old auto batteries to the dealer when purchasing new ones or you may take them to the City Convenience Center nearest you. State law requires the dealer to accept and recycle them. • Drop off rechargeable batteries from cell phones, computers and power equipment in special collection boxes at Best Buy and Home Depot. • Regular alkaline batteries (A, C, D type) can be safely disposed of with your regular refuse collection. Manufacturers no longer use heavy metals in their production.

## Electronic Waste (e-waste) Computers

Donate old functional computers to local organizations. • Take non-functional computers to local recycling companies (see list on back). • Recycle e-waste through retailer and manufacturer takeback programs. • Okay to dispose of home computers with regular trash or bulky pickup. • Commercial e-waste is banned from disposal. More detail online at [www.opala.org](http://www.opala.org).

## Cell Phones

Old obsolete cell phones can be donated to organizations for reuse and recycling. Ask your service provider and/or go online at [www.opala.org](http://www.opala.org) for a list of organizations. Many provide pre-paid shipping labels.

## Used Oil

Motor oil, cutting oil or fuel oil can be disposed with your regular household rubbish. Use an oil change box or pour into a plastic bag with an absorbent material and seal the bag. • Commercial generators must handle and dispose of used oil in accordance with EPA and State Department of Health guidelines.

## Autos

All junk autos are recycled. To arrange for free auto junking service for your car, call 532-4325 or go to a Satellite City Hall. To report abandoned autos, call 733-2530.

## Tires

Give your old tires to the dealer when purchasing new ones or you may take them to the City Convenience Center nearest you. State law requires the dealer to accept and recycle them. • Tires are banned from disposal sites. Commercial generators should deliver to recycling facilities.

## Propane Tanks

Do not throw in trash. If propane tanks get into H-POWER, they may explode! • Take propane tanks to any City Convenience Center for Refuse & Recycling.

## Furniture, Mattresses

Place at curb for bulky item collection. • Drop off at City Convenience Centers for Refuse & Recycling, Kapaa and Kailua Transfer Stations or the landfill. • Commercial entities should deliver directly to H-POWER.

## Hazardous Chemicals

Call the Household Hazardous Waste Info-Line at 768-3201 to schedule an appointment for the next drop-off (held bi-monthly). Limited quantities will be accepted from each householder. • Commercial generators must handle and dispose of hazardous material in accordance with EPA and State Department of Health guidelines.

## Paint

Small quantities generated at home can be disposed of with your regular household rubbish. Latex paints can be hardened in the can, then thrown away. Oil-based paints must be solidified with an absorbent material, such as shredded paper, old rags, or sawdust, then sealed in a plastic bag. An oil change box provides the same results. • Commercial generators must handle and dispose of paint in accordance with EPA and State Department of Health guidelines.

## Rock, Dirt, Concrete

Do not throw in trash. • Deliver to the Waimanalo Gulch Sanitary Landfill (Leeward Oahu). • Commercial generators are restricted from the Waimanalo Gulch Landfill and can deliver to crushing/recycling facilities or take to the construction and demolition landfill in Nanakuli.



## Business Recycling Assistance

The [opala.org](http://www.opala.org) website offers model recycling program, peer consultants and detailed guidelines for designing recycling systems, employing waste prevention strategies, buying recycled products and educating employees.

### Mandatory Recycling Laws

Most Oahu businesses are affected by one or more of the City's mandatory recycling laws. Bars and restaurants are required to recycle **glass**. Office buildings with 20,000 square feet of office space are required to recycle **office paper, newspaper and cardboard**. **Food waste** recycling is mandatory for businesses that generate large volumes including hotels, large restaurants and grocery stores, hospitals and food manufacturers/processors. **Green waste** and **cardboard** are restricted at City disposal sites to no more than 10% of a truckload. Large commercial generators, such as landscapers, property managers, and shopping centers, must separate this material for delivery to recycling and composting facilities. **Tires, auto batteries, white goods** (appliances), **scrap metal** and **commercial e-waste** are all banned from disposal sites and should be recycled.



## Education and School Recycling Assistance

### Teachers!

Click on the Learning Center at [www.opala.org](http://www.opala.org) for ideas for classroom recycling activities, field trips and campus recycling projects. And don't miss the annual Discover Recycling, a one-day event to introduce educators to recycling resources for your schools and classrooms, including student activity books and recycling education shows.

### Students!

Use the [opala.org](http://www.opala.org) website to help you with recycling projects and papers. Click on the News link for archived stories on waste and recycling issues in the local and national news. Click on the Media Library for video clips, recycling songs, photos, graphic art and recycled art. Use these to enhance posters, banners and PowerPoints. The Resource Library provides technical studies, Oahu recycling rates, mandatory recycling laws, recycling company lists, guidelines for conducting a waste audit and designing recycling systems, and a glossary of waste/recycling terms. You could create a really cool project or report.

### Schools and Non-Profit Organizations!

Raise funds with HI-5 collection events. Recycling companies offer big recycling bins and trailers for consolidation and transport. The City offers smaller collection containers to capture HI-5's at sports and community events, guidelines for organizing your event, and banners to promote it. Click on the link to HI-5 Collection Drive in The Learning Center at [www.opala.org](http://www.opala.org).

### Buy Recycled Products

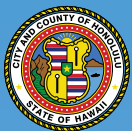
Look for the recycled-content label on products when you shop, and be especially watchful for locally made recycled products to support our local recycling collection efforts. Local recycled products include mulch/compost, glassphalt, crushed glass garden sculptures, crushed glass for construction fill, oil change boxes, hydromulch, cellulose insulation, and biodiesel fuels. Free mulch may be available at Hawaiian Earth Recycling. Call to check on availability and additional locations. More product and company information at [www.opala.org](http://www.opala.org).

### Subscribe online to WasteLine,

a bi-monthly e-newsletter which profiles successful community and business recycling programs, innovations and technology, and opens discussions on new directions in the City's waste management and recycling programs. You can stay in the loop, talkin' trash, connected to the resources with a click of your mouse.

### Sign up for Tour de Trash,

a FREE bus tour of Oahu's trashier side. Select from four scheduled tours to get an up-close look at recycling and waste processing operations on Oahu and successful recycling programs implemented by island businesses. Teachers and groups can call 768-3200 for more information about arranging custom tours.



## City and County of Honolulu

Department of Environmental Services - Refuse Division  
1000 Uluohia Street, Suite 201  
Kapolei, Hawaii 96707



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Learn more at  **opala.org**



## Contact Us

Refuse and Recycling Services 768-3200  
Refuse Division 768-3401  
Recycling Office 768-3200  
Household Hazardous Waste 768-3201  
H-POWER Waste-to-Energy 768-5455  
Waimanalo Gulch Landfill 668-2985

### DROP-OFF CONVENIENCE CENTERS

Ewa 226-2996  
Laie 293-8714  
Wahiawa 621-3648  
Waianae 696-4203  
Waimanalo 259-7182  
Waipahu 676-8878  
Kapaa (Kailua) 262-4248  
Keehi (Honolulu) 845-1162  
Kawailoa (Haleiwa) 637-5511

### REFUSE, RECYCLING, BULKY COLLECTION

All Oahu Neighborhoods 768-3200

**Honolulu** (Foster Village to Hawaii Kai)

**Kapaa** (Kailua, Kaneohe, Waimanalo)

**Koolauloa** (Kahuku to Kahaluu)

**Pearl City** (Waipio Gentry, Royal Kunia, Waipahu, Halawa to Makakilo, Pearl City, Kapolei)

**Wahiawa** (Wahiawa, Kunia Camp, Mililani, Waipio Acres)

**Waialua** (Waialua, Haleiwa, Sunset)

**Waianae** (Makaha to Honokai Hale)

**BULKY ITEM COLLECTION** 768-3300  
(recorded schedule information)

## Recycling Companies

### Multi-material

(aluminum, metal, glass, plastic, paper)

CM Recycling (no paper) 842-6640  
Honolulu Recovery Systems 842-3602  
Island Recycling 682-9200  
Lenox Metals 682-5539  
Reynolds Recycling 487-2802  
(metals, aluminum, glass, plastic)  
RRR Recycling Services 682-5600  
Island Shell (paper only) 487-1100

### Auto Batteries

Battery Bill's 833-3797  
Interstate Battery 676-6000

### Yard Waste/Untreated Wood

Hawaiian Earth Recycling 682-5895

### Metals

Okuda Metal 845-6856  
Han's Metals 676-4797  
Schnitzer Steel Hawaii 682-5810

### Motor Oil/Tires/Freon (commercial only)

Unitek (motor oil, tires) 682-8284  
Philip Services (motor oil) 682-3033  
Refrigerant Recycling (freon) 682-1555  
Leeward Auto Recycling (tires) 682-5515  
Island Recycling (tires) 682-9200

### Computers/e-Waste

Enviroservices 839-7222  
Intrade Corporation 847-5300  
Philip Services\* 845-0032  
Pacific Commercial Services 545-4599  
Pacific Corp Solutions 488-8870  
Pacific Environmental Corp (PENCO) 545-5195  
T & N Services 371-0281

\*commercial only

For other categories, including commercial food waste and printer cartridges, see list at [www.opala.org](http://www.opala.org)

