

# Recycling Do's and Don'ts

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## Aluminum

- DO**
- Recycle aluminum beverage cans
  - Rinse clean
  - Crushing recommended
  - Redeem HI5 cans at redemption centers

- NO**
- Foil, pie & dinner trays
  - Most food cans- soup, veggies, pet food
  - Aerosol & paint cans, window frames
  - Scrap metals- see non-ferrous metals

## Glass

- DO**
- Recycle food & jar containers, bottles
  - Discard lids, caps and corks
  - Labels need not be removed
  - Rinse clean
  - Redeem HI5 bottles at redemption centers

- NO**
- Light bulbs, leaded glass, ceramics, windshields, computer monitors, headlights, televisions, fluorescents

## Newspaper

- DO**
- Recycle clean, dry newspaper
  - Glossy inserts are OK
  - drop in newspaper bin



- NO**
- Remove rubber band, plastic wrap, string
  - Do not tie in bundle

Reduce- share with neighbors or read news on-line or T.V.

## Magazines

- DO**
- Recycle clean dry magazines
  - Catalogs are OK
  - drop in junk mail bin at Kauai Recycles Bins



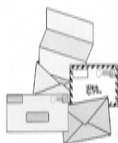
- NO**
- Bundle, tie or bag
  - Regular books

Reuse- attempt to donate to library prior to recycling

## Mixed Paper

- DO**
- “junk mail”, colored papers, white papers, food boxes, window envelopes, stationary, magazines, glossy papers, phone books, shredded paper ¼ inches wide or more.
  - Staples OK

- NO**
- Food-contaminated & wet paper
  - Tissues, paper towels, napkins
  - Waxed & coated paper
  - Photographs, blueprints
  - Paperclips, milk or juice cartons



## Cardboard

- DO**
- Recycle corrugated cardboard only
  - Break down all boxes

- NO**
- Pressboard / food boxes (these are recycled with mixed paper)
  - Waxed boxes
  - Stained or dirty cardboard
  - Straps, tapes, or ties
  - milk or juice cartons



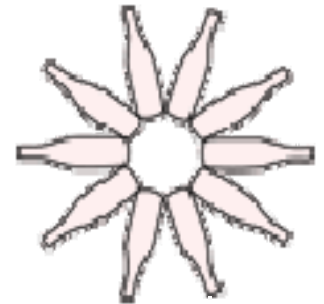
# RECYCLED GLASS

## Recycled Glass Manufacturing Shop - Closing the Loop

The County of Kauai has a hot glass shop fully equipped to melt recycled glass and create blown and cast glass objects. The glass shop is located at the Kauai Resource Center in Lihue, and operated by Kauai Recycling for the Arts (KRA), a non-profit organization. KRA's mission is to demonstrate, promote, educate and empower the community with productive skills that nurture recycling, artistic culture and sustainability.

The following items are created in the hot glass shop:

- *Bricks and Tiles*
- *Beads for Jewelry*
- *Stained Glass*
- *Lighting Components*
- *Tableware*
- *Custom Architectural Pieces*
- *Custom Made Awards & Plaques*
- *Collectables*



These items are available for purchase at local retail stores or directly from Kauai Recycling for the Arts (KRA).

KRA offers a variety of workshops for adults and children that demonstrate recycling trash into new and exciting treasures! Workshops are offered for those who want to learn more and make their own recycled art piece. Workshops are available for a fee.

KRA also offers free tours of the hot glass shop. Tours are by appointment only, and can be accommodated to the needs of the tour group. Tours are available to adults and school children.

For more information on Kauai Recycling for the Arts, call (808) 632-0555 or go online at [www.kauaiglass.org](http://www.kauaiglass.org)



# REUSE

Reuse is a critical aspect of waste diversion, and is actually prioritized over recycling. Reuse is defined as salvaging, repairing, or redistributing items that are still useable. Reuse saves resources and energy. Examples of reuse include:

- Extending the useful life of a product by using it again (e.g. using the back of printed paper as scratch paper, taking grocery bags back to the store and reusing them, saving shipping boxes for reuse)
- Repairing and reusing an item instead of buying a new one (e.g. electronics, furniture, clothing.)
- Donating items to thrift stores. Thrift stores are located throughout the island and can be found in the Yellow Pages of the phone book.
- Creating new items from used materials (e.g. turning a milk carton into a bird feeder, building furniture from salvaged wood)

## Reuse Networking



The Aloha Shares Reuse Network is an electronic exchange program that provides e-mail notices for reusable goods available from local businesses. If you are a business with an ongoing supply of reusable items, or if you would like to notify a large number of non-profits about reusable items available for donation, you should register as a donor on the Aloha Shares Reuse Network. If you are a non-profit seeking donations of reusable goods, you should register as a recipient on Aloha Shares and create a list of reused items that you need. When reused items become available from a donor, Aloha Shares notifies its list of recipients, who are local non-profit agencies (at this time there are about 40 Kauai non-profits listed on the network). Items are available to registered recipients on a first-come first-served basis, and non-profits make arrangements to come pick up reusable materials directly from businesses. There is no fee for registering or participating in this program.

See the Aloha Shares website for more information at: [www.alohashares.org](http://www.alohashares.org), or call the County Recycling Office at 241-6891 to learn more.

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## Plastic & Only

On the bottom of all plastic containers is a triangle symbol made of three chasing arrows with a number inside it. It appears to be a recycle symbol but it actually is NOT. The plastics industry uses this symbol as an industry code to identify the different recycling resins used to produce the plastic. Only plastics #1 & #2 are recycled on Kauai. For plastics #3-7 please reuse if possible.

### DO

- Drain all liquids and rinse clean
- Check the bottom of plastic to determine type of plastic
- Remove lids and caps on containers
- Labels need not be removed
- Redeem HI5 bottles at redemption centers

### Examples: #1 & #2

- Beverage containers
- Beauty products
- Food containers
- Cleaning supplies
- gallon and 2-liter bottles



### NO

- #3-7 containers, plastic utensils, shrink wrap, food or product residue, motor oil containers, 5-gallon buckets, jugs or bottles; hard plastic, lawn furniture, toys, foam rubber

## Plastic Bags

Recycle clean, dry, empty, plastic bags at Safeway in Kapaa or Wal-Mart in Lihue.

### DO

- Recycle grocery and retailer store bags, fresh produce bags, newspaper delivery bags, and plastic dry cleaning bags
- Keep plastic bags clean and dry for recycling. If they have food or other materials clinging, they are hard if not impossible to recycle.

Best choice: Use reusable canvas bags



### NO

- Pouches or bags from frozen, microwavable foods, deli or meat film
- Black or dark trash bags
- Bags for soap, chemicals, or pesticides

Accept bags only when you need them

## Non-Ferrous Metals

### DO

- Determination of non-ferrous metal is to see if the metal is non-magnetic
- Recycle aluminum window and screen frames, siding, cast aluminum, copper pipe, wire & roofing, brass plumbing, car radiators
- Materials are paid for at current market value at Reynold's Recycling in Lihue.

## Ferrous Metals

### DO

- Determination of ferrous metal is to see if the metal is magnetic
- Recycle old appliances, scrap metals, and motor vehicles at the Puhi Metals Recycling Facility



# CURBSIDE RECYCLING

Curbside recycling collection has become increasingly common throughout the United States. Curbside programs are usually subsidized through garbage hauling fees and local taxes. There is no residential garbage hauling fee on Kauai, therefore, there is no revenue base from which to fund a municipal curbside program. If you would like your tax dollars to go toward a municipal curbside recycling program, please give your input to the County Recycling Coordinator at 241-6891.

There is a private recycler on Kauai offering curbside recycling collection of deposit beverage containers. Please contact the recycler directly for details regarding price, service, and pickup schedules.

**Kauai Community Recycling Services**     *Area of Service: Entire Island of Kauai*  
*Phone Number: 645-1676*

**L & T Alternatives**     *Area of Service: North and East shores*  
*Phone Number: 652-5654*

# RECYCLING IN THE WORKPLACE

Establishing a practical, cost-effective, sustainable recycling program in the workplace is an achievable goal. Following the steps below will result in the design of an effective program:

1. Select a Recycling Coordinator in the workplace
2. Conduct a waste stream assessment
3. Determine which materials to target for recycling
4. Select your collection contractor
5. Design your collection system
6. Promote employee participation

Contact the County Recycling Office at 241-6891 for free technical assistance on assessing your waste stream and detailed recommendations on creating a waste reduction program. A complete description of the steps listed above can be found on line at [www.opalla.org](http://www.opalla.org).

# GREEN WASTE

Green waste is accepted for recycling at County Refuse Stations and is shredded into a mulch product that can be used as a ground cover or as a carbon base for composting. Residents can recycle their green waste at the following locations:

Location	Phone Number	Hours
Hanalei Transfer Station	826-7070	7:30—5:30
Kapaa Transfer Station	822-7334	7:30—5:30
Lihue Transfer Station	241-6854	7:30—5:30
Hanapepe Transfer Station	335-0624	7:30—5:30
Kekaha Landfill	337-9213	7:00—5:00

## MATERIALS ACCEPTED:

Lawn Trimmings, Tree Trimmings. Shrubbery, Christmas Trees

## PROPER PREPARATION:

Only source separated green waste is accepted, all other non-plant materials not listed as acceptable material is contamination. To prevent contamination, green waste should be separated from all other types of waste material prior to delivery. Larger plant material (i.e. logs and stumps 8 inches or more in diameter) should be cut to lengths of 8 feet or less. When delivering green waste be sure to remove all ropes, canvas, film, plastic (bags), and tie-downs used to secure green waste in your vehicle.

# HOME COMPOSTING

Composting is a natural form of recycling. A recent waste characterization study shows that over 30% of the household waste on Kauai is compostable organic waste. There are several methods for creating and maintaining a simple and effective home composting system. Basic composting involves building a "heap" of carbon and nitrogen based materials, adding air and moisture to the pile, and allowing it to "rot". Here are some examples of compost ingredients:

Carbon (brown dry organic matter)		Nitrogen (wet green organic matter)
➤ Dried Leaves		➤ Fruit Peelings
➤ Shredded Paper		➤ Kitchen Vegetable Scraps
➤ Wood Chips		➤ Coffee Grounds
➤ Dried Grass		➤ Fresh Plants

The County Recycling Office distributes FREE Earth Machine backyard composting bins to the public, and also provides composting training. **For information on the free composting bins call 241-5112.** For information on composting with worms (vermicomposting) call 332-5529.

# MOTOR OIL RECYCLING PROGRAM

The County operates a free motor oil recycling program for residents

Used motor oil can be recycled at the following locations:

Location	Phone	Hours
Hanalei Transfer Station	826-7070	7:30—5:30
Kapaa Transfer Station	822-7334	7:30—5:30
Lihue Transfer Station	241-6854	7:30—5:30
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Locations open every day excluding holidays.



## Recycling your used oil:

After draining the oil from your car's crankcase, pour the motor oil into a clean container. Many household containers are suitable, including original motor oil containers. **NEVER USE CONTAINERS THAT HELD HOUSEHOLD CHEMICALS, SUCH AS BLEACH.** Make sure that the container has a secure lid so it cannot spill.

*The County distributes FREE drainer containers for recycling used motor oil. Please call for information.*

## IMPORTANT!!!

- **Never** temporarily store it in any container that once held food, beverages, or chemicals. (*Regardless of the type of container used for carrying or storing used oil, be sure it is cleaned and clearly labeled "Used Oil," and kept out of the reach of children and pets.*)
- **Never** mix used oil with gasoline or solvents.
- **Never** put used oil in containers that previously contained bleach or other chemicals. (*Used oil mixed with bleach, gasoline, or solvent can become hazardous waste.*)

## Acceptable Products:

- Crankcase Oil
- Gear Oil
- Transmission Fluid
- Power Steering Oil
- Diesel Fuel
- Lubricating Oil



## Unacceptable Products:

- Thinners
- Gasoline
- Carburetor Cleaners
- Brake Cleaners
- Brake Fluids
- Solvents
- Anti-Freeze
- Bleach
- PCB Oil



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# KAUAI RECYCLES DROP BINS

## Recycling Drop Bins for Residents Featuring 8 Locations throughout Kauai:

**Hanalei:** Hanalei Transfer Station    **Lawai:** Behind Lawai Post Office  
**Kapaa:** Kahau Road near Armory    **Eleele:** Eleele Shopping Center  
**Lihue:** in back K-Mart Parking Lot    **Waimea:** Waimea Canyon Park  
**Poipu:** Brennecke's Beach Broiler    **Kekaha:** Kekaha Landfill

### Materials Accepted:

- Cardboard
- Newspaper
- Glass
- Aluminum Cans
- #1 Plastic & #2 Plastic
- Mixed Paper\*

\* Mixed Paper includes magazines, catalogs, white paper, colored paper, phone books, food boxes, junk mail, etc.

- If bin appears full, check deposit slots on opposite side
- Deposit loose materials without bags
- Break down all cardboard and boxes
- Program is for residential use only

Program funded by the County of Kauai  
& operated by Garden Isle Disposal, Inc.  
For more information call 241-6891



# PUHI METALS RECYCLING FACILITY

## Accepting Commercial and Residential Ferrous Metals

Open Mon. through Sat. 8:00 am – 4:00 pm  
Located at 3951 Puhi Road in Puhi

### Materials Accepted:

- Appliances w/ Freon (refrigerators & air conditioners)
- Appliances w/out Freon (stoves, washers, dryers)
- Scrap Ferrous Metals
- Motor Vehicles
- Other smaller motorized goods (scooters, lawnmowers, and motorcycles)



Residential recycling is free. Please call for commercial rates.

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For more information call 632-0697