

# What happens after you recycle?



Recyclables are sorted and used on Hawai'i Island or shipped overseas to be reprocessed.

Recycling is an important step on Hawai'i Island's path to Zero Waste.



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## What happens to Mixed recycling?

Mixed Bin items are sorted locally.



Materials are baled and shipped to facilities where they are reprocessed and made into new products.

## What happens to Green Waste?

Green waste is hauled to sites in East and West Hawai'i where it is ground into mulch.



Mulch helps new plants grow:  
\* suppresses weeds  
\* holds moisture  
\* adds nutrients



## Protect the 'Āina

Don't throw green waste down the rubbish chute.

In landfills it creates methane gas, a major cause of global climate change.

## What happens to Glass recycling?

Glass is shipped off island to be made into new glass bottles.



Some glass is crushed and used locally.



Glass art



Crushed glass ground cover



Aggregate for concrete



# Hawai'i Island... on the Path to Zero Waste

## Zero Waste...

It's how nature works. Everything is reused.

**Reduce** waste by supporting laws that require producers to create less waste. This is called Extended Producer Responsibility. Choose "green" products with less packaging.

**Re-use** by buying durable products or used items. Items that are no longer needed but are still usable should be donated or sold.

**Recycle** items that can't be reused. Turn green waste and food scraps into mulch or compost. Buying products made from recycled materials helps "close the loop" and encourage more recycling.

Zero Waste  
saves energy!

It is an important  
step in building a  
sustainable economy.

Using less energy reduces the consumption  
of gasoline and other fossil fuels. This reduces  
carbon emissions and helps slow global warming.

**Zero Waste** is about taking care of the 'āina.

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

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key steps on Hawai'i Island's  
path to Zero Waste.

