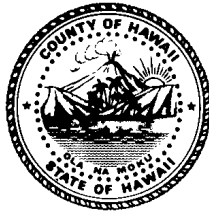


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Contact: County Solid Waste Division and Recycling Section - 961-8339

Hawai'i County Recycles Holiday Trees!

Please help keep our island green and recycle your holiday tree!

After Christmas, drop your trees at any of the following ten (10) Recycle and Transfer Stations: Hilo, Kailua-Kona, Puako, Honoka'a, Ka'auhuhu, Keauhou, Pāhoa, Kea'au, Waimea and Wai'ōhinu.

Dates: From December 26, 2009 through January 17, 2010

Trees should be free of all decorations, lights, tinsel and ornaments. Please do not drop off artificial or flocked trees.

The County of Department of Environmental Management and Department of Public Works are teaming up to support Treecycling. Public Works will be providing on-site tree chipping at certain locations.

By chipping the trees and making the material available for use in gardens, the County can divert thousands of trees from our landfills and add valuable mulch to island soils. In addition, it will help reduce the illegal dumping of holiday trees.

The County's Treecycling Program and additional recycling and solid waste programs is available on the website at www.HawaiiZeroWaste.org. For further information, please contact the County Solid Waste Division at 961-8339.