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### **NEWS RELEASE**

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### **County Recycles Holiday Trees!**

To help make the holidays greener, the Solid Waste Division of the Department of Environmental Management will again offer Treecycling!

Between 12/26/16 and 1/15/17, residential customers may leave trees in the designated areas (***not in the rubbish chutes***) at any of the County Solid Waste Division Facilities during normal business hours except for the Miloli'i and Ocean View Transfer Stations. The Facility Attendants will direct the public to the proper drop-off point. For more information or a map and directions to drop-off locations, go to <http://www.hawaii Zerowaste.org/facilities/>

All commercial customers must recycle trees at either the East Hawai'i Organics Facility in Hilo or the West Hawai'i Organics Facility in Waikoloa.

For Hilo Recycling and Transfer Station, residential customers with only holiday trees may proceed directly to the East Hawai'i Organics Facility. Look for the designated area to drop off trees and they will not need to go to the County scale as is normally required. Residential loads that contain both green waste and trees will be required to scale. All commercial haulers or commercial holiday tree collectors must proceed to the County scale house prior to disposal.

Trees should be free from **all** decorations, stands, lights, tinsel and ornaments. Please do not drop off artificial or flocked trees in the designated areas. Any flocked trees, artificial trees or trees with tinsel are not recyclable and may be disposed of in the regular trash chutes.

Also, please recycle your Kadomatsu decorations which are normally a combination of bamboo, pine and flowers. Kadomatsu is a tradition that began 600 years ago in Japan as a way of offering luck in the New Year.

### **Mahalo for recycling and keeping these resources out of the landfills!**

For more information on Recycling in Hawai'i County, visit [www.hawaii Zerowaste.org](http://www.hawaii Zerowaste.org) or call our Solid Waste Division Office at 961-8270.