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Ke'ei Transfer Station Greenwaste Site Reopens

The County of Hawai'i Department of Environmental Management, Solid Waste Division, announces that the Ke'ei Transfer Station is now accepting <u>residential</u> greenwaste for disposal.

The greenwaste closure was due to the facility having reached the maximum storage capacity allowed by the State Department of Health. The Solid Waste Division worked hard and successfully removed all stored greenwaste at the facility, to pave the way for reopening the facility.

The Solid Waste Division would like to advise all residential users of new greenwaste acceptance guidelines for the Ke'ei Transfer Station:

- Hours of operation for greenwaste disposal are 8:00 a.m. 4:00 p.m. on Sundays, Tuesdays, and Fridays.
- One load per day is allowed per residential customer, with a maximum quantity of 5 cubic yards.
- Accepted are logs, branches, or other greenwaste material less than 6 inches in diameter or 5 feet in length.

Only <u>residential</u> customers with self-hauled greenwaste from their private residential property will be allowed to recycle greenwaste. Businesses, farms, government agencies, and non-profit agencies are prohibited from dropping off greenwaste at any County Recycling and Transfer Station.

Please do not transport any 'ōhi'a vegetative material, even if it appears uninfected, to our facilities. Please compost 'ōhi'a material at the site where it originated to prevent the spread of Rapid 'Ōhi'a Death.

Please visit our <u>www.hawaiizerowaste.org</u> website for future closure information and locations, or call our Department of Environmental Management, Solid Waste Division Office, at 961-8270.