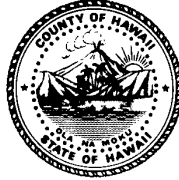


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High Turnout for Household Hazardous Waste Collection Events in Hilo & Kealakehe

The County of Hawai'i's Recycling Section held its first Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) Collection Events in Hilo and Kona in more than a year and the public once again came out in droves to properly dispose of their used motor oil, oil-based paints, poisons, and batteries on August 7 and August 14, respectively.

These events are intended to complement year-round disposal options for many types of HHW from households. Nearly a thousand customers were served and more than 30 tons of HHW, including thousands of gallons of used motor oil, were collected.

The return of semi-annual Household Hazardous Waste Collection Events "gives residents a regular opportunity to clean out their homes and garages of hazardous materials knowing that it is being disposed of safely and properly" said George Hayducsko, Recycling Coordinator for Hawai'i County. Household hazardous waste collection programs are extremely important in order to eliminate illegal dumping of toxic chemicals and to protect the 'āina and our drinking water.

The County would like to thank the residents of Hawai'i Island, Waiākea High School, Kealakehe High School, our contractor EnviroServices & Training Center, and the County employees involved in this event for making this a safe and successful event. We appreciate the public's patience and kōkua during these events.

Please visit our www.hawaiizerowaste.org website for year-round opportunities to recycle HHW properly, announcements of upcoming HHW Collection Events, and to register for Solid Waste Notifications (via email or text).

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Photo caption: EnviroServices & Training Center collects HHW from a customer at the Kona Household Hazardous Waste Collection Event on August 14, 2021.



Photo caption: EnviroServices & Training Center consolidating HHW at the Kona Household Hazardous Waste Collection Event on August 14, 2021.