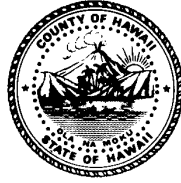


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High Turnout for Electronics Recycling Collection Events in Hilo & Kona

The County of Hawai'i's Recycling Section held its Electronics Recycling Collection Events in Hilo and Kona in December and January, during which the public once again came out in droves to properly dispose of their junk TVs, monitors, computers, and printers.

These collection events were sponsored by the County and State Department of Health. Well over a thousand customers were served and more than 160,000 pounds of electronics were collected and are being transported to certified electronics recyclers on the mainland.

The County would like to thank the residents of Hawai'i Island and our contractor Mr. K's Recycle & Redemption Center for making these events safe and successful. We appreciate the public's patience and kōkua during these events.

A new state law, Act 151 (2022) requires the manufacturers of TVs, monitors, computers, and printers to provide at least monthly collections of these electronics in Hilo and Kona starting in January 2023. Mr. K's Recycle & Redemption Center, Inc. is the current registered participating collection drop-off company on Hawai'i Island. For more information on Mr. K's electronics collections in Hilo and Kona please visit their website (<https://www.mrksrecyclehawaii.com/electronic-waste.html>) or call 808-969-1222.

“This Extended Producer Responsibility law gives residents and businesses a convenient opportunity to clean out their homes and offices of electronics, and the knowledge that it is being recycled safely and properly to protect the ‘āina and our drinking water,” said Craig Kawaguchi, Recycling Coordinator for the County of Hawai'i.

Please visit the State of Hawai'i Department of Health's electronics recycling website <https://health.hawaii.gov/ewaste/> for more information on manufacturer-sponsored electronics recycling and the new law. Visit the County's recycling website, www.hawaiiizerowaste.org, for

other types of recycling information, announcements of upcoming events, and to register for Solid Waste Notifications (via email or text).

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Photo caption: Mr. K's Recycle & Redemption employees collect electronics from a customer at the Hilo Electronics Recycling Collection Event on January 14, 2023.