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Postponed and Expanded: "RID-A-FRIDGE" RECYCLING EVENT IN KEA'AU

The County of Hawai'i Department of Environmental Management (DEM)'s RID-A-FRIDGE recycling event for Saturday, August 24, 2024, at Kea'au Middle School is postponed due to potential impacts from Tropical Storm Hone. The event will be rescheduled to a yet-to-be-determined date.

Registration is reopened, and eligibility has been expanded to Hilo zip code 96720.

DEM and Hawai'i Energy invite residents in zip codes **96720**, **96749**, **96778**, **and 96771** to recycle their old, working refrigerators or freezers and **receive a \$100 cash rebate per unit**.

Requirements to participate in the event:

- Hawai'i Island resident of the following zip codes: 96720, 96749, 96778, and 96771.
- Must have a Hawaii Electric (HECO) account.
- Must register in advance. Download the registration application at: https://www.hawaiizerowaste.org/recycle/appliances/
- Email or drop off your completed registration application by 9/25/2024.
- Email: denise.e.nakamura@leidos.com
- Drop off: County of Hawai'i Department of Environmental Management office,
 345 Kekūanāo'a St. Suite 41
- You can also mail the form to 45N King Street, Ste 500, Honolulu, HI 96817 by 9/23/24.
- Refrigerator or freezer must work and measure 14 ft³ or larger.

If you have any questions regarding this event, please contact Alex White, Recycling Specialist with the Department of Environmental Management, at (808) 961-8942, or email <u>alexander.white@hawaiicounty.gov</u>.

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