



Summary of County of Hawai`i Landfill Diversion Program

Program Background:

The County Council Resolution 28-03 set solid waste landfill diversion or recycling goals of 50% by 2008 and 80% by 2013. The *Landfill Diversion Incentive Program* was established to help the County achieve these goals and divert valuable resource materials from the landfills.

The County of Hawai`i looks to local waste haulers, recyclers, businesses, and non-profit organizations to minimize the waste being landfilled. Some incentive to recycle exists because of the cost avoidance of the disposal fee (currently at \$85 per ton) by recycling. In addition, the *Landfill Diversion Incentive Program* pays qualified participants for the recycled materials that are not landfilled.

By providing this type of economic incentive to recyclers and haulers, they are encouraged to seek out sources of these materials by contracting with local businesses that are producing the waste materials. Instead of ending up in the landfill, these materials can and should be recycled, used to manufacture other useful products and help to preserve natural resources.

Current Status of Program

The County issued an RFP for the *Landfill Diversion Incentive Program*. Six organizations submitted proposals and the existing contracts are in affect through July 31, 2009 with options to extend for another two years.

The amounts paid for the diversion incentive ranged from an initial rate of \$45.00 per ton for paper fibers to \$165.00 per ton for plastics. The rate is reviewed quarterly and increases or decreases in the rate are based on the end-market value of the recycled materials. For example, the value of cardboard and other papers has increased substantially and the current rate paid is \$0.00 for this commodity. If the market rate drops, the incentive payment would increase accordingly.

Program Participants	*Recycled Commodities in Diversion Program
Atlas Recycling	Paper fibers including newspapers, corrugated cardboard, boxboard or mixed papers, plastic & glass
Business Services Hawaii	Paper fibers including newspapers, corrugated cardboard, boxboard or mixed papers, plastic, glass & mixed recyclables
Club Shoyu	Glass
Pacific Biodiesel	Fats, cooking oil and grease
Puna Kamalii Flowers	Paper fibers (newspaper only)
Recycle Hawaii	Latex Paint

**Note: A minimum qualification is 2 tons of recycled materials annually.*

More Information:

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