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#### MEDIA RELEASE

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#### COUNTY OFFERS FREE ELECTRONIC WASTE COLLECTION

The County of Hawai'i Department of Environmental Management will begin collecting residential e-waste this Saturday, Oct. 1, 2011.

Free e-waste collection will take place on a rotating basis at four island transfer stations on Saturdays beginning at the Wai'ōhinu Recycling and Transfer Station this Saturday. E-waste collection will continue at the Wai'ōhinu Transfer Station on the first Saturday of each month thereafter.

The service will continue on the following Saturdays of the month at three other Recycling and Transfer Stations in the County:

- Saturday, October 8, and every second Saturday of the month thereafter, at the Waimea Transfer Station.
- Saturday, October 15, and every third Saturday of the month thereafter, at the Kealakehe (Kona) Transfer Station.
- Saturday, October 22, and every fourth Saturday of the month thereafter, at the Hilo Transfer Station.

All e-waste collection sites are open 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

#### MONTHLY E-WASTE COLLECTIONS AT COUNTY RECYCLING AND TRANSFER STATIONS

Every Month	Wai'ōhinu	Waimea	Kealakehe (Kona)	Hilo
1 <sup>st</sup> Saturday (Residential)	9 a.m. to 4 p.m.			
2 <sup>nd</sup> Saturday (Residential)		9 a.m. to 4 p.m.		
3 <sup>rd</sup> Saturday (Residential)			9a.m. to 4 p.m.	
4 <sup>th</sup> Saturday (Residential)				9 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Last Friday (Commercial)				By appointment Call 961-8270

“We’re very pleased to provide this convenient e-waste collection service on a regular schedule for our residents,” said Dora Beck, acting Director of the Department of Environmental Management. “The demand for this service has been steadily increasing and we appreciate that many people have been holding on to their e-waste until this safe and appropriate means of diversion became available.”

E-waste collection sites will be staffed with attendants to assist residents with the proper disposal of e-waste and other items.

“Our department is working very hard to help keep our island clean, healthy and safe,” said Beck.

Residential e-waste collection sites will accept TVs, monitors, laptops, VCRs/DVD players, stereo receivers/amplifiers, UPS systems, cameras, cellular and landline telephones.

The County will collect commercial e-waste from businesses and government agencies by appointment only on the last Friday of each month at the Hilo Sort Station. TVs, computers, monitors, laptops, VCRs/DVD players, stereo receivers/amplifiers, UPS systems, cameras, cellular and landline telephones, fax machines and copies will be accepted. Tipping fees will apply. For an appointment, call 961-8270.

Residential and commercial e-waste collection is also available at Mr. K’s Recycling and Redemption Center, 815 Kinoole St., Hilo (895-4471) though charges may apply to dispose of certain e-waste items.

For more information, please visit [www.Hawai`iZeroWaste.org](http://www.Hawai`iZeroWaste.org).

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