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**Change in Solid Waste Transfer Station Hours of Operation**

The Department of Environmental Management intends to implement a change to the operating hours and days at County of Hawai'i Solid Waste Transfer Stations (also known as convenience centers or transfer stations) beginning December 1, 2009. This change will also apply to the operating hours and days for associated onsite Recycling Centers, Reuse Centers and HI-5 Redemption Centers.

The change is part of the Department's plan to increase oversight, reduce operating costs and further the County's progress toward Zero Waste by improving facility operations and expanding services at all County Solid Waste management facilities. Transfer station hours have been adjusted according to identified patterns of use. Not all transfer stations are used frequently enough to justify the costs associated with keeping them open every day. For these stations, the Department is considering two (2) schedules of alternating days that, in some cases, will allow for a station to be open when an adjacent station is closed thereby minimizing customer inconvenience.

- Schedule A: Open every even or odd calendar date. Closed on County holidays.
- Schedule B: open certain days of the week, either Sunday, Tuesday, Friday or Monday, Thursday, Saturday and closed on Wednesdays. Closed on County holidays.

**New Operating Schedule for Recycling and Transfer Stations**

<u>Transfer Station</u>	<u>Hours</u>
Glenwood	9:00 am to 4:00 pm- closed alternating days, Schedule A or B to be determined.
Hilo	6:30 am to 5:00 pm
Hawi (Kaauhuhu)	8:00 am to 4:00 pm
Honoka'a	9:00 am to 4:00 pm
Honomū	8:00 am to 4:00 pm- closed alternating days, Schedule A or B to be determined.
Kailua (Kealakehe)	6:30 am to 4:30 pm
Kalapana	9:00 am to 4:00 pm- closed alternating days, Schedule A or B to be determined.
Kea'au	8:00 am to 4:00 pm
Keauhou	8:00 am to 4:00 pm
Ke'ei	9:00 am to 4:00 pm- closed alternating days, Schedule A or B to be determined.
Laupāhoehoe	9:00 am to 4:00 pm- closed alternating days, Schedule A or B to be determined.
Pa'auilo	9:00 am to 4:00 pm- closed alternating days, Schedule A or B to be determined.
Pahala	9:00 am to 4:00 pm- closed alternating days, Schedule A or B to be determined.
Pahoa	8:00 am to 4:00 pm
Pāpa'ikou	8:00 am to 4:00 pm- closed alternating days, Schedule A or B to be determined.
Puakō	8:00 am to 4:00 pm- closed alternating days, Schedule A or B to be determined.
Volcano	9:00 am to 4:00 pm- closed alternating days, Schedule A or B to be determined.

Waiea	9:00 am to 4:00 pm- closed alternating days, Schedule A or B to be determined.
Waimea	6:30 am to 4:30 pm
Waiohinu	7:00 am to 5:00 pm

Public comment will be solicited via notices at all transfer stations. Residents will be asked to complete a survey on the Department's website at [www.HawaiiZeroWaste.org](http://www.HawaiiZeroWaste.org) or at the County of Hawai'i website [http://co.hawaii.hi.us/directory/dir\\_envmng.htm](http://co.hawaii.hi.us/directory/dir_envmng.htm). Residents may also mail comments to the Department of Environmental Management, 25 Aupuni Street, Hilo, HI 96720.