



Summary of County of Hawai‘i Landfill Diversion Program

Program Background:

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 filling up our landfills, 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*. Four (4) organizations have existing contracts. The County is in the process of developing a new procurement for future services.

The amounts paid for the diversion incentive payment vary by the type of commodity diverted. Rates for most of the commodities are reviewed quarterly and increases or decreases in the payment are based on the end-market value of the recycled materials. If the market value for the commodity increases, the diversion incentive paid per ton decreases and if the market value decreases, the incentive payment would increase accordingly.

By paying recyclers based on the value of the commodities, it provides assurances that they will have some consistent revenue for the materials they recycle and at the same time it provides the opportunity for the County to share the benefit in reduced payments as the value of commodities increase.

Program Participants	Recycled Commodities in Diversion Program*
Atlas Recycling	Paper fibers including newspapers, corrugated cardboard, boxboard or mixed papers & plastic
Business Services Hawaii	Paper fibers including newspapers, corrugated cardboard, boxboard or mixed papers, plastic, glass & mixed recyclables
Pacific Biodiesel	Fats, cooking oil and grease
Recycle Hawaii	Latex Paint

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

More Information:

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