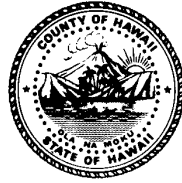


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TREE-CYCLING! COUNTY RECYCLES HOLIDAY TREES

To help make the holidays greener, the Solid Waste Division of the Department of Environmental Management will again offer tree-cycling.

Residential customers are encouraged to tree-cycle their holiday trees and kadomatsu decorations at the following Recycling and Transfer Stations: Kea'au, Pāhoa, Volcano, Kealakehe (Kailua-Kona), Ke'ei, and Waimea, between 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m.

At the East Hawai'i Organics Facility, from December 26, 2019, through January 15, 2020, residential customers can tree-cycle holiday trees from 6:30 a.m. to 4:15 p.m. (closed from 12 p.m. – 12:30 p.m. daily). Residential customers with only holiday trees for tree-cycling may proceed directly to the East Hawai'i Organics Facility and look for the designated tree-cycling area—there is no need to go to the County scalehouse, as normally required. Residential loads with both greenwaste and holiday trees must go to the County scalehouse to be weighed. All commercial haulers or commercial holiday tree collectors must proceed to the County scalehouse prior to recycling.

Please be aware that all decorations, stands, lights, tinsel, and ornaments must be removed prior to tree-cycling. Please note that artificial trees, flocked trees, or trees with decorations cannot be tree-cycled, but may be disposed of in the regular trash chutes.

Mahalo for recycling and keeping these resources out of the County landfill.

For more information on Recycling in Hawai'i County, visit www.hawaii Zerowaste.org or call our Solid Waste Division at 961-8270.