

DON'T DUMP ON HAWAII. SORT IT OUT.



Materials are sorted and shipped to remanufacturing facilities.

MIXED RECYCLABLES

Aluminum Cans

Rinse.



Glass Bottles and Jars

Includes containers for beverages, wine, spirits and food. Rinse, remove and discard lids and tops; okay to leave labels on.



Plastic Containers

 and  only

Look for the plastic number code in a triangle embossed on plastic containers. Number 1 and 2 plastics include all bottles, such as beverage, detergent, shampoo, vitamin, and some other container types.



Rinse, remove and discard lids and tops.

No plastic that has contained automotive fluids (such as brake fluid, oil, antifreeze and car additives) or garden and lawn products (such as fertilizers, herbicides and pesticides). These empty product containers can be put in the trash. If there is leftover product requiring disposal, see "household hazardous waste" instructions online at www.opala.org or call 768-3201.

Newspaper

Remove magazines and glossy inserts.



Cardboard

(corrugated only)

Flatten boxes and fit into cart.

No single layer chipboard, such as cereal boxes, detergent boxes, tissue boxes



Deposit all items loose into your blue cart.

Do not bag, tie or bundle recyclable materials.

All material must fit in cart with the lid closed.

Green waste is composted locally.

GREEN WASTE

Yard trimmings, leaves, grass clippings, Christmas trees

(no ornaments, tinsel or flocking)



Avoid using plastic yard bags as much as possible.

All material must fit in cart with the lid closed.

FREE MULCH is available at sites around the island. For locations: call 768-3200 or visit www.opala.org. Using mulch around gardens, hedges and trees helps to retain moisture, reduce water usage and reduce weeds. Local compost products can be purchased from Hawaiian Earth Products and are available under the brand name Menehune Magic.

Refuse is processed at the H-POWER waste-to-energy facility.

REFUSE

All other opala goes into your gray refuse cart, including:

- Plastic bags
- Styrofoam
- Junk mail or magazines
- Telephone books
- Cereal boxes and other chipboard
- Paper other than newspaper and corrugated cardboard
- Plastic containers other than #1 and #2 (plastic codes 3 through 7)

These low-grade papers and plastics are combustible and provide greater benefit to the island in local energy production than shipping to distant markets to be made into new products.

- Tin or steel food cans; aluminum foil and pans
- No need to sort. Metals are extracted and recycled at H-POWER.*
- Ceramics, dishes, glassware, window glass, light bulbs, mirrors

Tips for sorting, recycling and reducing waste and litter:

- Set aside an area in your kitchen, perhaps under the sink, to place a small collection container for mixed recyclables for your family's convenience. All of the recyclables can be mixed together, so all you need is a single container.
- Wheel your green cart around the yard as you do your yard work.
- Deposit green waste and mixed recyclables LOOSE into your carts. Avoid using bags as much as possible.
- Heavy amounts of grass clippings may be bagged to prevent clumping. Or place cut branches in the bottom of the cart to help the material slide out during collection.
- Meter your green waste over more than one collection day if you have occasional high volumes. Green waste collection is provided every other week, while most households do yard work monthly. It may not be possible to set out all of your green waste on the very next single collection day. You may need to distribute it over the two or more collection days provided each month.
- Consider leaving grass clippings on your lawn as you mow to reduce your volume of green waste -- it's called grass-cycling and adds nutrients to the soil. A full year of grass-cycling is equivalent to one fertilizer treatment.
- Allow leaves and branches to sit in a pile and dry out for about a week before putting them into your cart to reduce the volume.
- Crush and compact refuse to reduce volume in your gray cart.
- Securely bag all refuse, especially organic/food waste, and periodically rinse out your gray cart to control odor and vectors.
- All material must fit in the cart with the lid closed. Carts with green waste, refuse or boxes protruding out the top cannot be collected. Please cut branches and flatten boxes.
- Review the list of what to recycle to maximize use of your blue and green carts.



When in doubt . . . call us 768-3200