News Release
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2:30 p.m., March 18: North Shore recovery updates

Officials are continuing recovery efforts for the isolated North Shore community while long-term repairs to the Hanalei Hillside remain ongoing. Please see the following updates below.

**Kūhiō Highway at Hanalei Hill:** The Hawai‘i Department of Transportation (HDOT) will continue a single lane for emergency access on Kūhiō Highway at the Hanalei Hill. This access has been established for critical services only. HDOT officials estimate that scheduled or limited times for public access may start on Saturday, March 20. Updates will be provided as more information becomes available.

**Other Current Road Closures:**

- The road above the Hanalei Hill landslide, Kūhiō Highway between Kolopua Apartments and Hanalei Plantation Road, remains closed until the automated GPS monitoring is completed.

- One lane of Kūhiō Highway at mile marker 4.5 near Waikoko is currently open to alternating traffic.

**Refuse Service:** The Solid Waste Division has resumed normal household refuse collection services to North Shore residents. The next regularly scheduled refuse collection is Friday, March 19. Residents are asked to place bagged trash in their carts the night prior. Officials will not be picking up loose waste or bulky waste.
There will also be refuse collection on Friday, March 19, for North Shore residents who do not have carts, such as on Ananalu Road. Continued refuse collection will occur until public access on Kūhiō Highway is restored. Residents without refuse carts should bag their trash and leave it curbside the night prior.

For questions or more information, please call the Solid Waste Division at 241-4841.

**Weather Update:** A High Surf Advisory is in effect for all East-facing shores of Kauaʻi through 6 p.m. Saturday. Strong breaking waves, shore break, and strong longshore and rip currents are expected. All weather and ocean advisories may be extended, dropped, or modified as conditions develop. For up-to-date information about Kauaʻi ocean conditions and ocean safety, please speak to a county lifeguard, visit [www.hawaiibeachsafety.com](http://www.hawaiibeachsafety.com), or call the Ocean Safety Bureau at 241-4984. For weather updates, call the National Weather Service automated weather line at 245-6001, or visit the NWS website, [www.weather.gov/hfo](http://www.weather.gov/hfo).

**Damage Assessments:** The county is continuing to conduct assessments of storm-affected areas across the island. If your home suffered damages due to the March flooding, please visit [www.kauai.gov/kema](http://www.kauai.gov/kema) and click on the green link “March 2021 Rain Damage/Flood Reporting” to complete a form. The information you provide will help the County of Kauaʻi understand the scope of residential damage and its impacts on our community. Damage reports may be used to determine whether our jurisdiction qualifies for any state and federal assistance. Affected parties will still need to file claims with their insurance companies for residential damage and personal property loss. Completion of a damage report does not constitute an application for assistance or relief programs. For assistance on how to fill out the form, you may call KEMA at 241-1800.

For up-to-date and ongoing information for residents affected by the recent severe weather, especially those who reside in the isolated North Shore areas, please visit [www.kauai.gov](http://www.kauai.gov) and click on the blue icon “March 2021 Flooding.”

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