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Refuse transfer stations for essential use only

County Officials would like to remind the public that while County refuse transfer stations located in Hanalei, Kapa'a, Līhu'e, and Hanapēpē remain open during normal facility hours, use shall be limited to disposal of solid waste items resulting from essential activity, in observance of Mayor Kawakami's Emergency Rule #5.

Recent observations at refuse transfer stations have documented a significant number of vehicles delivering construction debris/materials, old furniture, scrap metal, and white goods. Typically, essential activity for the majority of individuals observing the Mayor's Emergency Rule will require disposal of mostly garbage/refuse or other material subject to rotting and health and safety concerns when not disposed timely. The need to haul and dispose of construction debris, scrap metal, green waste or other debris should only be a result of activity to preserve health, safety, prevent damage to property, or provide new housing.

All Kaua'i residents are encouraged to start or continue practicing waste reduction and recycling to reduce the amount of waste sent to the landfill. Program information is available by searching "Recycling" at the top right portion of the County of Kaua'i home page.

The Hawai'i Occupational Safety and Health Division and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention publications have stressed that with the appropriate use of existing personal protective equipment and hygiene protocols, COVID-19 does not pose increased health risks to industry workers.



Kaua'i Recycles drop bins are open and HI5 Redemption Centers are operating on the normal schedules. Please only deliver targeted recyclables to these locations. Days and times of operation for redemption centers are posted on the County's website at: www.kauai.gov/hi5

In accordance with Mayor's Emergency Rule, the public is asked to stay at home with very limited exceptions. There is a small portion of the public that has opted out of refuse collection, therefore their use of the refuse transfer stations to dispose of home generated solid waste is expected. We do anticipate an increase in home generated garbage/refuse due to an increasing population that will be staying home through the next several workweeks. We expect that people will respect the capacity limits of refuse carts and not place garbage items on refuse carts or overstuff refuse carts, since doing so will result in damage to the cart or cause discharge problems and litter on collection day. Collection customers who will exceed their refuse cart capacity are encouraged to either order a larger or additional refuse cart, or deliver the excess refuse/garbage items to the nearest County Refuse Transfer Station.

Customers are urged to practice social distancing while at County facilities to protect themselves and the County employees who help make the service possible. Signs will be posted and staff will be reminding customers of this directive.

Household refuse collection is operating on the normal schedule Monday through Friday. Please call 241-4091 with questions.

County staff is available Monday through Friday during business hours to answer questions on all waste and recycling services at 241-4841 or www.kauai.gov/recycling.

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