



Green Business Hawaii
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Sustainable Island Products



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Sustainable Island Products is a full-scale distribution business specializing in the sale of Planet and People friendly food service, office, and janitorial supplies. With a zero-waste warehousing, carbon offset & clean idle certified vehicles, a comprehensive green product line, living wages for employees, and numerous sponsorships and facilitations of sustainable events in Hawaii, Sustainable Island Products has helped set a precedent for social & environmental stewardship by the private sector. With Sustainable Island Products now in its fourth year, it has proven that businesses can operate successfully while adhering to Sustainable business practices that keep the stake-holder (public) interests as a top priority.

❖ **Green Business Certification**

- Sustainable Island Products received the Kuleana Green Business Program award from the Kona-Kohala Chamber of Commerce. We have been a proud participant in this progressive program highlighting companies that "set high standards of integrity, commitment and respect in their engagement with employees, customers, community, and the environment."

❖ **Carbon Neutral Transport**

- Our company vehicles are "Carbon Neutral" by our purchase of a certificate from Live Neutral, an organization that buys carbon credits from the Chicago Climate Exchange to help companies offset their business, vehicle or travel related carbon emissions.

❖ **True Offsets Member**

- As part of our commitment to operate as a "Zero-Waste" business, Sustainable Island Products has funded the planting of a Koa tree on the Hamakua Coast of the Big Island of Hawaii to offset our business's carbon footprint.

❖ **Product Packaging Reclamation**

- As a free service to our customers who opt-in, we pick-up the used boxes that our product is delivered in to insure reuse and/or proper recycling.
- At our warehouse facilities we recycle all our pallet wrap and pallets, office paper, batteries, electronics and recyclables. This is an important element of our businesses Zero-Waste operations plan.

❖ **Office Supplies**

- We utilize (and distribute) New Leaf Paper, a 100% PCW office paper.
- We recycle all office paper & printer cartridges.
- We always encourage two-sided printing.

❖ **Corporate Accountability**

- We encourage our office supply providers to practice environmental stewardship by being accountable to the products they put into the market. For example, in 2007 we sent a request to HP to evaluate the effectiveness of their ink toner cartridges that we buy for one of our printers. It seems that the packaging for these cartridges is excessive for the amount of ink/life span they provide.