



## 10-Entry-Level Points for Greener Restaurant and Food Service

1. **Purchase locally sourced products:** Working with local farmers is a great way to reduce the overall environmental footprint of your business. This not only supports local businesses and the local economy, but also reduces shipping costs and emissions. (See the [Hawai'i Organic Farmers Association website](#) for possible suppliers.)
2. **Monitor consumption:** Food waste can be a challenge for restaurants. Serving sizes should be accurately conveyed. Orders from suppliers should be as accurate as possible. This is an efficient way to reduce waste and to potentially save money. (See the [EPA website](#) for a food waste tracking log template.)
3. **Create partnerships with local farms and businesses for composting or products pick up:** Your waste could be somebody else's food. Leftover produce may be a great opportunity for local pig farms near you. Leftover food could easily be donated to local organizations or charities. Used cooking oil can be recycled into biodiesel. (See *Pig Farms & Organizations*, page 2)
4. **Switch to-go/disposable utensils and packaging to biodegradable and/or compostable options:** Switching to biodegradable, compostable, and recycled content products are alternatives to plastic and styrofoam. Avoiding waste all together is a more efficient way to reduce overall expenses and environmental impact. (See *Plastic Alternatives*, page 3)
5. **Purchase paper products with at least 30% recycled contents** (i.e. napkins, toilet paper, office paper): Making paper is an economically and environmentally costly process. Purchasing recycled content products is an efficient way to avoid or reduce the use of raw materials, and reduce your environmental footprint. (See *Paper*, page 4)
6. **Switch to environmentally friendly cleaning supplies** (i.e. hand soap, dish soap, sanitizer, floor cleaners): Using green products reduces the amount of chemicals in the work place. It is particularly relevant for the food industry as it allows for a healthier and safer work environment for both staff and customers. In addition, green products are becoming more accessible and more cost competitive. (See *Cleaning Supplies*, page 2)
7. **Ask suppliers about ecofriendly and [Fair Trade](#) products options:** Finding the right products for your business can appear to be a daunting task. However, some suppliers offer environmentally friendly product options. Work with them to find products that satisfy your needs. Some suppliers may also allow you to return packaging to avoid additional waste. See the [Hawai'i Environmental Product Guide](#) for more information.
8. **Provide clear sorting for recycling:** Diverting your waste is an easy way to implement environmental practices, and to potentially save money. It supports the creation of recycled products as it avoids using raw materials, while potentially reducing your overall refuse fees. More information at: [http://www.opala.org/solid\\_waste/business\\_recycling.htm](http://www.opala.org/solid_waste/business_recycling.htm)
9. **Switch lights to LED bulbs:** Energy efficient lighting can help to reduce your energy consumption. It's a quick way to reduce your environmental footprint. *Hawai'i Energy* can help you make your business more energy efficient, with tips, rebates, and direct install programs. More information and incentives at: <https://hawaiienergy.com/for-businesses>
10. **Monitor water management:** Simple fixes and updates can go a long way. Installing low-flow aerators or low-flow pre-rinse spray nozzles can help to reduce water usage. Checking for leaks regularly can help detect and avoid sudden increases in your water usage and bill. The *Board of Water Supply* offers information and tips on water conservation management practices that can help to conserve water. More information at: <http://www.boardofwatersupply.com/conservation>

*Note:* Some entry level points may be challenging to achieve for small businesses. Consider partnering with other restaurants and businesses nearby to reduce waste and disposal costs. (i.e. by setting up recycling and food donations). See the National Restaurant Association website for more information: <https://conserve.restaurant.org/>

### Pig farms and organizations options

Type	Name	Specifications	Contact
Pig farms	A & A Specialty Services	Feed goats and pigs	808 230-1745
	Al's Hog Farm	Located on the West side, could potentially offer pick-up service	808 696-7274
	David Wong's Mountain View Dairy & Piggery	Pigs are vegetarian fed, the farm will accept only produce	808 383-3972
Local Organizations	Aloha Harvest	Offers pick-up services daily for quality edibles	www.alohaharvest.org <a href="mailto:info@alohaharvest.org">info@alohaharvest.org</a> (808) 537-6945
	Hawai'i FoodBank		<a href="http://www.hawaiifoodbank.org">www.hawaiifoodbank.org</a> <a href="mailto:info@hawaiifoodbank.org">info@hawaiifoodbank.org</a> (808) 836-3600
	Ecofeed	For produce and food scraps	(808) 841-5586
	Pacific Biodiesel	For used cooking oil to be turned into biodiesel	(808) 877-3144

More information on food waste diversion: [http://www.opala.org/solid\\_waste/food\\_waste\\_recycling.html](http://www.opala.org/solid_waste/food_waste_recycling.html)

### Cleaning supplies options

Type	Brand	Supplier	Item Reference / Name	Certification
Hand Soap	Ecolab	Ecolab	Clean & Smooth (Nexa) – Liquid Hand Soap	Green Seal
	Honey Bee Cleaners LLC	Honey Bee Cleaners LLC	Foaming Hand Soap	EPA DfE
	Tough Guy or GOJO	Grainger	Hand Soap Refills	Green Seal
Dish Detergent	Earth Friendly Products	Grainger	Dishmate / Wave Automatic Dishwasher Gel	EPA DfE
Sanitizer & Disinfectant	Advanced Vapor Technologies LLC	Advanced Vapor Technologies LLC	Ladybug Chemical Free (Sanitizer and disinfectant)	NSF International
	Honey Bee Cleaners LLC	Honey Bee Cleaners LLC	Pine Guard Disinfectant	EPA DfE
	Tough Guy	Grainger	Neutral Disinfectant Cleaner	EPA Standards
Floor Cleaner	Ecolab	Ecolab	FaciliPro Concentrated Neutral Floor Cleaner (QC)	Green Seal
	EnvirOx LLC	EnvirOx LLC	Super Concentrate Floors	Green Seal
	Tough Guy	Grainger	Enviro Floor Cleaner	Green Seal
	3M	Grainger	Twist 'n Fill Cleaners and Dispensers (3-in-1 Floor Cleaner, Concentrate)	Green Seal

Tips: Look for products with the following seal: Green Seal, EcoLogo, USDA BioPreferred, EPA DfE. See the [Environmental Product Guide](#) for more options:

[http://greenbusiness.hawaii.gov/wp-content/uploads/2017/05/2016\\_EPG\\_FINAL\\_May2017.pdf](http://greenbusiness.hawaii.gov/wp-content/uploads/2017/05/2016_EPG_FINAL_May2017.pdf) (pages 107-118 for cleaning supplies)

## Alternative to plastic products options

Type	Brand	Supplier	Item Reference	Certification
Containers & utensils	Eco-Products	Eco-Products	Website reference: <a href="http://www.ecoproducts.com/index.php">http://www.ecoproducts.com/index.php</a>	BPI, USDA Biobased
	Sustainable Island Products LLC	Sustainable Island Products LLC	70% non-GMO compostable plastic, compostable in commercial composting facility. Catalog reference: <a href="http://www.sustainableislandproducts.com/wp-content/uploads/2017/05/SIP-Catalog-2017.pdf">http://www.sustainableislandproducts.com/wp-content/uploads/2017/05/SIP-Catalog-2017.pdf</a>	BPI
	World Centric	-Diamondhead Distributors -Hansen -VIP -Malolo -Premium Inc. -Suisan Company, Ltd.	70 % non-GMO compostable plastic, compostable in commercial composting facility. Website reference: <a href="http://worldcentric.org/">http://worldcentric.org/</a>	BPI, USDA Biobased
Catering containers	Eco-Products	Eco-Products	Website reference: <a href="http://www.ecoproducts.com/index.php">http://www.ecoproducts.com/index.php</a>	BPI, USDA Biobased
	World Centric	-Diamondhead Distributors -Hansen -VIP -Malolo -Premium Inc. -Suisan Company, Ltd.	70 % non-GMO compostable plastic, compostable in commercial composting facility. Catalog reference: <a href="http://worldcentric.org/biocompostables/trays/catering">http://worldcentric.org/biocompostables/trays/catering</a>	BPI
Plastic Bags & trash bags	Sustainable Island Products LLC	Sustainable Island Products LLC	Compostable and biodegradable. Waste bags and take-out. Catalog reference: <a href="http://www.sustainableislandproducts.com/wp-content/uploads/2017/05/SIP-Catalog-2017.pdf">http://www.sustainableislandproducts.com/wp-content/uploads/2017/05/SIP-Catalog-2017.pdf</a>	
	World Centric	-Diamondhead Distributors -Hansen -VIP -Malolo -Premium Inc. -Suisan Company, Ltd.	Waste bags and liners. Compostable (suitable for home composting). Website reference: <a href="http://worldcentric.org/biocompostables/bags">http://worldcentric.org/biocompostables/bags</a>	BPI, USDA Biobased

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### Paper products options

Type	Brand	Supplier	Item Reference	Certification
Office Paper	Boise	Office Depot	Boise® ASPEN® 30 Multipurpose Paper, Letter Size Paper, 20 Lb, 30% Recycled, 500 Sheets Per Ream, Case Of 10 Reams	FSC® Certified
	Office Depot	Office Depot	Office Depot® Brand EnviroCopy® 30 Paper, Letter Size Paper, 20 Lb, 30% Recycled, 500 Sheets Per Ream, Case Of 10 Reams	FSC® Certified
Napkins	Georgia-Pacific	HFM FoodService	31436 GP Preference® 1/8 fld Napkin. 100% recycled content, compostable <a href="http://catalog.gppro.com/catalog/6262/16356?filter=FULL">http://catalog.gppro.com/catalog/6262/16356?filter=FULL</a>	Eco Logo, BPI
	Georgia-Pacific	HFM FoodService	37835 GP MorNap® Jr. Full Fold Napkin. 30% recycled content, compostable <a href="http://catalog.gppro.com/catalog/13718/17017?filter=FULL">http://catalog.gppro.com/catalog/13718/17017?filter=FULL</a>	BPI, Green by Design
	World Centric	-Diamondhead Distributors -Hansen -VIP -Malolo -Premium Inc. -Suisan Company, Ltd.	World Centric Napkins & Towels. 100% PCW recycled, compostable <a href="http://worldcentric.org/biocompostables/paper/napkins">http://worldcentric.org/biocompostables/paper/napkins</a>	BPI, USDA Biobased product
Paper towels & paper towel rolls	Georgia-Pacific	HFM FoodService	20389 GP Preference® MF Towel. 40% recycled content <a href="http://catalog.gppro.com/catalog/6197/9328?filter=FULL">http://catalog.gppro.com/catalog/6197/9328?filter=FULL</a>	Green by Design
	Georgia-Pacific	HFM FoodService	89440 GP enMotion® Roll Towel. 100% recycled content	Green Seal, EcoLogo, Green by Design
	Wausau Paper	KTD, Inc.	EcoSoft Roll Towels. 100% recycled content <a href="https://www.wausaupaper.com/product_type/ecosoft-roll-towels/">https://www.wausaupaper.com/product_type/ecosoft-roll-towels/</a>	Green Seal
Toilet paper	Georgia-Pacific	HFM FoodService	18280/01 GP Preference® Bath Tissue. 95% recycled materials <a href="http://catalog.gppro.com/catalog/6189/14351?filter=FULL">http://catalog.gppro.com/catalog/6189/14351?filter=FULL</a>	Green by Design
	Georgia-Pacific	HFM FoodService	19880/01 GP Envision® Bath Tissue. 100% recycled content <a href="http://catalog.gppro.com/catalog/6189/14303?filter=FULL">http://catalog.gppro.com/catalog/6189/14303?filter=FULL</a>	Green Seal, EcoLogo, Green by Design
	Wausau Paper	KTD, Inc.	EcoSoft Roll Towels. 100% recycled content <a href="https://www.wausaupaper.com/product_type/ecosoft-bath-tissue/">https://www.wausaupaper.com/product_type/ecosoft-bath-tissue/</a>	Green Seal

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