



**Hawai'i Green Business  
Sixth Annual Recognition Program  
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**Whole Foods Market  
Kahala Mall, Oahu**



**Whole Foods** is the world's leader in natural and organic foods, with more than 270 stores in North America and the United Kingdom. One of their core values is 'caring for [their] communities and the environment.' They strive to share this dedication to environmental sustainability with their Team Members, customers and local vendors.

### **Recycling**

- Recycle redemption bottles and cans,
- Non-redemption plastic containers and glass bottles,
- Mixed office paper, corrugated cardboard,
- Plastic film, light tubes,
- Cooking oil
- Food scraps are diverted through the Eco Feed program.
- Donate edible food to local non-profit food banks.
- Many of the products on shelves are packaged in boxes, bottles, cans and bags made from recycled content materials, as are some of the products themselves

### **Policies and Procedures**

- Team Members are encouraged to tread lightly on the earth and stay healthy by getting to work in some way other than driving a car.
- Have a bike rack near the front entrance
- The store is located on a number of bus lines
- Recently began an alternative transportation incentive program.
- Partner with suppliers to meet the growing demand for organic produce, eggs, meat, cheese, bread and packaged foods
- Educate Team Members and customers about the environmental benefits of Growing and producing organic foods
- All of the paper products sold are made from 100% chlorine-free recycled-content fiber
- Cleaning products are biodegradable and phosphate-free

### **Community Outreach**

- At the Kahala Mall store a group of ten Team Members representing each department in the store works on environmental projects from energy conservation to Team Member education, alternative transportation, community involvement and recycling
- Every month members of the Green Mission team assemble and post a list of educational and volunteer opportunities for Team Members
- Donate HI-5 bottles and cans to local schools and organizations for redemption

From the owners to the employees and the customers, Whole Foods is committed to providing sustainable products and services to promote a healthy life style and environment. Many of their dedicated practices such as recycling and reduced packaging are evident in the store, however they are also committed to reducing their green house gas emissions through car pooling, biking, and taking the bus.