



**HAWAII  
GREEN BUSINESS  
PROGRAM**



HAWAII STATE  
DEPARTMENT  
OF HEALTH



Board of Water Supply

## Sony Open in Hawai'i



The **Sony Open in Hawaii** is a special event that showcases golf talents against the backdrop of Hawaii's natural beauty. Attracting a worldwide audience, sustainability continues to be an ongoing focus of the Tournament, which has been a certified Green Event by the State of Hawaii every year since 2016.

Through a strong collaboration between the Friends of Hawaii Charities, Waialae Country Club, and Sony, our team works together to make the sustainability initiatives a key component of the event each year.

**Sustainability Initiatives:**

- Free bike valet
- Hand-sorted recycling
- Food excess and waste donation to Aloha Harvest and Eco Feed
- Material reuse
- Prohibited the use of Styrofoam and plastic straws
- Offset part of the event's carbon footprint and featured solar panels on the pro shop and cart shed

**Conclusion:**

Waialae Country club is also certified as a Hawaii green business. Sony Open was lucky enough to host the 2020 Tournament in early January just before the COVID pandemic. However, they are expecting to see significant changes at their 2021 event. While the upcoming tournament will look quite a bit different, they are still planning to maintain many of their sustainability features.