

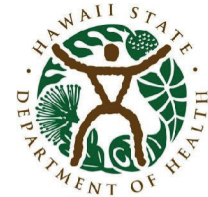


**HAWAII
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10-ENTRY LEVEL

2023
**BUSINESS
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**HAWAII
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Abundant Life
NATURAL FOODS



Background:

Abundant Life Natural Foods was founded in 1977 with the vision of bringing 'Ai Pono to the Hawai'i Island community. Its roots began with the distribution of healing herbs throughout the State of Hawai'i. The dream of diversified agriculture and a sustainable Hawai'i began 45 years ago, when it was scorned by the business community and an economy dependent on sugar cane. It is with deep gratitude that they see so many taking up the torch to make this dream of a sustainable Hawai'i a reality.

Highlights:

- Create food with an extremely high ratio of organically grown ingredients—local first if available
- Utilize the whole food concept. Often the medicinal part of the food is thrown away, but they incorporate it wherever possible. Minimizes waste while maximizing nutrition. Hint, the part of the food that will grow on its own is packed with life-giving energy.
- Local bee pollen is a unique add-in option for their fresh, colorful smoothies
- Pāhoa farm Waiholuku'i Garden is a new valued Hawai'i Island supplier
- Abundant Life won a 2024 Hawai'i Energy EmPOWER Grant for a new steamer
- Support local organic farmers, encouraging them by purchasing even small amounts while they get started
- Reduce, reuse, recycle: cardboard, glass, cans, packing material (goes to artists to ship their wares or to a vermiculturist); food scraps go to chickens or are composted
- Compostable takeout ware
- Energy Star appliances & LED lighting



Composting (above) & compostable bags (below)

