

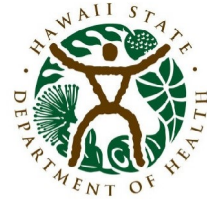


**HAWAII**  
**GREEN** **BUSINESS**  
**PROGRAM**

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## Mission Statement

Waialae Country Club is a non-profit private country club that provides for its members, their families and guests a PGA Tour quality golf course, health and recreational facilities and activities, entertainment and educational programs and an atmosphere conducive for fellowship and enjoyment.

## Background

Since 2016, Waialae Country Club has partnered with Sony Corporation, Friends of Hawaii Charities, Inc. and the State of Hawaii DBEDT to initiate a sustainable green program for the Sony Open In Hawai'i.

In 2018, Waialae Country Club initiated its very own program to highlight the Club's best practices by continuing to strive to conserve and protect our natural resources, minimize our waste and pollution, and raise environmental awareness within our organization, employees and members.

## Solid Waste Reduction and Recycling Achievements

Waialae Country Club is committed and continues to strive for new methods to efficiently reduce our carbon footprint through sustainable efforts that range from solid waste reduction, recycling to energy efficiency and water conservation on our golf course and throughout the Clubhouse.



- The cardboard baler eliminating one dumpster pickup per week is a great waste reduction accomplishment. Providing the weight equivalents (e.g. 1 bale = 188 lbs) helps quantify the impact.
- Eliminating styrofoam use and transitioning to paper/compostable products for straws, stirrers, etc. are positive moves away from non-biodegradable plastics.
- Issuing reusable water tumblers to golf members eliminated around 160,000 plastic water bottles annually - a very significant plastic waste reduction.
- The food waste recycling program to Eco Feed supports local farms while diverting organic waste from landfills.
- Waialae's Grounds crew are proactively maintaining proper stormwater flow and drainage by clearing debris from the golf course.



## Employee Awareness and Involvement

We continue to educate our staff about environment awareness:

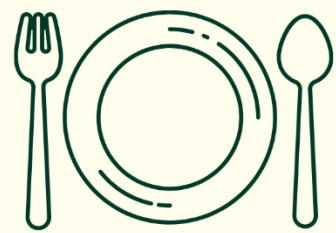
- Having staff pick up litter on the golf course and around the clubhouse instills a sense of stewardship for keeping the facilities clean. This hands-on activity reinforces the importance of proper waste disposal.

- Returning to using the club's permanent chinaware and silverware instead of disposable paper/plastic products for employee meals is an excellent waste reduction measure post-COVID. Reusables cutdown on the stream of single-use items ending up as trash.
- Encouraging employees to use their own reusable bottles/flasks for beverages prevents the waste generated by disposable cups and bottles. This simple switch can significantly reduce plastic and paper cup usage.

The multi-faceted approach spanning operations, products, education, and member engagement demonstrates Waialae's commitment to sustainability leadership.

## PLEASE HELP WAIALAE GO GREEN!

When eating in the break room, please use ceramic plates and silverware.



Bring a reusable bottle to fill up at work.

The Club's goal is to reduce the use of disposable products to meet the stringent criteria of the Hawaii Green Business Program.



*Thank you!*

Thank you for doing your part to help Waialae go green!