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## Hawaii County Recycling is Changing

As a result of China and other Southeast Asian countries' tightening recycling restrictions, Hawaii County will no longer be able to recycle plastic tubs, "clamshell" containers, any #5 plastics, or caps and lids. This is a trend hitting retailers and recyclers around the world. [This article from The Week](#) should bring you up to speed - nobody wants our trash anymore.

**What can we do? The quickest and simplest solution is back to basics.**

### **We REDUCE**

We use less to waste less. We share with our neighbors. We focus on what we really need and what items we really don't. Check local web groups, like [Freecycle.org](#), [Facebook](#), or [Craigslist](#).

### **We REUSE**

An empty jam jar now stores nuts. An old laundry detergent tub holds screws for the next project. Collect them and stack them high. Remember, you're a reuse superhero, not a hoarder!



## We RECYCLE RIGHT

For now that means:

Jars, jugs, or bottles marked #1 or #2

HI-5

Aluminum and Tin

Paper

Cardboard

Glass

We always rinse before recycling. Food contamination ruins the whole bin. If we have a question, [we ask](#). We stop "wishcycling" - *when in doubt throw it out!*

Seriously, wishcycling helps no one.

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## Lead the Way with Recycle Hawaii

Help us achieve **solid waste reduction education and innovative reuse programs on Hawaii Island.**

This is a huge, hands in the dirt, person-to-person endeavor. We need **your** help!

We need passionate people to [join our Board](#) to help set priorities for action. Not ready for a board? [Reply here](#) if you'd like to participate as a member of Recycle Hawaii.

We need **VOLUNTEERS** to carry our messages and show people how to reduce, reuse and recycle. Recruitment has begun for our important first volunteer position: a [Volunteer Engagement Manager](#)! More positions will be posted soon, but *everyone* can play a part in our organization.

Fill out a [volunteer application](#) now.

***Be part of the solution by supporting Recycle Hawaii!***



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