

RULE 2-5 Transfer Station Operating Rules

2-5-1. All self-hauled acceptable household materials deposited into a transfer station container or area shall be accepted by the County for disposal on any day the transfer station is open.

2-5-2. Prohibited materials and special handling materials shall not be dropped off at a transfer station, including solid waste generated by a business, government agency, religious entity or nonprofit organization. Prohibited materials and special handling materials may be accepted upon approval of the director.

2-5-3. The director may authorize the disposal of non-self-hauled solid waste at the transfer station and may also authorize non-household solid waste disposal.

2-5-4. The SWD personnel may search and/or recover lost items from the transfer station at the discretion of the SWD and the customer shall be charged a fee for said service.

2-5-5. Any unauthorized person entering into the transfer station during nonworking hours or for purposes other than that permitted in this section shall be considered to be a trespasser, and shall be subject to criminal enforcement under chapter 20, HCC.

2-5-6. All customers enter the facility at their own risk.

2-5-7. All materials shall be deposited directly into the designated container or solid waste area.

2-5-8. Depositing materials outside of a designated area shall be considered littering and shall be punishable pursuant to chapter 14, HCC.

2-5-9. Customers are expected to utilize the appropriate designated container or area at a transfer station that offers sanitary landfill diversion collection.

2-5-10. All customers shall adhere to all communications from SWD personnel and/or County contractors.

2-5-11. Customers are limited to dropping off one large appliance per vehicle per day where accepted.

2-5-12. Customers may include one double-bagged deceased household pet per day in their daily load limit.

2-5-13. Customers shall not put greenwaste into solid waste chutes at transfer stations that offer greenwaste collection, except greenwaste that is classified as an invasive species.

2-5-14. All vehicles shall have a current County of Hawai'i vehicle registration and safety inspection, which shall be made available upon request by SWD personnel.

2-5-15. The maximum solid waste load size, including construction and demolition debris but excluding greenwaste, shall be 3 cubic yards or less, and/or seven feet or less in any dimension. Items exceeding the maximum dimensions or one load per day shall not be allowed unless approved in advance by the director.

2-5-16. Hide-a-beds are not permitted to be thrown down the transfer station chute.

2-5-17. Vehicles are limited to sedans, SUVs, pickup trucks, or vans. Dump bed trucks are prohibited at the transfer stations. Trailers are prohibited at transfer stations, except as provided below:

- (a) After a review of site designs, safety reports, and SWD recommendations, and having determined that a transfer station allows the safe maneuvering, the Director will publish locations, dates, and times trailers will be allowed. The Director may suspend this authorization at any time.
- (b) Trailers shall not exceed 6 feet by 9 feet.
- (c) All trailers shall have a current County of Hawai'i vehicle registration and safety inspection. Transfer station users shall follow all other rules for solid waste disposal and all directions from SWD personnel.
- (d) Transfer station users shall pull trailers beside a chute and minimize reversing their trailers when possible.
- (e) The Director will notify the public of schedule changes regarding trailers at transfer stations.

2-5-18. Business-owned vehicles are permitted, provided they are limited to the vehicle types listed in Rule 2-5-17 above and are delivering household, self-hauled solid waste, and/or recyclables contained in no more than two 33 gallon trash bags per vehicle per day.

2-5-19. The maximum greenwaste load size shall not exceed 5 cubic yards. Except for palm fronds, no greenwaste items, including logs and branches, shall exceed 3 feet in length or 1 foot in diameter. Not more than one load per day shall be allowed unless approved in advance by the director.

2-5-20. No customers shall be admitted into the transfer station after the posted closing time.

2-5-21. Loitering within the transfer station is prohibited. All customers shall leave the transfer station immediately after unloading.

2-5-22. Everyone entering SWD facilities shall observe all posted speed limits and traffic warning signs.

2-5-23. Use of handheld devices while operating a vehicle is prohibited. Making phone calls or sending text messages or emails while driving is prohibited. Completing paperwork or any other type of task that would distract the driver from operating the vehicle is also prohibited.

2-5-24. Children under the age of 16 and all pets shall remain in the vehicle at all times.

2-5-25. Tools, tailgates, etc., shall be kept on, in, or under the vehicle while unloading.

2-5-26. Dangerous practices, such as rapid backing up to discharge loads, operating vehicles with unsecured doors, etc., are prohibited.

2-5-27. Loads shall be securely tied and/or covered upon arrival at the transfer station to prevent spillage.

2-5-28. All customers shall follow the directions of SWD personnel or County contractors before unloading.

2-5-29. The scavenging of unloaded material is prohibited.

2-5-30. Any concerns regarding a violation of safety practices should be reported to the SWD personnel.

2-5-31. Drinking alcoholic beverages, smoking, use of drugs, or use of firearms is prohibited.

2-5-32. To prevent interference with SWD operations, collisions with vehicles, and potential disease transmission, the feeding of feral animals is prohibited.