

How you can help keep Kailua's streams, bays, and beaches clean

- 1.** Don't let your yard clippings or tree trimmings fall into the street or storm drains. Coconuts and green waste are a major part of the trash picked up during stream and beach cleanups. Sweep up yard waste such as grass clippings, fallen leaves, fruits and shrub trimmings and keep them out of the storm drain system. Do not blow or hose yard waste into the gutter. If you have a yard crew, make sure they know not to blow leaves and trimmings into the street.
- 2.** Keep fertilizer use to a minimum and don't over-water your yard. Do not spread fertilizers if a rainstorm is expected in the next few days. Fertilizer runoff into waterways can cause algae blooms that can be toxic.
- 3.** Pick up your pet waste. Bring a bag, pick it up, and dispose of it properly, in the toilet or trash. A single ounce of dog feces can contain 652 million fecal coliform bacteria. Pet waste is one of the many small sources of pollution that can add up to a major source of bacteria and excess nutrients that can cause health and environmental problems in the water.
- 4.** Don't let your car wash water run into Kailua's streams via street gutters. Wash your car on a lawn or gravel drive where the water will soak into the ground. Use a bucket and or nozzle for your hose to keep water from running continuously. Dispose of leftover soapy water in your bucket into a sink. Use detergent sparingly.
- 5.** Don't sweep rubbish or street dirt into the storm drains. It will end up in the bay or washed onto the beach. Do keep sidewalks, curbs and gutters around your property clean by sweeping up debris and disposing of it in the trash.
- 6.** Use water-based paint whenever possible. Clean water-based paints in the sink, or oil-based paints with thinner. Wrap dried paint residue in newspaper or harden in its container and dispose of it in the trash. Never clean brushes or rinse paint containers near a storm drain. If you hire painters, make sure they do the same.
- 7.** If you change your own oil, use an oil change box. The best practice is to have your oil changed by a shop that recycles their waste oil. Never allow oil to go down a storm drain.
- 8.** Control soil erosion on your property. Plant ground cover or mulch bare ground. Schedule grading and excavation projects for dry weather. Sweep up cement washout or concrete dust instead of hosing it into driveways, streets, or storm drains.
- 9.** Contact city officials and let them know they need to keep trash, gravel, and sediment out of Kailua's storm drains. Report it if you see a construction site allowing muddy stormwater to run into the storm drains. Gravel and dirt from streets combined with muddy runoff from construction sites deposits about 10 dump trucks of dirt into the Kaelepu estuary during a typical heavy rain-storm.
- 10.** Pick up at least one piece of trash every time you go for a walk or to the beach. Every litter bit hurts — if we all pitch in, we can make a difference.

Useful Contacts:

City Environmental Concern Line, Phone 808-768-3300

Hazardous Spill Response, Phone 808-586-4249, or 808-236-8200 after normal working hours

Honolulu Mayor Rick Blangiardi, Phone 808-768-4141, www8.honolulu.gov/mayor/

City Councilmember Esther Kia'āina, District 3, Phone 808-768-5003, www.honolulucitycouncil.org

Kailua Neighborhood Board, Water Quality Sub-Committee, email levani.knb@gmail.com

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