



Mandatory Glass Recycling

It's The Law

City & County of Honolulu Ordinance, Chapter 9, Section 9-3.1 requires the owners of liquor-serving establishments to arrange and provide for the separate collection and recycling of glass containers.*

***Effective June 1, 2014, the City and County of Honolulu temporarily suspended the applicability of subsection 9-3.1 of the Revised Ordinances of Honolulu, requiring liquor-serving establishments to arrange and provide for the separate collection and recycling of glass containers, for any business unable to access recycling services. This suspension pertains to non-deposit glass only. Businesses are still required to recycle HI-5 deposit beverage containers per ROH subsection 9-3.1.**

To be in compliance with City ordinance, liquor-serving establishments must recycle all HI-5 deposit glass bottles generated from their business. HI-5 bottles are labelled with "HI 5 C".

Recycle:

HI-5 deposit glass bottles - including beer, ale, or other drink produced by fermenting malt, mixed spirits, mixed wine, tea & coffee drinks, soda, or non-carbonated water, & all non-alcoholic drinks.

Do Not Recycle:

Drink glasses, plates, cups, window panes, mirrors, & corks.

HI-5 metal/plastic bottles are not regulated by this ordinance.

Going Green Is Good For Business

Recycling is not only the law, it is also the smart thing to do. It's good for business and good for the environment.

If you throw all of your glass in a dumpster, you pay twice – once to haul it away and again to dispose of it. When you sort out your glass and take it to a HI-5 redemption center, you end up with less waste, which means lower disposal costs!

Your business can also benefit from promoting sustainability, as it is becoming increasingly popular for customers to seek out businesses with sustainable practices.

Recycling glass instead of manufacturing virgin glass saves energy, decreases emissions and reduces our consumption of natural resources. Plus, glass can be recycled an unlimited number of times without losing quality.

Glass accounts for approximately 34,000 tons of Oahu’s waste stream each year. Avoid disposing of glass altogether by offering more beverages on tap instead of offering bottles. Reducing and recycling helps to extend the life of our landfill and improve sustainability.

Collection Options

Collectors and recycling companies may offer various collection/recycling service arrangements (see list below). Otherwise, it is acceptable to have employees, schools, or non-profits take HI-5 bottles to redemption centers to redeem for cash. Find the redemption centers near you by going to opala.org.

Collection Companies

A&A Services	230-1745
HI-5 Recyclers	479-0771
Kokua Recycle	735-1204
Oahu Community Recycling	262-2724
Ohana Recycling Services	285-5818
Samurai Professional Services	853-9053
UJS Recycle	392-3443
Unify Recovery Service	256-7266
United Cerebral Palsy Foundation	254-0114

Recycling Companies

Depot Metal Inc.	677-6969
Honolulu Recovery Sys	841-3179
Island Recycling, Inc.	682-9200
Reynolds Recycling	487-2802
RRR Recycling Services	682-5600

*Recycling Companies accept HI-5 deposit bottles, but may not accept non-deposit

Providing this information does not constitute endorsement of these businesses. Also, this information is not comprehensive. Companies offering services may contact the City Recycling Office to be listed.

For more information about setting up a glass recycling program for your business visit opala.org or call the City Recycling Branch at 768-3200 ext. 7.

To complete the Mandatory Glass Recycling Compliance Form online, go to www.honolulu.gov/opala/compliance. This form is required annually.



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