



Perspectives

WASTE MANAGEMENT OF HAWAII



Welcome to our current issue of *PERSPECTIVES*, an occasional e-mail newsletter designed to give you a window into what is going on here at Waste Management of Hawaii. You are on our list because you are involved with Waste Management issues or have asked us to keep you informed.

KEEPING HAWAII CLEAN

FACTS TO BE PROUD OF:

Waimanalo Gulch Landfill accepts more than 500,000 tons of waste every year produced by Oahu's 800,000 residents and 5 million annual visitors.

Waste Management of Hawaii has helped to remove more than 20 tons of trash from beaches, parks and streets in 2007 through community partnerships.

Since 2006 Waste Management of Hawaii has hosted more than 3,000 visitors to its sites including students, professors and researchers, government leaders and community members.

Aloha Message

Aloha Friends,

The rainy season has finally come to an end and summer is just around the corner. Things are also heating up at Waste Management of Hawaii and we are happy to share with you some of the great news and even a few tips to "think green."

We recently supported local Keep America Beautiful affiliates on Oahu and Maui in their Earth Day efforts. Nani 'O Waianae on Oahu was selected as a Target Grant Awards recipient and received \$5,000 and we donated \$5,000 as well to the Community Work Day Program on Maui. We are always honored to help such deserving local organizations that are dedicated to making our islands a better place to live.

Of course, we always encourage you to *kokua* as well and have included a few tips and tricks to help green your lawn, and we're not talking about the color. Simple changes such as starting your own compost pile or trading in your gas guzzling lawn mower for an *aina*-friendly push reel mower can really make a difference.

Finally, we'd like to introduce our new market area environmental protection manager, Justin Lottig, who will help make sure we stay in compliance and minimize our impact on the *aina*.

If you have any questions about our facilities or interested in a tour, please call me personally at (808) 668-2985 x 21.

Mahalo,
Russell Nanod
Community Affairs Manager
Waste Management of Hawaii

Helping Hawaii Clean Up

As a trusted and valued community partner, we at Waste Management make it a priority to help preserve the beauty of our island community and support our neighbors who share this vision.



We recently teamed up with local Keep America Beautiful affiliates Nani 'O Waianae on Oahu and Community Work Day Program on Maui on April 26 for the statewide Great Hawaii Cleanup.

Waste Management pledged \$5,000 to Community Work Day Program to help with their efforts on Maui for the Great Hawaii Cleanup. In addition, Waste Management recently honored Nani 'O Waianae as a recipient of its Target City Grant Awards. Nani 'O Waianae was one of only 21 organizations that received a \$5,000 grant from Waste Management. Last year, Mayor Mufi Hannemann awarded Nani 'O Waianae with the Good Neighborhood Everyday Environmental Team Leadership Award on behalf of the City & County of Honolulu.

There are cleanup events all year round, so if you are interested in volunteering, contact Katy Kok at (808) 696-1920 or (808) 484-1000 on Oahu or Rhiannon Chandler at (808) 877-2524 on Maui.

Green Your Gardening

Hawaii is green and beautiful all year round, but as many homeowners know, it's not easy being green when it

comes to landscaping. We hope you will "think green" with the following tips:



- **Try xeriscaping** by planting low water use plants, reducing turf grass and creating water-efficient garden designs.
- **Use native plants in your landscaping**, which are usually more resistant to pests and diseases and are adapted to Hawaii's unique environment.
- **Trade in your gas guzzling lawn mower** for an earth friendly push reel mower. Newer models are much easier to push around than you think and you can get a quick workout while you tend to your lawn.
- **Use rain barrels to help irrigate your lawn** and also save water during the hot summer months. In addition using rainwater helps to reduce storm water runoff.
- **Start a compost pile** to replenish the nutrients in your soil. In addition, you will be helping preserve landfill space by removing your organic waste from your *opala*.
- **Grow organically** and use all natural fertilizers or pesticides. You will help reduce harmful runoff and have a safer environment for your pets and *ohana*.

As part of our green landscaping efforts, last year we completed a \$100,000 project at Waimanalo Gulch Landfill that included planting 30 monkey pod and Norfolk Pine trees, hydroseeding and installing permanent irrigation. The non-invasive trees were strategically planted on the top of the ash toe berm for added stability and to shield visibility of the landfill from those driving along Farrington Highway. The hydroseeding was done meticulously to blend the berm in with the surrounding landscape. The permanent irrigation, which uses minimal amounts of water, was installed to ensure the trees and grass will thrive for years to come.

Employee Profile: Justin Lottig, Market Area Environmental Protection Manager

We are happy to welcome Justin Lottig, our new market area environmental protection manager at Waste Management of Hawaii. Justin will be responsible for proactively

managing and ensuring that all Waste Management landfills are not only meeting compliance standards, but also going above and beyond the requirement.



In addition to regular daily checks of the landfill gas systems, leachate system and the appearance of the active working face, Justin also takes the time to advocate the importance of the environment to everyone he works with.

Justin explains, "I enjoy the impact I can have directly on environmental protection through employee interaction and personal effort."

He also added that, "The Environmental Protection Manager is only a part of the environmental protection program. All employees must actively participate to ensure environmental protection."

Originally from Somerset County in southwestern Pennsylvania, he holds a Bachelor's of Science in geosciences with a focus on hydrogeology and is also affiliated with the Hawaii Association of Environmental Professionals. Prior to joining our *ohana*, Justin was consulting for Waimanalo Gulch Landfill at Earth Tech, a global provider of consulting, engineering and construction services.

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