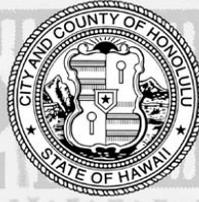


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DOWNED LINES CAUSE TEMPORARY BACKLOG AT REFUSE CENTERS

(Wed., Jan. 18, 2012) – The City’s Department of Environmental Services is limiting access for a temporary period at its convenience centers and transfer stations because of a backlog of materials at these facilities.

Early this morning, two HECO high-voltage power lines came down at the Waimanalo Gulch Sanitary Landfill, forcing the temporary closure of the landfill. HECO has removed the downed lines and the landfill has reopened. Meanwhile, H-POWER is conducting its regularly planned maintenance/cleaning outage through January 25, leaving the landfill as the only disposal facility available for municipal solid waste.

Restrictions at the convenience centers and transfer stations will be imposed until Friday, January 20, on both combustible (i.e. wood, household trash, etc.) and non-combustible (i.e. furniture, metals, TVs, sinks, etc.) items until the facilities are able to dispose of the waste at the landfill.

Homeowners may continue to drop off recyclables, white goods, green waste, batteries and tires.

The City has six convenience centers (Ewa, Laie, Wahiawa, Waianae, Waimanalo and Waipahu) and three transfer stations (Kapaa, Kawaioloa and Keehi).

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