



Do-It-Yourself HI-5 Public Recycling Containers Program Overview



TAKE = ACT WITHOUT SHAME
LEAVE = SHARE WITHOUT CONDITION
WHATEVAS = TRUST WITHOUT APOLOGY

The City and County of Honolulu Recycling Branch has been working to develop a comprehensive program placing public recycling containers in public areas. We have placed HI-5 recycling containers of various types at district parks, golf courses, Waikiki sidewalks, Honolulu Zoo, Neal Blaisdell Center, Fort Street Mall, City administration buildings... and we are continuing these efforts to expand public recycling containers island-wide to increase the convenience for recycling in public spaces. A main goal has been to further identify a system that is inexpensive and self-servicing.

Enter *Eating In Public*, a local non-profit dedicated to providing no-cost and accessible opportunities to share resources in many ways. In 2008 they launched their HI-5 recycling bins program, building and distributing some 500 bins to date with the help of dozens of folks in the community. These self-servicing baskets are easy to make and can be attached to existing trash containers at beaches, parks, bus stops and along sidewalks. People can deposit or withdraw HI-5 containers freely -- "Take. Leave. Whatevas."

In 2012, Suzanne Jones, then the City's Recycling Coordinator, recognized a good thing when she saw it. The City subsequently adopted the program, creating the DIY HI-5 Public Recycling Containers program. The City has the ambitious goal of placing 1000 containers by the end of 2013 around the island. The City will be engaging partnerships with student and community groups to fabricate and install the DIY bins in their own neighborhoods, enabling them to promote positive change close to home. This current expansion of the program will create increased awareness of HI-5 recycling and provide the means for members of the public to recycle conveniently where they gather and play.