

Public Notice (published 4/9/26 & 4/13/26)

The State of Hawaii Department of Health will hold a public hearing for the proposed amendment of Hawaii Administrative Rules chapter 11-58.1, which regulates the management of solid waste. The proposed amendments update all portions of the chapter. Major proposed amendments align state regulations with updates to the US Environmental Protection Agency's federal municipal solid waste landfill (MSWLF) regulations, increase flexibility for small MSWLFs, revise siting restrictions for MSWLFs, add requirements for construction and demolition landfills and special waste landfills, add leachate control and closure requirements for all facilities that manage solid waste, require auto processing and salvaging to be conducted on an impervious surface, and update the solid waste permitting program.

The proposed amendments are posted online at <https://health.hawaii.gov/shwb/solid-waste/> and can be viewed at 2827 Waimano Home Rd #100 Pearl City, Mon-Fri, 8am-4pm (except state holidays). Copies will be mailed on request and payment of a 5 cent/page copy fee and postage; call 808-586-4226 to request.

The public hearing will be at 9am on May 14, 2026 at the State Lab auditorium, 2725 Waimano Home Rd Pearl City. All interested parties may attend and present relevant information, comments, and opinions, including but not limited to the ways in which the proposed amendments may impair or otherwise impact Native Hawaiian rights, traditions, and practices. To request an auxiliary aid or service (e.g. ASL interpreter, large print), call Lauren at 808-586-4226 (voice/TDD) or e-mail lauren.cruz@doh.hawaii.gov as soon as possible to allow adequate time to fulfill your request.

Anyone unable to attend may send written comments to Attn: SW Rules 2827 Waimano Home Rd #100 Pearl City, HI 96782 or lauren.cruz@doh.hawaii.gov. Submissions must be received by May 19.

The Solid Waste Management rules (chapter 11-58.1, Hawaii Administrative Rules) are designed to protect human health and the environment from pollution caused by mismanagement of solid waste. The Department of Health does not anticipate that the proposed amendments to these rules will impair or otherwise impact Native Hawaiian rights, traditions, and practices. Nevertheless, the Department welcomes input from stakeholders who may hold a different view.