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Environmental News for Kalaupapa

Conservation and sustainability happenings in the settlement

Stickers in store give clues

Do you ever walk into the store and wonder if an item's packaging is recyclable or not?

Now you can peek at stickers underneath the shelved items for hints.

Be on the lookout for stickers like these:



**YOU CAN
RECYCLE
THIS ITEM!**



**CANNOT
RECYCLE
THIS ITEM!**

Beach clean up huge success!

Two organized beach clean-ups, held on September 30 and October 7, cleared an estimated 300 pounds of net, floaters and rubbish from Kalaupapa shoreline.

Led by Arthur Ainoa, about 10 NPS staff members picked through the sand between the Beach Houses to the Slaughterhouse on Sept. 30. The Black Sand Beach received a similar treatment the following week, including removal of a massive conglomeration of net.

A large portion of the rubbish collected was plastic. As plastic breaks into smaller pieces it can become harmful to sea life. Sometimes plastic is mistaken for food. Albatross have been found with bellies full of degraded plastic pieces. Scientists even estimate that 20 billion pounds of plastic enter the ocean each year. Please do not leave litter on the trail or beach!



Pile of net and rubbish collected from Kalaupapa beaches.

Plastic bottle caps now collected for recycling

Plastic bottle caps are abundant in the water and on beaches. Besides being unnatural and non-biodegradable, the caps are dangerous when consumed by wild life. B.E.A.C.H. Organization (Beach Environmental Awareness Campaign, <http://www.b-e-a-c-h.org>) recognizes this problem and is collecting plastic bottle caps for recycling. They are given to Aveda salons (there is one in Honolulu) to be made into new shampoo bottles.

NPS Recycling will accept bottle caps for this program. Because of the small size of each cap, please collect your caps in an old bag or box and place with your other recyclables for pick-up. Accepted bottle caps include most from drink bottles, peanut butter jars, shampoo bottles and laundry detergent lids. Any caps with metal or paper on the inside are not acceptable, nor are those from Dasani or Arrowhead water bottles (which are a different, "squishier" plastic).

YOU'RE INVITED....



sustainability film series

PLEASE JOIN VAL FOR SOME
ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTARIES
FOLLOWED BY INFORMAL DISCUSSION

ALL SHOWINGS WILL BE IN MCVEIGH HALL

WHEN	TITLE OF FILM
Tuesday, Nov. 10 At 6:00 pm	Molokai: Return to Pono (10 minutes) Sustainable Molokai (10 minutes) <i>Created by a Molokai resident, these short films are interesting, informative and inspirational.</i>
Tuesday, Nov. 17 At 6:00 pm	The 11th Hour (90 minutes) <i>Our planet is facing the "11th Hour" as we push our natural resources to the limit. Why we must act NOW to save the planet.</i>
Tuesday, Dec. 1 At 6:00 pm	TRASHED (60 minutes) <i>This film analyzes the causes and effects of "taking out the garbage." Why does each American create 5 lbs. of trash per day? Who does this affect?</i>
Tuesday, Dec. 8 At 6:00 pm	The Story of Stuff (20 minutes) <i>Explains the life cycle of all the "stuff" we buy and costs associated with buying "cheap" products.</i> Earth Aid: Recycling (17 minutes) <i>Everyday tips to "reduce, reuse, recycle." Shows how recycling conserves energy and reduces pollution.</i>