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Uncommon recyclables

We all know we can recycle our soda cans. The following are some lesser known items that can be recycled in Kalaupapa too!

- DVDs and CDs



- Small household batteries (in a box at the store porch)



Bottled water harmful to wallet, environment

Bottled water industry is a \$10 billion a year industry in the United States. Up to forty-percent of bottled water comes straight from a tap, which is low-cost and allows some bottlers to make 1,000 % profit by selling it.

Our tap water in Kalaupapa costs an average of \$0.00088 per gallon. Buying 20 ounce bottles of water, on the other hand, costs about \$5 gallon. Kalaupapa has award-winning tap water. We should feel blessed with such quality water and drink it with gratitude and appreciation.

Up to 1/3 of bottled water exceeded contamination levels for purity guidelines in a study by the Natural Resources Defense Council. Most common contaminants? Arsenic and carcinogens like phthalate - which is a component of plastic bottles. Bottled water is typically no healthier than tap water.

It takes almost 50 million barrels of oil each year to produce the bottles for the bottled water sold in the United States. This is equivalent to 100,000 cars driven for a year.

Each bottle of water requires 5 times as much water to manufacture the bottle as what is inside.

Next time you reach for a bottle of water, please consider filling up a reusable bottle from the tap instead.



Source: www.foodandwaterwatch.org

Bubblewrap & packing material free bin @ Post Office

Bubblewrap, packing peanuts and similar materials are now being collected.

If you have some that are re-usable, please do not throw away.

Instead, put in **collection bin at the Post Office**.

For anyone that needs packing material, help yourself to the second-hand packaging.

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>