

Hawai'i, dial 1, the area code and the number. All calls within an Island are local.

Hawai'i Island's cell phone law requires the use of a hands-free device when using a mobile electronic device while operating a motor vehicle.

Many of Hawai'i's larger hotels and condominium resorts have high-speed Internet access, including wireless in some public areas.

## Transportation

Ground transportation includes rental cars, limousine service, hotel shuttles, taxis and the public bus. Several companies provide guided tours with transportation included. Since the Island is big, most visitors rent a car. Consider a four-wheel drive if you plan to visit remote areas; it's a requirement to tackle the summit of Maunakea. Hawai'i County provides public transportation around the Island on the Hele-On bus. Shared Ride Taxi service is also available in Hilo through the Hawai'i County Mass Transit Agency. For information on child car seat regulations, visit: [hawaii.gov/dot/highways/safe-communities/child-passenger-safety](http://hawaii.gov/dot/highways/safe-communities/child-passenger-safety) or call the Hawai'i County Police Dept. Traffic services division at (808) 961-2305.

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## Environment

The natural beauty of Hawai'i's fragile environment comes from its geographical isolation from other ecosystems. The Department of Agriculture enforces strict rules regarding the exportation of uninspected plants and animals. When departing, luggage must pass a pre-flight check at the airport to ensure that no plant insects or diseases are hitching a ride back with you. You're welcome to take inspected fresh flowers and fruits home. Many items purchased at the airport or mailed home from local vendors are already inspected. For more information, call the Dept. of Agriculture at 808-933-6931 (Hilo) or 808-326-1252 (Kona).

## USEFUL PHONE NUMBERS

Agricultural Inspection	
Hilo .....	933-6931
Kona .....	326-1252
Ambulance, Fire, Police....	911
Camping Permits	
County .....	961-8311
National .....	985-6000
State .....	974-6200
Fishing License	
Hilo .....	974-6201
Kona .....	327-6226
Hawai'i County Civil	
Defense Agency .....	935-0031
Hawai'i County Mass	
Transit Hele-on Bus ...	961-8744
Hawai'i Island Chamber	
of Commerce .....	935-7178
Hunting License .....	974-4221
Kona-Kohala Chamber	
of Commerce .....	329-1758
Lifeguard Services.....	961-8689
Marine Conditions.....	935-9883
Marriage License .....	974-6008
Road Conditions .....	933-6233
Time of Day .....	643-8463
Volcano Activity.....	985-6000/ 961-8093
Weather Forecast .....	961-5582

## Protecting Hawai'i

### Mālama i ka 'āina

*Mālama i ka 'āina* (take care of the land) is one of the more important concepts in Hawaiian philosophy, and it's as important today as ever. Help us take care of natural resources by staying on trails when hiking and by not disturbing any plants or historical features. Guided tours are sensitive to the environment, and you are sure to learn more with an expert on hand.

Please recycle or properly dispose your *ōpala* (trash) to avoid littering. Reusable grocery bags are offered at most stores. Numerous recycle bins and redemption centers are located throughout the Island.

Hawai'i values healthy lifestyles and

fresh air. The Hawai'i Smoke-Free Law prohibits smoking in enclosed public areas, workplaces and within 20 feet of doorways, windows and ventilation intakes. For more information, visit [www.HawaiiSmokeFree.com](http://www.HawaiiSmokeFree.com).

There are many environmental groups fighting to protect the Island from the stress of foreign flora and fauna species. You can help some of these groups by volunteering time during your visit. Volunteering for conservation activities is a great way to have fun while exploring the Island. You can sign up for afternoon or multi-day trips to help with a variety of projects. Most groups will

provide training, if needed.

Only with awareness and respect can we be environmentally responsible. When visiting, please do your part to help protect our fragile ecosystem.

### Mālama i ke kai

*Mālama i ke kai* (take care of the ocean) is a Hawaiian tradition that you should practice while visiting the Island. This means please don't touch the coral or the plants and animals surrounding it. In fact, keep a respectful distance from all sea creatures—for their safety and yours.

