

A Message from the Mayor



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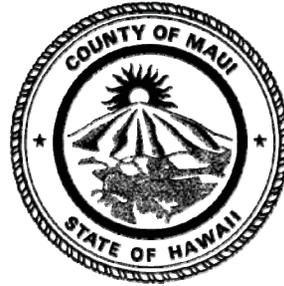
I am pleased to join in our efforts to properly care for Maui County's vital network of streams and gulches.

This Malama Kahawai brochure provides important information about the impact of our streams on the rest of our `aina, especially during times of heavy rain and flooding.

We each have a responsibility to nurture our islands' precious environment, and I thank you for your commitment to sustaining the life of our streams, gulches and surrounding natural areas. By taking simple steps to recycle and dispose of materials properly, we can each do our part to help protect our families, homes and neighbors during future rainy seasons.

Sincerely,


Charmaine Tavares
MAYOR

A small, stylized map of the island of Maui, showing its geographical features and coastline. The map is colored in shades of green and brown, representing vegetation and terrain.

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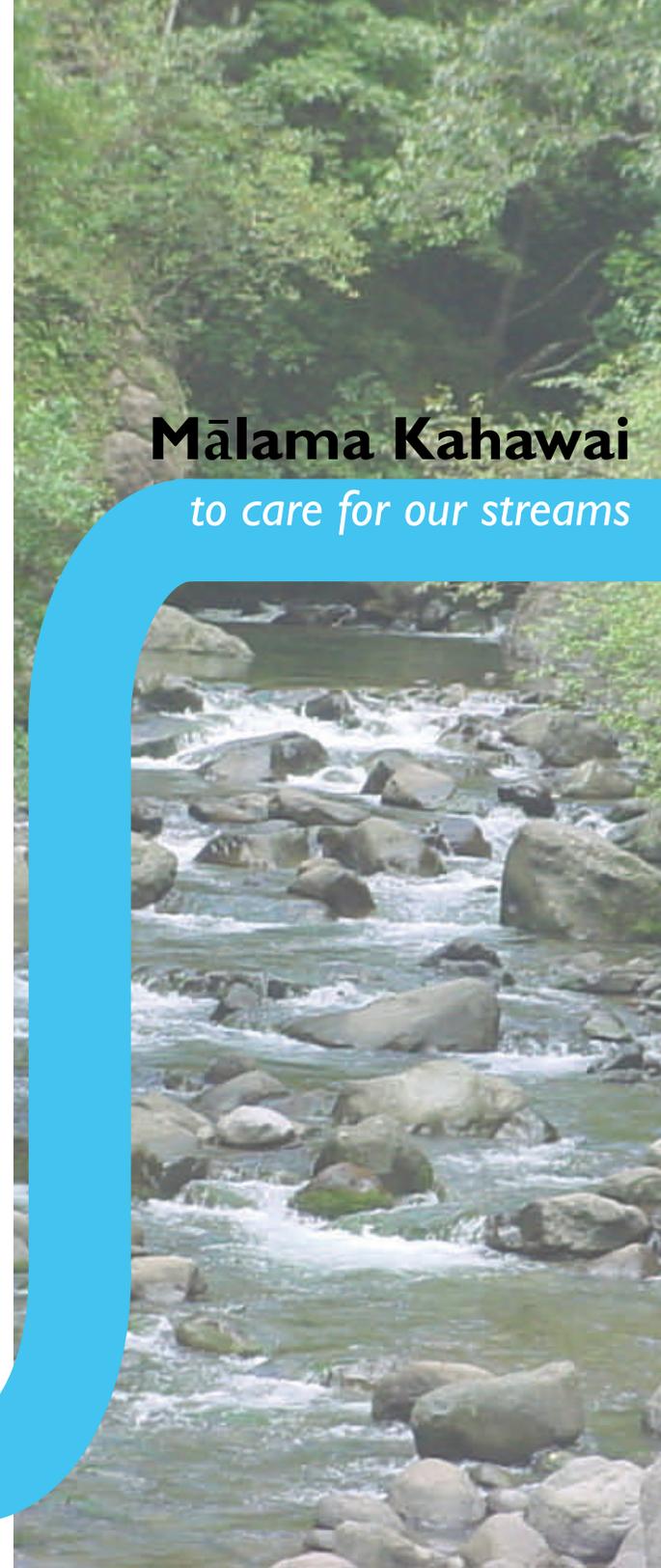
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Mālama Kahawai
to care for our streams



The islands of Maui County are home to many beautiful streams whose waters provide nourishment for residents and the islands' natural habitats. Maui's stream waters flow through gulches, near residential areas and down toward the sea.

Neglected stream beds filled with pollution, overgrown vegetation and other debris can have harmful effects on native animals and plants as well as residential areas in times of flooding.

BE CAREFUL!

Stream debris can clog narrow parts of the stream, under bridges, or in underground drain lines. When a storm occurs, this may have disastrous consequences for you and your neighbors.

Trash, chemical pollution, and overgrown vegetation can CLOG streams and even DIVERT FLOODWATERS into dangerous areas during a storm.

The debris may also reach the ocean, which pollutes the near-shore reef ecosystems.



Be stream-conscious!

Place this near your telephone or trash can.



Homeowners have a responsibility to keep streams, gulches, waterways, and drainage swales under their individual ownership clear of debris.

(Chapter 12.12, Maui County Code)

Not all drainageways are under the jurisdiction of the State or County. If you're not sure, check your deed.

Persons in violation of this requirement may, upon conviction, be required to pay a fine not to exceed \$500 per day.

WHAT YOU CAN DO TO HELP:

- **Remove blockages and sediment buildup that may impede stream flow.** Trim branches/vegetation and remove fallen trees and debris that can cause dangerous flooding even if the stream bed or gulch is normally dry.
- **DO NOT throw your trash, green waste, or any other debris into the stream or gulch!** Any household trash existing in the stream can be disposed of with your normal trash pickup. Keeping the stream bed clear will help protect you and your neighbors from unexpected flood damage.
- **Compost at home or take to a compost company.** EKO Compost (572-8844) is located at the Central Maui Landfill.
- **Check for other recyclable items.** Scrap metals may be taken to Reynolds Recycling (385-1867) or SOS Metals (280-8844); call first to see what is accepted. For information on how to recycle car batteries, tires and other materials, please call the Recycle Maui County Hotline at 270-7880 or visit www.mauicounty.gov/recycle.