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Community Work Day Program Conducts “Road to Hana Cleanup”

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Community Work Day Program in conjunction with state & county agencies, community organizations, and local residents will be conducting a major cleanup project along the scenic Hana Highway. The **Road to Hana Cleanup** - from Kaupakalua Road through Hana Town (38 miles), will be conducted in three phases from August through October. Teams of volunteers will be picking up debris, and **Community Work Day Program** will be coordinating efforts to haul off abandoned cars, trim overgrown brush, remove invasive species, replant native Hawaiian plants, and identify groups to “adopt” stretches of Highway.

The Road to Hana gets over a million visitors a year and has been declared one of the “Top Ten Visited Places in the U.S.,” - unfortunately along many stretches of the highway it has become overrun with litter, brush, and metal debris. From the air, onboard a helicopter or small plane, the view of the Hana Highway continues to be lush and breathtaking. For visitors navigating the winding roads and narrow bridges by car, the once pristine natural vistas are obscured and overgrown with invasive plant species, and littered with abandoned vehicles, discarded appliances and litter. It is now time to cleanup and restore the beauty of the Hana Highway!

The **Road to Hana Cleanup** will be conducted in three cleanup phases. The first phase will be conducted from Honomanu (Hana Highway mile marker 13) to Nahiku (mile marker 26) on **August 19**. Phase 2 will be conducted from Kaupakalua Road (mile marker 0) to Kaumahina State Wayside Park (mile marker 13) on **September 23**. Phase 3 of the cleanup will take place from Upper Nahiku (mile marker 26) to Hana Town (mile marker 38) on **October 21**. We hope that you will help us make the **Road to Hana Cleanup** a success! To signup for the **Road to Hana Cleanup** or for more information, contact **Community Work Day Program** at 877-2524 or by email: [cwkhh@pixi.com](mailto:cwdkhh@pixi.com).

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