

COMPREHENSIVE EXEMPTION LIST FOR THE
DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT
COUNTY OF HAWAII
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According to Section 11-200-8, Hawaii Administrative Rules, the Department of Environmental Management, County of Hawaii may declare exempt the following types of actions from the requirement to prepare an environmental assessment. The Department of Environmental Management, County of Hawaii shall not make exemption declarations when the cumulative impact of planned successive actions in the same place, over time, is significant, or when an action that is normally insignificant in its impact on the environment may be significant in a particularly sensitive environment. Sensitive areas include, but are not limited to, historical, archaeological, and cultural sites, flood plains, wetlands, beaches, coastal areas erosion-prone areas, geologically hazardous land, critical habitats, and estuaries.

EXEMPTION CLASS 1: Operations, repairs or maintenance of existing structures, facilities, equipment or topographical features, involving negligible or no expansion or change of use beyond that previously existing.

1. Repair and maintenance of existing structures.
2. Acquisition of land or easements on which existing facilities are situated.
3. Operate, repair and maintain all County automotive and construction equipment assigned to the department.
4. Operate, repair and maintain all wastewater facilities including sewer lines, pump stations and treatment plant components.
5. Operate, repair and maintain all solid waste facilities including transfer stations and disposal facility components.

EXEMPTION CLASS 2: Replacement or reconstruction of existing structures and facilities where the new structure will be located generally on the same site and will have substantially the same purpose, capacity, density, height and dimensions as the structure replaced.

1. Replacement or reconstruction of existing asphaltic concrete paved roads or of existing gravel roads by resurfacing with asphaltic concrete pavement. The completed road will be located within the existing right-of-way and will have substantially the same purpose, capacity and dimensions as the road prior to construction.
2. Replacement or reconstruction of all wastewater facilities including sewer lines, pump stations and treatment plant components.
3. Replacement or reconstruction of all solid waste facilities including transfer stations and disposal facility components.
4. Replacement or reconstruction of water, sewage, or other essential public utility services within the County road rights-of-way.

EXEMPTION CLASS 3: Construction and location of single, new, small facilities or structures and the alteration and modification of same and installation of new, small equipment and facilities and the alteration and modification of same including but not limited to: (a) single family residences not in conjunction with the building of two (2) or more such units; (b) multi-unit structures designed for not more than four (4) dwelling units, if not in conjunction with the building of two (2) or more such structures; (c) stores, offices and restaurants designed for total occupant load of twenty (20) persons or less, if not in conjunction with the

building of two (2) or more such structures; (d) water, sewage, electrical, gas, telephone, and other essential public utility service extensions to serve such structures and facilities; and (e) accessory or appurtenant structures including garages, carports, patios, swimming pools and fences.

1. Fencing when constructed in accordance with all applicable County regulations.
2. Installation of new sewer lines, pump stations and components auxiliary to existing wastewater treatment plants.
3. Modification and alteration of existing solid waste convenience centers for the collection/diversion of recyclables, reuse items and redemption of beverage containers.

EXEMPTION CLASS 4: Minor alteration in the condition of land, water, or vegetation.

1. Maintenance and removal of all vegetation from within existing sewer line and drainage easements as provided for under Hawaii County Code, Section 10-3.
2. Maintenance and removal of vegetation in order to conduct survey work.

EXEMPTION CLASS 5: Basic data collection, research, experimental management, and resource evaluation activities which do not result in a serious or major disturbance to an environmental resource.

1. Perform preliminary surveys (e.g. reconnaissance, location work, level circuits, topographic and hydrographic work).

EXEMPTION CLASS 6: Construction or placement of minor structures accessory to existing facilities.

1. Interior alterations involving such things as partitions, plumbing, and electrical conveyances.
2. Installation of dry well sumps within the County right-of-way.
3. Modification of existing wastewater facilities to include sewer lines, pump stations and treatment plant components.
4. Modification of existing solid waste facilities including transfer stations and disposal facility components.
5. Install wastewater facilities including sewer lines, pump stations and treatment plant components.
6. Install solid waste facilities including transfer stations and disposal facility components.