



ONE OF OUR HIGHEST PRIORITIES



*Invasive Species
Removal*

Aloha First name / friend,

At 808 Cleanups we empower the community in ways to sustainably restore Hawai'i's native ecosystems. One of our top priorities is to remove invasive species that were brought to the islands as cattle feed but have taken over and become a threat to the natural environment. The Department of Land and Natural Resources estimates that over 25% of the islands are now covered by non-native grasses ([source](#)).

Invasive species, like koa haole and buffelgrass, take away resources from native plants and modify habitats. They also provide fuel for wildfires since they cover so much ground and are quicker to burn than native plants.

Multiple times each week our volunteers cut, pull, hack, and uproot a variety of invasive species to make room for native plants to thrive. We hope you can join us for a cleanup soon to see the progress we've made and help us continue our efforts! In the meantime, take a look behind the scenes at how we get rid of these unwelcome trees and grasses.

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Koa haole has deep roots below the ground and often requires the use of a tool called the “Puller Bear” to fully remove it.

WATCH MICHAEL USE THE PULLER BEAR



Buffelgrass is easier to remove but covers a lot of ground so it takes many hands to clear it out of an area.

LEARN HOW TO REMOVE BUFFELGRASS

Come try it yourself at a cleanup!



DON'T FORGET!



We're doing our first ever “Adopt a Site Weekend” Feb. 21st-23rd and would love you to join us to test out this program.

- Gather friends and clean up a site of your choosing.
- We'll provide the tools and resources you need.
- Record it in the app and help us cover more ground through decentralized cleanups.
- If you enjoy it, we hope you'll consider becoming a regular Adopt a Site ambassador!

REGISTER

Monthly Recap: January

- ▶▶ Trash collected: 3,948 lbs.
- ▶▶ Invasive species removed: 16,597 sq. ft.
- ▶▶ Native plants added: 84 sq. ft.
- ▶▶ 563 Volunteers gave: 132 hours

Stay tuned for our 2024 Annual Report
coming out in next month's newsletter!

Mahalo nui!

808 Cleanups Team

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