



# Maui Wildfire Recovery

## Respect fo Cultural Significance

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*So much Maui give to da world. As guests, we honored fo give our support back.*

*Da U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) wen get task on August 11, 2023 by da Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) fo survey, remove, and dispose of hazardous material from da properties dat wen get affected by da wildfires in Lāhainā and Kula on Maui.*

Da EPA know da work dey doing stay inside areas wea get deep cultural significance and mana fo da Native Hawaiians, residents of da State of Hawai'i and planny oddahs around da world.



*One photo of Maui community members and cultural monitors trained in hazardous material awareness and safety work.*

### Cultural monitors stay on-site with da EPA

- Da EPA wen go give Maui community membahs who going serve as cultural monitors some health and safety training.
- Da training was so dat da monitors can stay on-site while da EPA clean up all da hazardous material.
- Cultural monitors going try assess what da condition stay like fo da culturally-sensitive places and items, perform culturally pono protocols, and den go give guidance to da EPA field operations.

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### Historical and cultural training fo in-office and field teams

- Da EPA field and in-office teams wen get training about Local culture from Maui community educators.
- Da training going help da EPA staff understand Hawai'i's unique Local culture, and how deep da significance go fo da areas da fires wen affect.
- Staff going use da training fo make sure their work stay done with reverence and respect fo all Local cultures.

### Validating outreach messages with local leaders

- Da EPA outreach approach going always be vetted with community leaders fo make sure everything maika'i and pono fo show respect fo Local Hawai'i culture and history.

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