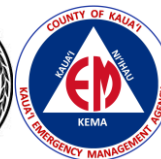


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January 7, 2022 Menehune Road Update

****Starting Jan. 8, this daily newsletter will be posted online at www.kauai.gov/kema.****

Hazard Notice

Menehune Road remains closed until further notice. Please note that the rockfall area is considered a **very dangerous construction zone** and rocks continue to fall. The public is not allowed in the area at any time until it is deemed safe. The following is an update on construction work that is currently underway.

Road Closure and Slope Stabilization

The County's contractors began rockfall mitigation work today, and is preparing to begin rock-scaling operations. Today's work included airlifting drilling equipment and materials to the slope above the roadway.

Part of their mitigation work will include forcing large boulders off the slope and onto the road. For this reason, the existing rock and sediment on the road will remain in place for now, because it serves as a protective layer to prevent damage to the road and the 10-inch waterline. Existing material on the road will also be piled up to help prevent further damage to the Waimea Swinging Bridge.

Side-slope boulder and rock removal will begin on Saturday, Jan. 8.

Additionally, contractors will continue to assess repairs for the Waimea Swinging Bridge.

Work will continue daily, from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. Officials anticipate it will take approximately three weeks to remove all rockfall hazards.

Emergency Access Route

The State Department of Land and Natural Resources (DLNR) continues to work on opening an alternate emergency access route via UTV from Waimea Canyon Drive, located on State Forest Reserve land.

Officials anticipate this emergency access will open by Friday afternoon. This access will serve as an emergency route for officials to deliver food or other urgent supplies to residents. It will NOT be open for public access until officials can deem the route safe for larger vehicles. An announcement will be made to confirm when the public access is opened.

Utilities

As of 6:30 p.m., Thursday, Spectrum has restored service to residents on Menehune Road. Hawaiian Telcom began work today. As a reminder, with internet service restored, this daily newsletter will be available online at www.kauai.gov/kema, starting Saturday, Jan. 8.

Wellness Checks/Needs Assessment

Officials are conducting another wellness check today, to help coordinate any needs of the isolated residents. While the road remains fully closed, crews will continue wellness checks and needs assessments in your area, as well as provide daily updates online. If you require further assistance, please don't hesitate to contact the numbers listed below.

Refuse Service

In anticipation of an emergency access route being established over the weekend, solid waste officials plan to conduct a trash pick up on Monday, Jan. 10. Trash collection will be limited to household waste only. Please leave bagged trash in county refuse carts. Bulky items, green waste, and loose trash will not be collected at this time.

Postal Service

We continue to work with USPS officials to establish mail service. Updates will be provided once confirmed.

School/Education Needs:

If you have a school-aged child currently enrolled in an education system and are needing assistance to continue school attendance, please contact KEMA at the number listed below.

Important Contacts:

- If you require assistance during work hours, you may call the Kaua'i Emergency Management Agency (KEMA) at 808-241-1800.
- If after working hours, call Kaua'i Police Dispatch at 808-241-1711.
- If this is an emergency and you require immediate assistance, call 911.