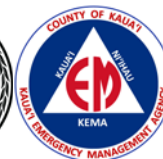


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January 8, 2022 Menehune Road Update

****Starting Jan. 8, this daily newsletter will be posted online at www.kauai.gov/kema. Please click on the blue button at the top of the page labeled "Waimea Valley Rockslide.****

Hazard Notice

Menehune Road remains closed until further notice. Please DO NOT cross the rockfall site. It is 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

Before the roadway can be cleared of debris, the rockfall mitigation team must complete its slope stabilization project. This phase of work is expected to take up to three weeks, and the mitigation team will work seven days a week from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. until complete.

Staging and preparations continued today and rock scaling above the roadway is expected to begin Sunday. Slope stabilization requires forcing large boulders off the slope and onto the road. Preparations for rock scaling work includes adding a protective layer on the roadway to safeguard the Department of Water's 10-inch waterline, and securing the Waimea Bridge to protect it from further damage.

Waimea Swinging Bridge

While crews continue to work on slope stabilization, contractors are assessing the damage to the Waimea Swinging Bridge. At this time, the bridge is being secured by the rockfall mitigation team in order to protect it from further damage.

Repair work to the bridge cannot begin until the slope is stabilized and given the historic nature of the bridge, we expect this to be a long-term repair project. We realize this pedestrian bridge is an important point of access to our Makaweli residents and we will continue to work with residents on continued needs. Makaweli residents requiring assistance are urged to contact KEMA at numbers listed below.

Emergency Access Route

The State Department of Land and Natural Resources (DLNR) continues to work on opening an alternate emergency access route from Waimea Canyon Drive, known as Panini Road.

The Panini Road access is limited to emergency responders only until further notice as DLNR continues to improve the roadway for local access. Any emergency supplies or resources must be coordinated through KEMA for transport.

Panini Road will be opened on a limited basis to residents and responders as soon as it is deemed safe. An updated timeline on limited local access is expected early next week.

Utilities

All utilities in the area have been restored, including power, water, phone and cable/internet services.

As a reminder, with internet service restored, this daily newsletter will be available online. To view, visit www.kauai.gov/kema and click on the blue button at the top of the page labeled "Waimea Valley Rockslide."

Wellness Checks and Needs Assessments

KEMA continues to coordinate door-to-door wellness checks to residents through our Waimea Fire Station and Community Liaison Kaina Makua of Kumano I Ke Ala community non-profit. The wellness team also conducted door-to-door outreach on Friday to residents on the Makaweli-side of Waimea River.

Grocery bags were delivered Friday through donations from the Hawai'i Food Bank Kaua'i Chapter and Waimea High School. Community partners have also continued to provide donations. Mahalo to all who are assisting this effort!

If you have any need during the road closure please relay that information to our wellness team and KEMA will coordinate delivery. All contact numbers are included below.

Kupuna Care

The county's Agency on Elderly Affairs is conducting wellness checks specifically for kupuna in the area, age 60 and older. If you have a kupuna that has not yet been contacted by the Agency on Elderly Affairs, please contact their office at (808) 241-4470.

The Elderly Affairs team is expected to conduct door-to-door outreach with kupuna care packages on Tuesday, January 11.

Refuse Service

Refuse collection is now expected on Tuesday, January 11. **PLEASE NOTE DATE CHANGE.**

Residents are asked to leave their trash carts out on Monday, January 10. Refuse collection will be limited to bagged household waste only. To ensure efficient pickup, please double bag your household trash and place in your County issued 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:

Families with school-aged children who have limited internet access were provided MiFi devices by DOE to assist children with distance learning options during the road closure. If you have a school-aged child who needs assistance with distance learning, please contact KEMA at the number below.

Important Contacts:

- If you require assistance during work hours, you may call the Kaua'i Emergency Management Agency (KEMA) at 808-241-1800.
- For kupuna assistance, please contact the Agency on Elderly Affairs at (808) 241-4470.
- 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.