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GREEN IS THE COLOR

of The Tex Drive and now the Tex Drive In can proudly say not only do we have a green logo, but we also run our business as GREEN as possible! GREEN in this case means environmentally conscious, being kind to mother earth, and helping preserve resources. For many years now I have been trying to find ways to make the Tex Drive In more environmentally friendly. I disliked the plastic dishes, containers, forks, spoons and knives. The mountains of trash made me feel an enormous polluter. I often wondered why almost all our food had to come from the mainland, and why vegetables were not grown of

the Island? Over time we were able to make changes; most of our vegetables now come from the Island or other Islands, and some of them, like our lettuce from *Mother Nature* are grown organically. The beef we use for Hamburgers, Teriyaki and other beef dishes is purchased from *Hawaii Beef Producers*, and comes from local grass fed cows, which have never been injected with hormones. We often hear that the hamburgers are the best the customer ever tasted, and that the salad exceeded every expectation. Great compliments! We started recycling as much trash as we could years ago. Every week my son Yasha and Perfecto, an employee, hauled carton, paper, cans and whatever could be recycled to Hilo or Kona. Thanks to the County

Recycling program we now can bring it to the Honoka'a transfer station. Another example of our caring are the Tex Drive In surroundings, which stand for gardening without Round-Up. I dislike that stuff and I am actually afraid of it. We do not know the impact Round Up will have on us or future generations. Well we have made another transition. All our new plates and take our containers are made from sugarcane and are biodegradable and/or compostable. Our "plastic" products look like plastic but are made from Corn, and forks, spoons and knives are made from potatoes. All of them are biodegradable. Mahalo *Jesse Law of Sustainable Island Products*. Jesse went out on a limb to bring the products to the Island of Hawaii, for which I am grateful!