

A HOUSE BLESSING FORMAT

A. Prepare ritual materials

1. Maile or kukui lei for the one performing the blessing.
2. One or more maile, ti, or flower leis to drape across the entrance.
3. Bowl of fresh water (sea or salt water is for cleansing).
4. Short ti leaf for sprinkling (or other longish leaf).
5. Four ti plants for planting at the four corners of the house (optional).
6. Conch shell and/or nose flute (optional).
7. An assistant to carry materials (optional).

B. Begin the blessing with everyone gathered outside the entrance.

1. Explain what you are going to say and do (optional).
2. Blow the conch one to four times if you use one.
3. Breathe on the bowl of water four times.
4. Holding the bowl and leaf while facing the people, say "'Auhea, e na aumakua, e na akua, e na kanaka, 'auhea!" (Listen up, all you aumakua, all you spirits, all you people, listen up!)
5. Say, "'O _____ ka inoa o keia hale" (The name of this house is NAME).
6. Turn to the drape and say, "Oki ka piko!" (The navel cord is cut), and cut or undo or untie the drape.
7. Tell the people to follow you into and through the house and to silently admire and praise every good thing they see.
8. Enter the house and use the leaf to sprinkle water in every room, including the corners of every large room, and say "E ho'omaika'i i keia hale me ke aloha, me ka mana, me ka pono" (Bless this house with love, power, and good fortune) every time you sprinkle water.
9. After you have blessed every room of the house, including porches, balconies, and the front and back yards, pour the rest of the water down a sink or on the ground and form everyone into a circle in the largest area, whether inside or outside.
10. Starting on your left, ask everyone to give a very short blessing of their own for the house and its occupants.
11. When it is your turn, say "Ho'omaika'i au i na ho'omaika'i" (I bless your blessings).
12. Do the "Aumakua" chant (optional) and finish with "Amama, ua noa" (So be it, it is done). Then have everyone hug and party.