

Alameda County Industries

We are proud to be your service provider for Recyclables Organics & Garbage.

AVOID WISHCYCLING

Make sure everything you put into the Blue Recyclables cart/bin is recyclable. Non-recyclable materials cause contamination, can damage sorting machinery, and result in recyclables in the landfill.

Listed below are some of the common items that contaminate the recyclables stream.



Use/request recyclable/ compostable/reusable options.



FILM/BAGS = GARBAGE

Contain multiple pieces for collection.



Try buying cereal in bulk to avoid excessive packaging.



CHIP/ **SNACK** PACKAGING = GARBAGE



STYROFOAM® = GARBAGE

Contain multiple pieces in a single bag for collection. Avoid products with excessive and/or non-recyclable packaging.



Reuse whenever possible or choose environmentally friendly packaging options.

PET WASTE = GARBAGE



PERSONAL HYGIENE ITEMS/DIAPERS = GARBAGE

PLASTIC PLATES/CUPS/ **UTENSILS = GARBAGE**

Provide reusable options. Keep reusable cutlery with you to use when needed.

CDS/DVDS/ VHS TAPES = GARBAGE

If undamaged, try donating to a resale shop or charity before disposing.

CROCKERY/ **DISHWARE = GARBAGE**

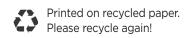
FOOD-SOILED **PAPER**

TOWELS/NAPKINS/ TISSUES = ORGANICS

WHEN IN DOUBT...FIND OUT! **CONTACT US:**

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Proper Sorting Makes a Difference!

The most efficient sorting starts with you. We thank you for all of your efforts.

SAY "NO" TO CONTAMINANTS! Garbage and Organics **DO NOT** belong in the blue **RECYCLABLES** bin/cart.

MAINTAIN A CLEAN STREAM! Empty, rinse and wipe recyclable plastic, metal and glass food containers before placing them in the blue RECYCLABLES bin/cart.

KEEP AN EYE ON SIZE! Corrugated cardboard and paper boxes should be flattened and large pieces cut to 2' x 2' or smaller. This creates more room in the recycling bin/cart, prevents litter and keeps materials from getting stuck in carts and blocking the hopper of the collection vehicles.



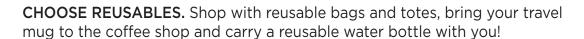




Reduce, Reuse and Repair Before You Recycle!

Small changes in your purchasing habits and daily routine can make a big impact in reducing waste!

REPAIR INSTEAD OF PURCHASE. Before you replace an item, see if it can be repaired. If you do purchase something new, find the highest quality/most durable option possible.



GO THRIFTING. Reuse what you already have or purchase a "gently used" item from a resale/thrift shop or garage sale. Browse resale websites or share/trade items with friends and neighbors.

PURCHASE PRODUCTS WITH MINIMAL PACKAGING. Choose items with sustainable, reusable and recyclable packaging. Avoid single-serve and single-use items.







Did You Know?

40% of the material in the blue recyclables cart or bin is paper.

Reduce paper waste by stopping unwanted mail.

- Remove your address from direct mail registries at: www.directmail.com/mail_preference/.
- Discontinue unwanted catalogs at: www.CatalogChoice.org.
- Prevent automatic phonebook deliveries at: www.YellowPagesOptOut.com.

FOR MORE REUSE AND REDUCTION TIPS VISIT:

- www.AlamedaCounty Industries.com
- www.StopWaste.org

