

# aci Island Recycling

A Community Newsletter from Alameda County Industries  
Your **Recyclables**, **Organics** & **Garbage** Service Provider

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## Reuse & Reduce at Your Business!

*Recycling is great, preventing waste by reducing and reusing is even better.*

### REUSE TO REDUCE WASTE

- Have an incentive to encourage customers and employees to use reusable shopping bags, travel mugs, water bottles and utensils.
- Offer paper bags instead of plastic bags.
- Avoid offering single-serve/single-use utensils, cups and food-service items.
- Offer recyclable, compostable or reusable take out containers.
- Reuse packaging and shipping materials.

### USE LESS PAPER

- Email documents instead of printing them.
- Use electronic presentations rather than paper handouts.
- Set printers to print on both sides of paper.
- Take paperless notes on a laptop or tablet.
- Use digital marketing (*online catalogs, email newsletters, mobile marketing*).
- Store files digitally.
- Use a paperless inventory tracking system.

More information can be found at:

[www.stopwaste.org/at-work/reducing-waste-at-work](http://www.stopwaste.org/at-work/reducing-waste-at-work).



## Are Reusables Right for Your Business?

Reusable transport packaging ("Reusables") replace limited-life transport packaging, saving money and resources. Examples of Reusables include:

- Hand held containers.
- Pallets, pallet wraps and bands.
- Bulk containers and drums.

Reusables can offer significant advantages over traditional transport packaging by:

- Lowering shipping costs.
- Providing more efficient product storage, handling and distribution.
- Improving product protection, worker safety and storage efficiency.

Visit:

[www.usereusables.org](http://www.usereusables.org) for more information and to find grant opportunities to make the switch more affordable.

## Holiday Service Reminder

There will be no change to the collection schedule during the weeks of Columbus Day and Veterans Day. **During Thanksgiving week, service normally provided on Thursday and Friday will be one day late.**

NOVEMBER 25 -30, 2019					
If your collection day is:	Mon. 25	Tue. 26	Wed. 27	Thu. 28	Fri. 29
Your holiday collection day will be:	Mon. 25	Tue. 26	Wed. 27	Fri. 29	Sat. 30



## Help us Provide Safe & Efficient Service

- ✓ Choose the right-size ACI containers for clean and efficient collection area(s).
- ✓ Make sure the area around containers is clear and accessible.
- ✓ Close container lids to keep out birds, critters and rain.
- ✓ Schedule additional service for overflow, large items, or construction and demolition debris.
- ✓ Flatten and/or cut boxes to maximize space in your blue **Recyclables** cart or bin.

## Recycle Right!

Extra attention is needed by businesses and residents to reduce waste and make sure that the materials we recycle have the highest value possible.



Items going in the blue **RECYCLABLES** cart or bin should be empty and clean.

**“Keep it loose for blue use!”**  
(Don't bag your recyclables)



Plastic, glass, or metal does *not* belong in the green **ORGANICS** carts or bins.  
**“If it won't rot, green is not the spot!”**



**REMEMBER TO USE LESS PAPER AND PLASTIC** - Reduce and reuse *before* you recycle. Visit [www.StopWaste.org/recycle](http://www.StopWaste.org/recycle) for tips on using less.

## Recycling & Composting is Required. We Can Help!

Alameda County's Mandatory Recycling Ordinance applies to all businesses and multi-family properties with 5 or more units.



Make the most of our **RECYCLABLES** and **ORGANICS** programs. Contact ACI to visit your business to conduct waste assessments, make service suggestions, and help train tenants and employees.



Remember to:  
**Reduce,**  
**Reuse,**  
**Recycle,**  
**Rot & Donate!**



## Alameda County Industries

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



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