

# aci Island Recycling

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

OCTOBER - DECEMBER 2019

## Manage Food Before it Becomes Waste

*Californians throw away nearly 6 million tons of food scraps or food waste each year.*

Before food becomes part of the **ORGANICS** collection program, find ways to manage it more thoughtfully, such as reducing food waste or making sure excess edible food is rescued.



- [www.savethefood.com](http://www.savethefood.com) offers information on how to reduce food waste with meal planning, creative recipes, food-storage tips, community resources and more!
- [www.calrecycle.ca.gov/Organics/Food/Donation/](http://www.calrecycle.ca.gov/Organics/Food/Donation/) has information on Food Rescue and Food Banks in California.
- Contact these local organizations regarding food donations.  
Alameda County Food Bank - [www.accfb.org](http://www.accfb.org)  
Food Shift - [www.foodshift.net](http://www.foodshift.net)



**PROPER SORTING MAKES A DIFFERENCE!** Put inedible food scraps and food-soiled paper in your **ORGANICS** cart as a last resort.

## Reduce, Reuse & Recycle with Green Gifts!

- Support a charity or cause by shopping for gently-used treasures at resale & thrift shops.
- Encourage waste reduction by giving reusable totes, food containers, water bottles and travel mugs as gifts.
- Preserve the planet with environmentally-minded gifts such as learning thermostats, smart light switches and water filters.



**BONUS POINTS!** Avoid wrapping paper waste by using reusable packaging such as a shopping tote or kitchen towel!

## Food Waste Prevention Resources

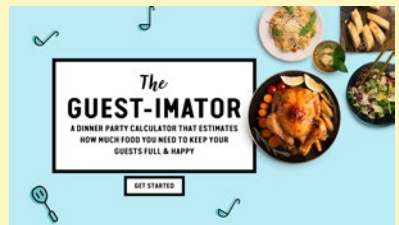


### FOODSAFETY.GOV

*A gateway to food safety information.*

- Get the latest news, alerts, tips and answers to your questions about safely handling and storing food.
- Try the **FoodKeeper App** to help you use food while at peak quality and reduce waste.

Visit: [www.foodsafety.gov](http://www.foodsafety.gov) for more information!



### THE GUEST-IMATOR

*An online dinner party calculator.*

- Estimate how much food you need to keep your guests happy and healthy
- Prevent food waste in the process!

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## Mark Your Calendar



**City of Alameda Holiday  
Tree Lighting Ceremony**  
Saturday, December 7th  
4:30 p.m. - City Hall

## Holiday Tree Collection

ACI will collect holiday trees from Dec. 26 - Jan. 31 on the same day your garbage, recycling and organics are collected. Tree collection will occur with special trucks throughout the day and at a different time than your regular collection services.



### PLEASE REMEMBER:

- All lights, decorations, and tree stands must be removed.
- Trees should be put out loose. Do not wrap or bag them.
- Trees over 6-feet tall must be cut in half.
- Small trees can be placed inside your green **Organics** cart. Please cut into pieces that will not get stuck in the cart or prevent the lid from closing.
- Fake and flocked trees cannot be composted and are disposed as garbage. Contact us for disposal options.

## Happy Clog-Free Holidays!

**Fats, Oils and Grease (FOG) will clog your pipes and sewer/septic systems. Manage and dispose of FOG properly:**



- **For small amounts of FOG**, scrape out or use paper towels then place in your green **Organics** cart.
- **For large amounts of FOG**, such as used oil from a turkey fryer, collect cooled oil in a sealable container and take it to a Alameda County Household Hazardous Waste Facility. Limits apply. Please visit: [www.StopWaste.Org/hhw](http://www.StopWaste.Org/hhw) or call: 1-800-606-6606 for more information.

## Holiday Service Schedule

### THANKSGIVING WEEK:

If your regular collection day is Thursday or Friday, service will be one day later.

### CHRISTMAS WEEK:

If your regular collection day is Wednesday, Thursday or Friday, service will be one day later.

### NEW YEAR'S DAY WEEK:

If your regular collection day is Wednesday, Thursday or Friday, service will be one day later.

### 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

### DECEMBER 23-28, 2019

If your collection day is:	Mon. 23	Tue. 24	Wed. 25	Thu. 26	Fri. 27
Your holiday collection day will be:	Mon. 23	Tue. 24	Thu. 26	Fri. 27	Sat. 28

### DEC. 30, 2019 - JAN. 4, 2020

If your collection day is:	Mon. 30	Tue. 31	Wed. 1	Thu. 2	Fri. 3
Your holiday collection day will be:	Mon. 30	Tue. 31	Thu. 2	Fri. 3	Sat. 4



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

Printed on recycled paper. Please recycle again!



## Alameda County Industries

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



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