



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

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## Be Green This Holiday Season

### BE GREEN WHEN GIVING.

- Send recycled-content greeting cards and recycle any paper cards you receive. **BONUS POINTS!** Send *electronic greeting cards to reduce paper waste.*
- Give items that are made from recycled materials and have minimal and/or recycled packaging. **BONUS POINTS!** Give *zero-waste items such as gift cards, event tickets, or gift certificates.*
- Avoid paper waste. Use wrapping paper saved from last year or “upcycle” newspaper, paper bags, and magazines. **BONUS POINTS!** Skip *the wrapping paper and use reusable bags or dishtowels as packaging.*

“Happy Holidays!”



### BE GREEN WHEN HOSTING MEALS.

- Skip the single-use items. Use cloth napkins and reusable dishes, glasses, and utensils.
- Avoid food waste. Cook only what you need. For food-saving tips please visit:  
[www.stopfoodwaste.org](http://www.stopfoodwaste.org)  
[www.savethefood.com](http://www.savethefood.com)  
[www.foodshift.net/foodshiftkitchen/](http://www.foodshift.net/foodshiftkitchen/)
- Share any leftovers with family, friends, or donate untouched leftovers. For local food donation info visit: [www.foodshift.net/food-donation-guidelines/](http://www.foodshift.net/food-donation-guidelines/).



### BE A CALIFORNIA GREEN BUSINESS

- The California Green Business Network distinguishes small businesses that protect, preserve and sustain our environment.
- To learn how to become the next Green Business, visit: <https://greenbusinessca.org>.



## Food Scraps and Food-Soiled Paper Belong in the Green

When your holiday party is over or your kitchen is closed, put non-donatable food items in your green **Organics** cart or bin.

Remember to keep it clean and avoid contamination:

- NØ Styrofoam®**
- NØ Plastic**
- NØ Glass**
- NØ Metal**

For a full list of what belongs in your **Organics** bin or cart, visit:

[www.AlamedaCountyIndustries.com](http://www.AlamedaCountyIndustries.com).

Need additional **Organics** service? Call our Customer Service Department at 510-483-1400.

## Recycling Reminder



Keep your **Recyclables** collection carts or bins lids closed. Do not overload. Flatten boxes to maximize space. Contact us if you need additional service.

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

## Holiday Service Schedule

### CHRISTMAS WEEK & NEW YEAR'S DAY WEEK:

If your regular collection day is Wednesday, Thursday or Friday your carts/bins will be serviced one day later.

## Mandatory Recycling!

Alameda County's Mandatory Recycling Ordinance requires that **Recyclables** and **Organics** be sorted from **Garbage**. Learn more at [RecyclingRulesAC.org](http://RecyclingRulesAC.org) or click on the Mandatory Recycling Ordinance Quick Link on our website. **Contact ACI for assistance.** Our representatives will help you to identify and implement the programs you need.



## Real Holiday Trees are a Renewable Resource!

- Real holiday trees grown on farms emit oxygen that absorbs carbon dioxide and other greenhouse gases that contribute to global warming.
- Tree farms also: help stabilize the soil, protect water supplies & can provide refuge for wildlife.
- Real clean green holiday trees are 100% compostable.



### HOLIDAY TREE COLLECTION:

We will collect holiday trees from our Commercial customers for a fee. Holiday trees will be collected curbside from Multifamily buildings; sites with 10 units or more may have a designated tree drop-off area specified by the building manager.

### CLEAN GREEN TREES WILL BE COMPOSTED. 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 **Organics** cart or bin. Please cut into pieces that will not get stuck or prevent the lid from closing.
- Fake and flocked trees cannot be composted and are disposed as garbage-contact us to arrange for disposal.

## Thank You!

*Everyone at Alameda County Industries appreciates your reducing, reusing, recycling and composting efforts. We wish you the happiest of holidays and a prosperous 2020.*



**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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