



## Alameda County Industries

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

# Help Us Provide Safe, Clean & Efficient Service

## Follow these tips:

**Cardboard Boxes:** Put small boxes directly into your blue **Recyclables** cart. Large or multiple pieces must be flattened and set next to your blue cart.

**Extra Garbage & Recyclables:** Do not overload your carts. Lids must fully close. Contain overflow recyclables in paper bags next to your blue cart. Overflow garbage will only be collected when a prepaid tag is affixed to the additional bag(s). Call ACI at **510/357-7282** to purchase tags.

**Food Waste:** Place food scraps, food-soiled paper and waxed paper in the green **Organics** cart.

**Shredded Paper:** Contain in a paper bag or box and secure with a staple or tape. Place in your blue **Recyclables** cart.

**Packaging Peanuts:** Contain peanuts in a sealed bag or box. Place in your gray **Garbage** cart or donate to a mailing store. **Do not** place in the blue **Recyclables** cart.

**Plastic Bags:** Put bags in your gray **Garbage** cart. Avoid single-use disposable bags whenever possible. Invest in reusable bags.

**Household Batteries:** Put alkaline and lithium batteries in a clear, zipper-lock style bag on top of (not inside) your blue **Recyclables** cart. Please tape positive terminals.

**E-Waste & Water-Based Paint:** Arrange to have these items collected through ACI's OnCall Clean Up Program. Call **510/357-7282** or visit **AlamedaCountyIndustries.com** for details.

**Sharps:** Package needles, lancets and other sharps in an approved container. Ask your doctor, pharmacist or hospital if they will take them. Or, deliver to a Alameda County Household Hazardous Waste facility. Visit **StopWaste.org/hhw** or call **1-800-606-6606** for more info. **The County accepts hazardous wastes that CANNOT be placed in any ACI cart.**



## Avoid Wishcycling

Many times something you may think is recyclable actually isn't. Make sure everything you put into the Blue **Recyclables** cart/bin is recyclable. Items that are not recyclable cause contamination, can damage sorting machinery, and cause recyclables to end up in a landfill.



## COMMON WISHCYCLED ITEMS THAT DO NOT BELONG IN THE BLUE **RECYCLABLES** CART/BIN:

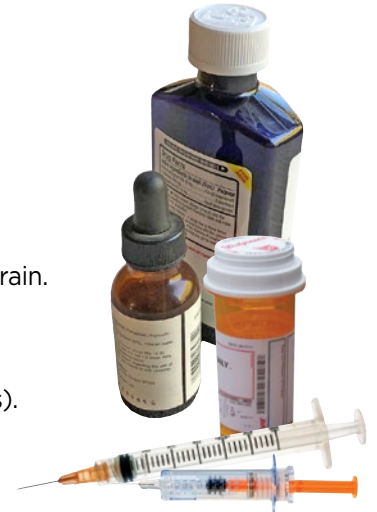
- Chip/snack packaging
- Film plastic/plastic bags
- Styrofoam/packing peanuts
- Crockery/dishware
- Soiled paper towels/napkins
- CDs & VHS tapes
- Plastic plates/cups/cutlery (not numbered ♻️-♻️)



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# Safe Disposal of Medicines, Sharps, Household Batteries & E-Waste



**MEDICINES & SHARPS** should never be put in the garbage or flushed down the drain.

- **Needles & Other Sharps** - Package in FDA approved sharps containers made with puncture and leak-resistant plastic.
- **Pills** - Pour into zipper-lock style bags (it protects your privacy and lowers disposal costs). It's ok to mix all your pills in one bag.
- **Liquids & Creams** - Leave in their original container & secure caps/lids, black out any personal identifying information and place in a zipper-lock style bag.
- **Controlled Substances** - Include: narcotic pain medications, sleeping pills, ADD/ADHD drugs, antidepressants and cough syrups with Codeine. HHW facilities and many other drop off locations **CANNOT ACCEPT CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES**. These items can be taken to the self-service drop box in lobby at:

Alameda County Sheriff's Eden Township Substation, 15001 Foothill Blvd., San Leandro

**PLEASE NOTE:** Prescription medication is no longer accepted at the Oakland, Livermore, and Hayward HHW drop-off facilities. Prescription medication is accepted at the Fremont HHW drop-off facility and at over 70 drug stores, hospitals, and law enforcement sites throughout the County. For more information, visit: [www.stopwaste.org/recycling/residents/household-hazardous-waste/medicine](http://www.stopwaste.org/recycling/residents/household-hazardous-waste/medicine).

**CURBSIDE COLLECTION OF HOUSEHOLD BATTERIES** - We collect alkaline, lithium, rechargeable, camera, watch, hearing aid, and calculator batteries. Please tape the positive terminals. Car batteries are NOT accepted.

- Household batteries should be placed inside a clear zipper-lock style bag and placed on top of (not inside) your blue cart on collection day.
- Household batteries may also be dropped off at the ACI office. Refer to the contact page on our website for location and hours.



**E-WASTE REQUIRES SPECIAL HANDLING** - Electronic waste includes: televisions, computers, telephones, stereo equipment, microwave ovens, thermostats, ballasts for fluorescent lamps, digital clocks, MP3 music players, digital/video cameras, cathode ray tubes (CRTs) and devices with CRTs.

- You can properly dispose of a limited amount of e-waste through ACI's Clean Up Program.
- You may also take e-waste to an Alameda County Household Hazardous Waste Facility for drop-off. Call 800-606-6606 or visit [www.Stopwaste.org/hhw](http://www.Stopwaste.org/hhw) for more information.



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### FOR MORE INFORMATION:

Follow the links on our website, call 800-606-6606, or visit [www.Stopwaste.org/hhw](http://www.Stopwaste.org/hhw).