



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

OCTOBER - DECEMBER 2020

Prevent Food Waste

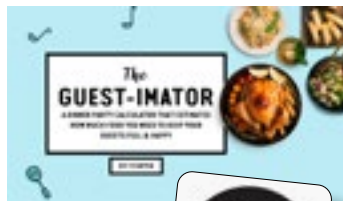
Californians throw away nearly 6 million tons of food scraps or food waste each year.

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.



FIND FOOD WASTE PREVENTION TIPS AT: www.StopFoodWaste.org & www.SavetheFood.com.

- **STORE ITEMS PROPERLY** - Learn how to store food best and how long it should stay there.
- **SHOP YOUR FRIDGE** - Get creative, use food you already have on hand.
- **MEAL PLAN** - Use the interactive Meal Prep Mate and Guest-imator tools at www.SavetheFood.com.
- **GET SOCIAL** - Follow @Savethefood on social media for recipes, videos and more!



FOOD RESCUE & FOOD BANK RESOURCES:

- www.calrecycle.ca.gov/Organics/Food/Donation/
- Alameda County Food Bank - www.accfb.org
- Food Shift - www.foodshift.net

PROPER SORTING MAKES A DIFFERENCE!

Put inedible food scraps and food-soiled paper in your **ORGANICS** cart as a last resort.



Holiday Tree Collection

ACI will collect holiday trees from Dec. 28 - Jan. 31 on the same day your garbage, recycling and organics are collected.



PLEASE NOTE: 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 holidays from everyone at ACI!

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!

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 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 Friday, service will be one day later.

NEW YEAR'S DAY WEEK:

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

| NOVEMBER 23 - 28, 2020 | | | | | |
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| 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 | Wed. 25 | Fri. 27 | Sat. 28 |

| DECEMBER 21 - 26, 2020 | | | | | |
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| If your collection day is: | Mon. 21 | Tue. 22 | Wed. 23 | Thu. 24 | Fri. 25 |
| Your holiday collection day will be: | Mon. 21 | Tue. 22 | Wed. 23 | Thu. 24 | Sat. 26 |

| DEC. 28, 2020 - JAN. 2, 2021 | | | | | |
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| If your collection day is: | Mon. 28 | Tue. 29 | Wed. 30 | Thu. 31 | Fri. 1 |
| Your holiday collection day will be: | Mon. 28 | Tue. 29 | Wed. 30 | Thu. 31 | Sat. 2 |



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

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