



Alameda County Industries

ORGANIC WASTE REDUCTION GUIDELINES FOR OUR COMMERCIAL CUSTOMERS

Prevent Food Waste

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

FIND FOOD WASTE
PREVENTION TIPS AT:
www.StopFoodWaste.org
www.SaveTheFood.com
www.ivaluefood.com



SMALL STEPS CAN MAKE A BIG DIFFERENCE!

- Use perishable produce quickly.
- Track inventory to prevent over-ordering and spoilage.
- Store all food properly. (Typically below 40 degrees Fahrenheit for refrigerators and 0 degrees Fahrenheit for freezers, consult your local health code requirements.)
- Keep your storage equipment in good working order.
- Prepare for power loss by having a back up power plan.

GIVE EDIBLE LEFTOVERS TO EMPLOYEES OR DONATE EDIBLE FOOD TO A CHARITY OR FOOD BANK.

- Alameda Food Bank
www.alamedafoodbank.org • 510-523-5850
- Food Shift
www.foodshift.net/food-donation-guidelines/ • (510) 898-7812
- Alameda County Community Food Bank
accfb.org • 1-510-635-FOOD (3663)
- www.calrecycle.ca.gov/Organics/Food/Donation/
- For a list of organizations in Alameda County that accept food donations, visit our website: www.alamedacountyindustries.com/sanleandro/commercial/resources/.

Did You Know?

YOU WON'T BE SUED FOR
DONATING LEFTOVER FOOD.

The Bill Emerson Good Samaritan Food Donation Act passed in 1996 protects restaurants from civil and criminal liability should a recipient get ill or hurt as a result of consumed donated food. Donors are only culpable in cases of gross negligence or intentional misconduct. SOURCE: www.EPA.gov



If it Won't
Rot, Green is
Not the Spot!

FOOD SCRAPS, FOOD-SOILED PAPER, AND YARD TRIMMINGS BELONG IN THE GREEN ORGANICS CARTS OR BINS.

Remember to keep it clean and avoid contamination: **NØ Styrofoam®, Plastic, Glass, or Metal.** For a full list of what belongs in your **Organics** bin or cart, visit: www.alamedacountyindustries.com/sanleandro/commercial/resources/.

SAY NO TO FOOD- PACKAGING WASTE!

- Offer recyclable or reusable take out containers.
 - Avoid offering single-serve/single-use items. (See "Rethink Disposable Technical Assistance Program" on other side)
- Reduce and reuse before you recycle. Visit www.StopWaste.org/recycle for tips on using less.



The ReThink Disposable Technical Assistance Program

Prevent waste before it starts! By reducing single use disposable packaging, your food service business can:

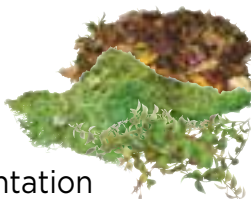
- Conserve resources.
- Prevent waste.
- Reduce ocean pollution.
- Increase operational efficiency.
- Improve customer satisfaction.
- Save money.



For more program information and materials, visit: www.rethinkdisposable.org/businesses.

Does a Landscaping Company Off-Haul Your Yard Trimmings?

Beginning January 2020, CalRecycle now requires businesses to provide written documentation from the landscaper that the material is being hauled to a facility that composts it for AB1826 compliance. A form is available on our website: <https://www.alamedacountyindustries.com/sanleandro/commercial/forms/>. For more information about the requirement, visit: www.calrecycle.ca.gov/Recycle/Commercial/OrganicsFAQ/#Compliance. (Section B-Business; question 49)



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. Contact us to make the most of our **RECYCLABLES** and **ORGANICS** collection programs.

OUR REPRESENTATIVES ARE AVAILABLE TO:

- Visit your business to conduct waste assessments.
- Make service suggestions.
- Help train staff and/or tenants.
- Provide posters and service guides.

When in Doubt...Find Out! Contact Us!

voice - 510-357-7282

email - info@AlamedaCountyIndustries.com

website - www.AlamedaCountyIndustries.com

Our website is mobile-friendly and translatable!



Proper Sorting Makes a Difference!



USE YOUR CONTAINERS TO SORT YOUR WASTE FOR:

- **Compliance with California regulations:** AB341, AB1826, and SB 1383.
- **A reduction in the amount of material going to the landfill.** Of the 39 million tons of waste disposed of in California landfills in 2018, one third was compostable organic materials.
- **A reduction in greenhouse gas emissions.** Anaerobic decomposition of organic materials in landfills produces methane (CH₄), a greenhouse gas that contributes to pollution and global warming. Composting organic material sequesters carbon and reduces greenhouse gas emissions.

SOURCE: www.calrecycle.ca.gov/climate/organics.



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