

# 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



DONATION

#### 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 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/alameda/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



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/alameda/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?**

CalRecycle 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/alameda/commercial/forms/. For more information about the requirement, visit: www.calrecycle.ca.gov/Recycle/Commercial/OrganicsFAQ/ **#Compliance**. (Section B-Business; question 49)

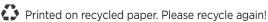
#### **Recycling & Composting is** Required. We Can Help!

- Properties with on-site service must place recyclables and plant debris in designated collection containers. Learn more at: RecyclingRulesAC.org.
- Contact us to make the most of our RECYCLABLES and **ORGANICS** collection programs. Our staff can:
- 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 - 510-483-1400

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 SB1383.
- · 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.