



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

OCTOBER - DECEMBER 2021

## Prevent Food Waste

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

Before food becomes part of the **ORGANICS** collection program, find ways to manage it more thoughtfully, to reduce the amount of food that gets wasted.



**FIND FOOD WASTE PREVENTION TIPS AT: [www.StopFoodWaste.org](http://www.StopFoodWaste.org) & [www.SavetheFood.com](http://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](http://www.SavetheFood.com).
- **EAT THIS FIRST** - Download a sign for inside your fridge to designate an area for foods that need to be eaten soon.



### FOOD RESCUE & FOOD BANK RESOURCES:


- Alameda County Food Bank - [www.accfb.org](http://www.accfb.org)
- Food Shift - [www.foodshift.net](http://www.foodshift.net)
- [Calrecycle.ca.gov/Organics/Food/Donation](http://Calrecycle.ca.gov/Organics/Food/Donation)

### PROPER SORTING MAKES A DIFFERENCE!

All inedible food scraps and food-soiled paper belong in your **ORGANICS** cart.



## 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.

## Holiday Tips to Reduce Waste



- When shopping for gifts bring your own bag.
- Reuse baskets, tins or boxes when wrapping gifts.
- Try to find tags and cards that are printed on recycled paper or make your own.

## Did you know?

- Foil, metallic and heavily laminated wrapping paper is not recyclable. 
- Plain wrapping paper is recyclable but much of it is made from virgin materials.
- Consider using reusable material like newspaper, paper bags, t-shirts, reusable bags, or aluminum foil for wrapping your gifts.

## Sustainable Christmas Tree Alternatives

Cut trees or fake plastic trees are both hard on the environment. If you're looking to go greener this year there are alternatives:

- **RENT OR BUY A TREE:** the tree is delivered alive and then replanted once you are finished.
- **BUY A POTTED TREE** that you can use each year or plant after Christmas.
- **DECORATE OR PLANT A TREE** you already have.
- **GET CREATIVE:** make a tree out of books, a photo collage, or wooden frames. The possibilities are endless!



## 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 times than your regular collection services.

- 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.

## Holiday Service Schedule

### THANKSGIVING WEEK:

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

### CHRISTMAS / NEW YEAR'S WEEKS:

No changes this year as each holiday falls on a weekend.

### EXTRA WASTE?:

Remember not to overload your carts. If have extra material call ACI to arrange an extra /bulky item pickup.

#### NOVEMBER 22 - 26, 2021

If your collection day is:	Mon. 22	Tue. 23	Wed. 24	Thu. 25	Fri. 26
Your holiday collection day will be:	Mon. 22	Tue. 23	Wed. 24	Fri. 26	Sat. 27

#### DECEMBER 20 - 24, 2021

There are **NO CHANGES** to the residential service schedule during the Christmas Holiday week.

#### DECEMBER 27 - 31, 2021

There are **NO CHANGES** to the residential service schedule during the New Year's Day Holiday week.



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

Printed on recycled paper. Please recycle again!



## Alameda County Industries

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



*Happy holidays from everyone at ACI!*

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