



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

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New California Compost & Recycling Law for Businesses and Multifamily Properties*

EFFECTIVE JANUARY 2022

When compostable materials like food scraps, paper, and plant trimmings break down in landfills, they produce methane, a potent greenhouse gas and contributor to climate change.

New California state law (SB 1383) will help keep compostable materials out of landfills. A local ordinance will be put in place to help residents and businesses comply with the regulations set by the state.

The local law will be implemented through a partnership between the City of Alameda, Alameda County Industries, StopWaste, and Alameda County Environmental Health Departments.

*** Applies to multifamily properties of 5+ units**

Food Scraps & Food-Soiled Paper Belong in Your Green Container

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



Placing food scraps in the compost bin instead of the garbage helps fight climate change.

STOPWASTE
at home • at work • at school



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What Does This New Law Mean for my Business or Multifamily Property?

- All sites must have compost and recycling collection service. Contact ACI to start or improve your recycling and composting!
- Compost and recycling bins must be placed next to all garbage bins, including indoors, except in restrooms. Items must also be properly sorted into the bins.
- Free help and indoor green bins are available.
- Large businesses that generate surplus edible food—such as grocery stores, food distributors, and large restaurants—must donate food to food recovery organizations.
- For more information or to request free help, visit: www.StopWaste.org/Rules

**Español, 中文, 한국인,
& Tiếng Việt**
[www.StopWaste.org/
rules-languages](http://www.StopWaste.org/rules-languages)



Be a California Green Business in 2022 (Like ACI)!

ACI is proud to be a California Green Business!

The California Green Business Network distinguishes small businesses that protect, preserve and sustain our environment. To learn how to become the next Green Business, visit: www.greenbusinessca.org.

Thank You!

Everyone at Alameda County Industries appreciates your reducing, reusing, recycling, & composting efforts. We wish you the happiest of holidays and a prosperous 2022.

Real Holiday Trees are a Renewable Resource!

- Real holiday trees grown on farms emit oxygen that absorbs carbon dioxide and other greenhouse gases that contribute to global warming.
- Tree farms also: help stabilize the soil, protect water supplies & can provide refuge for wildlife.
- Real clean green holiday trees are 100% compostable.



HOLIDAY TREE COLLECTION: We will collect holiday trees from our Commercial customers for a fee. Multi-Family customers: check with your building manager for a designated tree drop-off area, trees are typically collected curbside for small complexes.

CLEAN GREEN TREES WILL BE COMPOSTED. 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 **Organics** cart or bin. Please cut into pieces that will not get stuck or prevent the lid from closing.
- Fake and flocked trees cannot be composted and are disposed as garbage-contact us to arrange for disposal.

Holiday Service Schedule

CHRISTMAS & NEW YEAR'S DAY WEEKS:

There are **NO CHANGES** to the weekly service schedule this year as each holiday falls on a weekend.

(If applicable, commercial customers will be contacted by ACI regarding their Saturday holiday service schedule.)

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!**



Alameda County Industries

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



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