

aci Residential News

Proudly Serving the Alameda Community & Aiming for Zero Waste!

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Easy, Daily Zero Waste Habits

Taking the time to rethink the products and services we choose is an easy & everyday habit anyone can learn to help fight climate change and protect the Earth.

- **Refuse disposable food-ware & needlessly packaged items.** Say no to single use and yes to reusables. Buy in bulk and choose products with little or no packaging.
- **Purchase with reuse in mind.** Make sure it can be reused, repaired, or recycled once you're done with it.
- **Choose used products.** Frequent resale stores, browse websites such as Craigslist, or share and trade items with friends.
- **Prioritize energy and water efficiency.** Choose the most efficient products you can afford.
- **Buy recycled.** Look for products that contain recycled material.
- **Make sure to Sort Correctly!**
- **Buy Local and shop businesses that are certified green.** Search for Certified Green Businesses here: www.greenbusinessca.org.
- **Select products with independent green certification.** Look for the Forest Stewardship Council (FSC), Energy Star and the



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For more info to help you make better buying decisions visit:
www.stopwaste.org/at-home/reduce-reuse-recycle-rot/buy-green.

How to Minimize Water Pollution

Alameda County storm-drains do not go to a treatment plant, instead they flow directly to creeks & the Bay. Here are ways keep our waterways clean & safe.

- Check your driveway or parking area for fluid leaks. If your car is leaking, use a drip pan & arrange repair.
- When changing your oil, contain & recycle used oil & filters properly. (Free Pickup Available, see back!)
- Don't wash vehicles in the street. All soap & cleaning products are harmful to aquatic life.
- Prevent leaves from getting into storm drains. Place them in your green **organics** cart.
- Avoid applying fertilizers & pesticides, especially if rain is in the forecast.
- For more tips on how to prepare for storm season, visit: www.alamedaca.gov/departments/public-works-department/prepare-for-storm-season.



For more information, visit:
www.CleanWaterProgram.org

Help us Provide Safe & Efficient Service Collection Day Reminders

- ✓ Place carts out for collection by 6:00 a.m.
- ✓ Make sure cart wheels are facing your home.
- ✓ Leave three feet (or as much space as possible) between each cart and avoid placing carts near obstacles.
- ✓ Place materials loosely inside carts so they will empty properly.
- ✓ Make sure cart lids are fully closed. Overloaded carts can cause litter and attract critters.
- ✓ Report damaged carts to ACI so that we can schedule a repair or replacement on your next service day.



Make Sure to Separate Correctly!

- ✓ SB 1383 increases enforcement requirements of the City, so it is more important than ever to make sure everyone in your household knows what material goes in which cart.
- ✓ Lists of items that belong in each container are available on the ACI website, and our local customer service team is available to answer any questions.



Free Used Oil & Filter Recycling

• ACI offers **free** curbside collection of used oil jugs and filter bags. Contact us via our website or call **(510) 483-1400** for delivery of a free used oil kit.



• Visit **RecycleUsedOil.org** to find a **free** used oil drop off location near you.

No Hazardous Waste or Sharps



Please remember that hazardous waste & sharps are NOT allowed in any ACI collection container.

- Ask your doctor or pharmacist about available needle disposal options.
- Or Contact Alameda County Household Hazardous Waste at **1 (800) 606-6606** or visit **stopwaste.org/hhw** for info on safe, free disposal.



Holiday Service Schedule

Collection days will NOT change during the weeks of Martin Luther King Jr. Day and Presidents' Day.



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



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