



Proudly Serving the Alameda Community and Aiming for Zero Waste!

## Prevent Food Waste

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

Before food becomes part of the **ORGANICS** collection program, find ways to manage it more thoughtfully, such as reducing food waste.



- **STORE ITEMS PROPERLY:** Learn how to store food to maximize shelf life.
- **SHOP YOUR FRIDGE:** Get creative, use food you already have on hand.
- **EAT THIS FIRST:** Download a sign for inside your fridge to designate an area for foods that need to be eaten soon. [www.StopFoodWaste.org/resources](http://www.StopFoodWaste.org/resources)
- **MEAL PLAN:** Use the interactive Meal Prep Mate and Guest-imator tools at [www.SavetheFood.com](http://www.SavetheFood.com).
- **TRY THE FOODKEEPER APP:** Use food while at peak quality and reduce waste. Visit [www.foodsafety.gov](http://www.foodsafety.gov) for more info.



### FOOD WASTE PREVENTION TIPS

- [www.StopFoodWaste.org](http://www.StopFoodWaste.org)
- [www.LoveFoodNotWaste.org](http://www.LoveFoodNotWaste.org)

### 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

### PROPER SORTING MAKES A DIFFERENCE!

Put leftover food scraps and food-soiled paper in your **ORGANICS** cart as a last resort.



## Green Your Gift Giving by Reducing, Reusing, and Recycling



- Support a charity or cause by shopping for gently-used treasures at resale and thrift shops.
- Encourage waste reduction by giving reusable totes, food containers, utensils, water bottles, and travel mugs as gifts.
- Think about gifts that can help conserve energy like smart thermostats and light switches.

## Holiday Tips to Reduce Waste

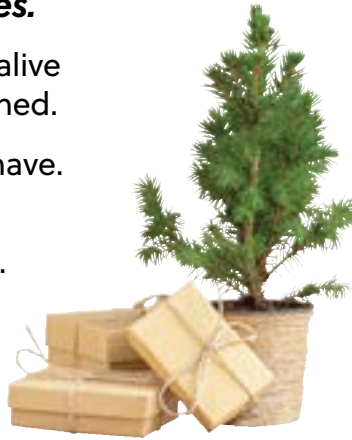
- When shopping for gifts, bring your own bag.
- Use tags, cards, and wrapping paper printed on recycled paper - *or even better* - make your own.
- Recycle baskets, tins, or boxes when wrapping gifts or use reusable materials like newspaper, t-shirts, and reusable bags.



## Sustainable Christmas Tree Alternatives

**Avoid a cut or fake plastic tree this year. Go green with one of these sustainable alternatives.**

- **Rent or adopt a tree** that is delivered alive and then replanted once you are finished.
- **Decorate a plant or tree** you already have.
- **Purchase a potted tree** that you can use each year or plant after Christmas.
- **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. 26 -Jan. 31** on the same day your garbage, recycling, and organics are collected. If you would like your holiday tree collected, please ensure the following:

- 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.

**PLEASE NOTE:** Tree collection will occur with special trucks throughout the day and at a different times than your regular collection services.

## Holiday Service Schedule

### THANKSGIVING WEEK:

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

### CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR'S WEEKS:

**NO CHANGES** this year as each holiday falls on a weekend.

#### NOVEMBER 20 - 26, 2022

If your collection day is:	Mon. 21	Tue. 22	Wed. 23	Thu. 24	Fri. 25
Your holiday collection day will be:	Mon. 21	Tue. 22	Wed. 23	Fri. 25	Sat. 26

#### DECEMBER 25 - 31, 2022

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


#### JANUARY 1 - 7, 2023

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

**Happy holidays from everyone at ACI!**



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

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