

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](http://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.



## Reduce, Reuse, & Recycle with Green Gifts!



- 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.
- 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.
- 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.



## Multi-Family Holiday Tree Collection

ACI will collect holiday trees at no additional charge December 26, 2022 - January 27, 2023. Clean green trees will be composted.

Complexes can designate a collection area for trees during the month of January. Approval of designated collection area by ACI personnel is required. Contact us to make arrangements at 510-483-1400.



### PLEASE REMEMBER:

- Remove all decorations, lights, & the stand.
- Cut tree in half if taller than 6 feet.
- Please do not place tree in any type of plastic wrap or bag.
- Flocked trees accepted, but will not be composted.
- Artificial trees are not accepted and belong in the garbage. Please contact ACI to arrange for collection options.

## Proper Sorting Makes a Difference

### We Thank You For Your Efforts.

Sorting your waste correctly means:

- Compliance with City and State regulations.
- A reduction in the amount of material going to the landfill.
- A reduction in greenhouse gas emissions.

### WHEN IN DOUBT...FIND OUT!

For a list of what belongs in each container, visit [www.AlamedaSorts.com](http://www.AlamedaSorts.com) or scan the QR code at right.



## 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.

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

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 <b>NO CHANGES</b> to the residential service schedule during the Christmas Holiday week.

JANUARY 1 - 7, 2023
There are <b>NO CHANGES</b> to the residential service schedule during the New Year's Day Holiday week.

**Happy holidays from everyone at ACI.**

**SHARE THIS INFORMATION WITH YOUR TENANTS!** This newsletter can be downloaded and printed from our website: [www.alamedacountyindustries.com/alameda/multifamily/resources](http://www.alamedacountyindustries.com/alameda/multifamily/resources).



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