APRIL - JUNE 2023 Proudly Serving the Alameda Community and Aiming for Zero Waste!

Green Your Garden Routine

Pest and garden products contain hazardous chemicals and should never be thrown in the trash or poured down the drain.



Visit www.stopwaste.org/at-home/household-hazardous-waste/common-hazardous-materials/pest-garden for information about proper handling, disposal and safe alternatives for toxic garden products.

Find information about:

- recipes for homemade alternatives to toxic garden products
- attracting "nice bugs"
- how to make your own fertilizer
- non-toxic weed control

OurWaterOurWorld.org:

 features fact sheets that list the least toxic methods available for garden and yard management

Earth Day Everyday!

Visit these Virtual Earth Day webpages for Earth Day info, activity sheets, and more.



https://EarthDayAlameda.org/zero-waste/

www.AlamedaCountyIndustries.com/alameda/community/ earthday/

Holiday Service Schedule

There are **NO CHANGES** to the collection schedule during the weeks of Memorial Day or July 4th.

Understanding Food Product Date Labels

Regardless of the date, consumers should always evaluate the quality of food prior to its consumption.



"BEST BY" Indicates when a product will be of best flavor or quality. Not a purchase, safety, or expiration date.



"SELL BY" Tells the store how long to display the product for sale for inventory management. Not a safety or expiration date.



"USE BY" Last date recommended for use of the product while at peak quality. Not a safety or expiration date <u>except when</u> <u>used on infant formula</u>.



Keep Recyclables Out of the Landfill

Avoid contamination and protect our recycling sorting staff by properly

sorting your waste. Make sure the items you place in your **RECYCLABLES** cart are recyclable.

- Styrofoam[®], plastic wrap, and non-recyclable packaging belong in your GARBAGE cart.
- Food scraps and food-soiled paper belong in your **ORGANICS** cart.
- Keep it clean. Make sure recyclable plastic, metal, and glass food containers are empty and dry before placing them in the RECYCLABLES cart.

Find Out What Happens to Your Recyclable Material After it is Collected

TAKE OUR VIRTUAL TOUR

Visit www.alamedacountyindustries.com/alameda/residential/resources for a link to our Materials Recovery Facility (MRF) tour video and more.



Check Out These Reuse Resources on the Web

www.resource.stopwaste.org RE:source is Alameda County's Online guide for reuse, repair, and recycling.

www.FreeCycle.org Free Cycle is an organization dedicated to reuse and keeping usable items out of landfills.

www.EPA.Gov/recycle

Learn how reducing, reusing, and recycling can help you, your community and the environment.

GD FOR ZERD! Remember to: Reduce, Reuse, Recycle, Rot, & Donate!

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Materials Recovery Facility (MRF) Tour

GARBAGE