## **Commercial News**

Proudly Serving the Alameda Community and Aiming for Zero Waste December 2022

### **Prevent Food Waste**

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

FIND FOOD WASTE PREVENTION TIPS AT: www.StopFoodWaste.org www.SavetheFood.com



#### **FOOD-SERVICE BUSINESSES:**

- Use perishable produce quickly.
- Track inventory to prevent over-ordering and spoilage.
- Store all food properly.
- Keep your storage equipment in good working order. Prepare for power loss by having a back up power plan.
- GIVE EDIBLE LEFTOVERS TO EMPLOYEES OR DONATE EDIBLE FOOD TO A CHARITY OR FOOD BANK.
- Food Shift: www.foodshift.net/food-donation-guidelines/ (510) 898-7812
- Alameda Food Bank: www.alamedafoodbank.org
   510-523-5850
- Alameda County Community Food Bank: www.accfb.org 1-510-635-FOOD (3663)
- www.calrecycle.ca.gov/Organics/Food/Donation/

### Food Scraps and Food-Soiled Paper Belong in the Green Bins

Any leftover food scraps and food-soiled paper belong in your green **Organics** cart or bin. Remember to keep it clean and avoid contamination.

No Styrofoam® No Plastic

No Glass

No Metal

For a full list of what belongs in your Organics bin or cart, scan the QR code or visit www.AlamedaSorts.com. Need additional Organics service? Call our Customer Service Department at 510-483-1400.







### Food Donation is Now Required

#### **DID YOU KNOW?**

Donating surplus food is required by state and local law. Senate Bill 1383 requires large businesses that generate surplus edible food—such as grocery stores, food distributors, and large restaurants—to donate to food recovery organizations. To learn what is required, please visit: https://www.stopwaste.org/rules-food-recovery



### Recycling Reminder

Keep the lids closed and do not overfill your Recyclables containers. Flatten boxes to maximize space. Contact us if you need additional service.



### Be a California Green Business in 2023!

The California Green Business Network distinguishes small businesses that protect, preserve, and sustain our environment.

Don't wait. Visit
www.greenbusinessca.org
to learn how to become a
Green Business.

Everyone at Alameda
County Industries
appreciates your
reducing, reusing,
recycling, & composting
efforts. We wish you the
happiest of holidays and
a prosperous 2023.

### 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, and can provide refuge for wildlife.
- Real holiday trees are 100% compostable (without flocking).

HOLIDAY TREE COLLECTION: We will collect holiday trees from our Commercial customers for a fee.

#### 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.
- Flocked trees collected, but will not be composted.
- Artificial trees are not accepted and belong in the garbage.
   Contact us for collection options.

### Holiday Service Schedule

CHRISTMAS & NEW YEAR'S DAY WEEKS: There are NO CHANGES to the service schedule this year as each holiday falls on a weekend.



JANUARY 1 - 7, 2023 There are NO CHANGES

to the residential service schedule during the New Year's Day Holiday week.

SHARE THIS INFORMATION! This newsletter can be downloaded and printed from our website www.alamedacountyindustries.com/alameda/commercial/resources.

# Aim for Zero Waste!



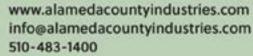
for paperless and auto-pay billing and we will plant a tree!
Visit www.alamedacounty-industries.com/alameda/plantatree for more info.



### **Alameda County Industries**

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

#### Contact us



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