

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. Visit www.StopFoodWaste.org/resources for free downloads and more information.

- **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 (or make your own) to use inside your fridge to designate an area for foods that need to be eaten soon.
- **MEAL PLAN:** Use the interactive Meal Prep Mate and Guest-imator tools at www.SavetheFood.com.
- **PROPER SORTING MAKES A DIFFERENCE!** Put leftover food scraps and food-soiled paper in your **ORGANICS** cart as a last resort.



The Food Shift Seasonal Kitchen Guide

The Food Shift Seasonal Kitchen Guide, highlights twelve produce items, readily available and affordable in Alameda County, in a calendar-style format. The guide also includes storage tips and food waste prevention practices. Download the guide by visiting www.stopfoodwaste.org/resource/food-shift-kitchen-guide



Holiday Service Schedule

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

CHRISTMAS WEEK:
Service during the week of Dec. 24 - 30, 2023, will be one day later.

NEW YEAR'S DAY WEEK:
Service during the week of Dec. 31, 2023 - Jan. 6, 2024, will be one day later.

NOVEMBER 19 - 25, 2023						
If your collection day is:	Mon. 20	Tue. 21	Wed. 22	Thu. 23	Fri. 24	Sat. 25
Your holiday collection day will be:	Mon. 20	Tue. 21	Wed. 22	Fri. 24	Sat. 25	Sun. 26

DECEMBER 24 - 30, 2023						
If your collection day is:	Mon. 25	Tue. 26	Wed. 27	Thu. 28	Fri. 29	Sat. 30
Your holiday collection day will be:	Tue. 26	Wed. 27	Thu. 28	Fri. 29	Sat. 30	Sun. 31

DEC 31, 2023 - JAN 6, 2024						
If your collection day is:	Mon. 1	Tue. 2	Wed. 3	Thu. 4	Fri. 5	Sat. 6
Your holiday collection day will be:	Tue. 2	Wed. 3	Thu. 4	Fri. 5	Sat. 6	Sun. 7

Happy Holidays from everyone at ACI!

Sustainable Holiday Practices

Reduce your environmental footprint, decrease waste, and save money.



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.

REDUCE HOLIDAY 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.



Try an Alternative Christmas Tree

Avoid a cut or fake plastic tree this year. Go green with a 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, photo collage, or wooden frames, the possibilities are endless.



Holiday Tree Collection


ACI will collect holiday trees curbside from **Dec. 26 -Jan. 31** on your service day.

REMEMBER:

- Remove all decorations, lights and the stand.
 - Trees should be put out loose. Do not wrap or bag them.
 - Cut your tree in half if it is taller than 6' and place curbside next to your organics container.
 - Small trees can be placed inside your **ORGANICS** cart. Please cut your tree into pieces so it does not get stuck in the cart or prevent the lid from closing
 - Flocked trees are accepted, but will not be composted.
 - Artificial trees are not accepted and belong in the garbage when reuse is no longer viable. Contact us for collection options.
- PLEASE NOTE:** Tree collection will occur with special trucks throughout the day and at different times than your regular collection services.



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

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