

# aci Commercial News

Proudly Serving the Alameda Community and Aiming for Zero Waste December 2023

## Prevent Food Waste

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

FIND FOOD WASTE PREVENTION TIPS AT:  
[www.StopFoodWaste.org](http://www.StopFoodWaste.org)  
[www.SavetheFood.com](http://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.



### FOOD DONATION IS NOW REQUIRED

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>



## 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](http://www.AlamedaSorts.com). Need additional **Organics** service? Call our Customer Service Department at 510-483-1400.



## Holiday Service Schedule

### 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.

#### DECEMBER 24 - 30, 2023

If your collection day is:	<b>Mon. 25</b>	<b>Tue. 26</b>	<b>Wed. 27</b>	<b>Thu. 28</b>	<b>Fri. 29</b>
Your holiday collection day will be:	<b>Tue. 26</b>	<b>Wed. 27</b>	<b>Thu. 28</b>	<b>Fri. 29</b>	<b>Sat. 30</b>

#### DEC 31, 2023 - JAN 6, 2024

If your collection day is:	<b>Mon. 1</b>	<b>Tue. 2</b>	<b>Wed. 3</b>	<b>Thu. 4</b>	<b>Fri. 5</b>
Your holiday collection day will be:	<b>Tue. 2</b>	<b>Wed. 3</b>	<b>Thu. 4</b>	<b>Fri. 5</b>	<b>Sat. 6</b>



## Recycling Reminder: CARDBOARD

Make sure the lids close and **do not overfill** your **Recyclables** containers. Remind your tenants and staff to **flatten boxes** to maximize space. Contact us if you need additional service.



## Be a California Green Business in 2024!

The California Green Business Network distinguishes small businesses that protect, preserve, and sustain our environment. Don't wait. Visit [www.greenbusinessca.org](http://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 2024.*

## 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 to fit inside your Organics cart or bin.
- Small trees can be placed inside your **Organics** cart or bin. Please cut large trees into pieces that will not get stuck or prevent the lid from closing.
- Flocked trees cannot be composted and must go into the garbage. Artificial trees belong in the garbage when reuse is no longer viable. Contact us 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.

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

### Aim for Zero Waste!

Sign up for paperless and auto-pay billing and we will plant a tree! Visit [www.alamedacountyindustries.com/alameda/plantatree](http://www.alamedacountyindustries.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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