

# aci Residential News

Proudly Serving the Alameda Community and Aiming for Zero Waste!

## Earth Day Everyday

*Earth day is every year on April 22.*

*This modern environmental movement first began in 1970.*

This year, Earth Day 2024 is focused on the toll plastics are taking on our planet and our health. The theme is Planet vs. Plastics:

- the health risks of plastic
- phasing out all single use plastics
- a push to end plastic pollution
- the end of fast fashion



For more info and an in-depth dive into the study of how plastics affect us, visit [Earthday.org/earth-day-2024](https://Earthday.org/earth-day-2024)

- take an informative quiz
- explore comprehensive toolkits and fact sheets
- find resources and insights on the best ways to build a plastic-free planet for generations to come

You can also visit these webpages for Earth Day info, activity sheets, and more.

[Alamedaca.gov/Departments/Planning-Building-and-Transportation/Sustainability-and-Resilience/Earth-Month-2024](https://Alamedaca.gov/Departments/Planning-Building-and-Transportation/Sustainability-and-Resilience/Earth-Month-2024)

[AlamedaCountyIndustries.com/alameda/community/earthday](https://AlamedaCountyIndustries.com/alameda/community/earthday)

## Green Your Garden Routine

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

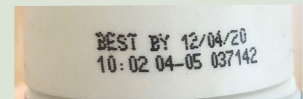
Visit [StopWaste.org/at-home/household-hazardous-waste/common-hazardous-materials/pest-garden](https://StopWaste.org/at-home/household-hazardous-waste/common-hazardous-materials/pest-garden) for information about proper handling, disposal, and safe alternatives for toxic garden products:

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

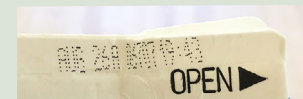


## Understanding Food Product Date Labels

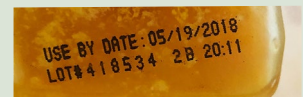
Regardless of the date, consumers should always evaluate the quality of food prior to its consumption.



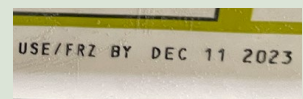
**"BEST BY"** Indicates when a product will be of best flavor or quality. Not a purchase, safety, or expiration date.



**"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 except when used on infant formula.



**"FREEZE BY"** Indicates when a product should be frozen to maintain peak quality. Not a purchase or safety date.

## A Message to Our Customers

We recently received an **anonymous complaint** that the proper sorting graphics on our carts and the associated outreach materials (*brochures, billing inserts, etc.*) is too good. This customer stated that they did not need to be reminded of what goes where and how to properly sort their waste because they already do it. Further they added that the information and graphics were, in a word, "ugly" and unnecessary.

As an FYI – the graphics on the carts and bins and our outreach materials are a **state mandated requirement per California Senate Bill 1383 (SB 1383)** effective January 1, 2022. Even the frequency with which we inform residents that recycling and organics participation is mandatory is dictated by SB 1383. So, if you haven't yet seen it statewide, you soon will.

Landfills are now the leading source of methane in our environment and the organic and recyclable material still headed to landfill have a lot to do with why. The state passed SB 1383 as a crucial part of its plan to combat climate change and ACI stands as a proud partner in these efforts.

So, to our customer who anonymously lodged this complaint, thank you for properly sorting. For those of you still uncertain about what goes where, those new to the state or country, or those for whom English is a second language, we hope you find our image-based, color-coded carts with QR codes on the container labels that send you to our website, **helpful**. And to all of our customers, we thank you for your efforts to help keep our community clean and green.

For more info, visit our website [AlamedaCountyIndustries.com/alameda/commercial/sb1383](http://AlamedaCountyIndustries.com/alameda/commercial/sb1383), or [Stopwaste.org/rules](http://Stopwaste.org/rules)

Sincerely,  
The ACI Team  
*Your Proud Service Provider*



**Resource.stopwaste.org**  
RE:source is an online guide for Alameda County, Contra Costa County, and the City of Palo Alto. Visit today to find links to:

- material fact sheets that include reuse, repair, recycling, and proper handling information for tricky items
- curbside collection tips for your service area
- hazardous waste (HHW) handling resources

## Holiday Service Schedule

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



**Remember to:  
Reduce,  
Reuse,  
Recycle,  
Rot, & Donate.**

Printed on recycled paper.  
Please recycle again.



## Alameda County Industries

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

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Sign up for paperless billing and we will plant a tree. Visit [AlamedaCountyIndustries.com/alameda/plantatree](http://AlamedaCountyIndustries.com/alameda/plantatree) for more info.

