

aci Commercial News

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Reduce Single-Use

By adhering to state laws, county ordinances, and bans, Alameda businesses can reduce single-use items from being distributed.

STATE LAW - ASSEMBLY BILL (AB) 1276

Prohibits food facilities and third-party food platforms from providing any single-use foodware accessories or standard condiments to customers, unless requested. Self-service accessory stations are compliant with the law. Visit StopWaste.org/resource/stopwaste-ab-1276-fact-sheet for more info.

ALAMEDA COUNTY REUSABLE BAG ORDINANCE

All retail stores, eating establishments, and food delivery services are prohibited from using single-use plastic carryout bags at checkout. Visit reusablebagsac.org for resources and more.

ALAMEDA COUNTY PLASTIC FOAM FOODWARE BAN

Alameda requires fiber based compostable food containers, or better yet, use reusable packaging. Visit StopWaste.org/at-work/reduce-reuse-repair/reducing-disposable-foodware for resources, grant applications, and more.

Technical Assistance is Available

ReThink Disposable provides hands-on support for small food business operators, including:

- sourcing and pricing alternatives,
- logistical solutions incorporating the new system,
- before and after assessments of waste reduction and money saved,
- and assistance in finding funding for the one-time purchase of reusable items.

To learn more visit cleanwaterfund.org/join-rethink-disposable-movement-california



Sustainable Resources for Businesses

Alameda County has resources that can help make your business greener and also save you money. Some of the sustainable projects the County can assist businesses with are energy efficiency, environmentally preferable purchasing, greening the workplace, sustainable transportation, and water conservation. Visit acgov.org/sustain/you/business.htm for more info.

SERVICE REMINDER Contamination is Prohibited



Remember that Styrofoam®, plastic bags, film plastic, plastic wrap, plastic food packaging, masks, and gloves belong in your gray Garbage container.

Food Scrap Bins for Businesses

California State Law Senate Bill 1383 requires businesses to compost.

To make it easier to collect food scraps, food-soiled paper and plant debris, StopWaste is offering free indoor green bins, up to a \$500 value per approved site. Choose from a variety of container and lid options, provided by partner vendors. Funds are limited – apply online now at StopWaste.org/free-green-bins



DISPOSE OF HAZARDOUS WASTE RESPONSIBLY Hazardous Waste Drop-in Program for Businesses

Hazardous waste does NOT belong in any ACI collection cart or bin.

Before tossing it out, check the label. If it's marked Danger, Warning, Poisonous, Toxic, or Flammable, it's hazardous and requires special handling. Alameda County operates a Hazardous Waste Business Drop-in Program. Accepted materials include: latex paint, aerosol cans, fluorescent lamps, and batteries. Visit StopWaste.org/at-work/business-hazardous-waste for more info.

Keep our Workers Safe. PLEASE REMEMBER, NO SHARPS

"Sharps" is a medical term for devices with sharp points or edges that can puncture or cut skin such as needles, syringes, lancets, auto injectors (such as EpiPens), and infusion sets.



Ask your pharmacist about available needle disposal options or Contact Alameda County Household Hazardous Waste at 1 (800) 606-6606 or visit Stopwaste.org/hhw for local information on safe and free disposal.

SEE WHAT HAPPENS TO YOUR RECYCLABLES AFTER THEY ARE COLLECTED. Scan the QR code at right to access a virtual tour of our sorting facility.



HOLIDAY SERVICE SCHEDULE

There will be **NO CHANGES** to the collection schedule during the week of Memorial Day.

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