

# aci Commercial News

Proudly Serving the Alameda Community and Aiming for Zero Waste September 2024

## Close the Loop with Environmentally Preferable Purchasing



*Implementing a green purchasing policy is good business practice.*

Buying “green” products and services can increase efficiency, enhance a company’s public image, and reduce environmental impact. Green purchasing practices can also help alleviate climate change by reducing solid waste, conserving water, and protecting natural resources. Visit [www.stopwaste.org/at-work/green-purchasing](http://www.stopwaste.org/at-work/green-purchasing) to find resources to help your company make more sustainable purchasing decisions.

## The Responsible Purchasing Network (RPN)



RPN’s mission is to promote and practice responsible purchasing by identifying best practices, developing practical purchasing tools, educating the market, and using their collective purchasing power to maximize environmental stewardship, protect human health, and support local and global sustainability. For free purchasing guides and more information, visit [responsiblepurchasing.org](http://responsiblepurchasing.org)

### COMING SOON

## Changes to Your ACI Account

**Your ACI Alameda account number is changing.**

This change is to streamline our customer service database. There are no additional changes to ACI’s service structure. To find out how this will affect you, scan the QR code or visit [AlamedaCountyIndustries.com/alameda/account](http://AlamedaCountyIndustries.com/alameda/account)



### ZERO WASTE IDEA

## County Surplus Sales Available to the Public

*Pick up office furniture for less when you buy from Alameda County General Services Agency (GSA).*

When desks, chairs and other office furnishings are no longer needed for County office spaces, they are made available for sale to the public.



### GSA’S PROPERTY & SALVAGE WAREHOUSE

**Hours:** 9:00 am — 3:00 pm, closed for lunch from 12:00 pm — 12:30 pm

**Location:** 15800 Foothill Blvd., San Leandro

**Phone:** (510) 667-7591

Surplus items are for sale to the community, County employees are excluded.

More info at [gsa.acgov.org/local-services/property-salvage/items-for-sale](http://gsa.acgov.org/local-services/property-salvage/items-for-sale)

## Reducing Disposable Foodware

Replacing single-use foodware with durable reusable alternatives can help food-service providers reduce waste and costs, improve customers' dining experience, prevent litter, and keep local waterways clean.



Single-use foodware items like plastic and paper cups, plates, and utensils have a very short useful life of just minutes, while their impact on human health and the environment is significant and long-lasting.

For more program info, grant opportunities, success stories, and more, visit [StopWaste.org/at-work/reduce-reuse-repair/reducing-disposable-foodware](http://StopWaste.org/at-work/reduce-reuse-repair/reducing-disposable-foodware)

## Holiday Service Reminder

There will be **no change** to the collection schedule during the weeks of Columbus Day and Veterans Day.

During Thanksgiving week, service normally provided on Thursday and Friday will be one day late.

NOVEMBER 25 - 30, 2024					
If your collection day is:	Mon. 25	Tue. 26	Wed. 27	Thu. 28	Fri. 29
Your holiday collection day will be:	Mon. 25	Tue. 26	Wed. 27	Fri. 29	Sat. 30



## Are Reusables Right for Your Business?

**Reusable transport packaging replaces single-use transport packaging, saving money and resources.**

### ADVANTAGES OF REUSABLES

- Lower shipping costs.
- More efficient product storage, handling, and distribution.
- Improved product protection, worker safety, and storage efficiency.
- Lower waste removal costs.
- Find out if reusables are right for you! Visit [useusables.org](http://useusables.org)

**RATE INCREASE NOTIFICATION** - Effective July 1, 2024, rates will increase 1.32%.

Visit [AlamedaCountyIndustries.com/alameda/commercial/commercialservices](http://AlamedaCountyIndustries.com/alameda/commercial/commercialservices) for more info.

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**Aim for Zero Waste.**

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



**Alameda County Industries**

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



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