

# aci Residential News

*Proudly Serving the Alameda Community and Aiming for Zero Waste!*

## Prevent Food Waste When Cooking & Eating

*With some planning, you can reduce food waste while celebrating with family and friends this holiday season.*

- **Only buy what you need.** Plan your shopping trips to avoid wasted food. Use the interactive Meal Prep Mate and Guest-imator tools at [SavetheFood.com](http://SavetheFood.com)
- **Send guests home with leftovers.** Share any extra food for your guests to enjoy the next day. Pack food in clean reusable containers.
- **Proper Sorting Makes a Difference!** Keep your handy kitchen pail accessible to collect food scraps and food-soiled paper, then empty it into your green organics bin.



**BONUS POINTS!** Use leftover onion peels, carrot skins, celery tops, and turkey bones to make a delicious stock. Use it to make a hearty soup or freeze for later. Visit [StopFoodWaste.org](http://StopFoodWaste.org) for more info.



## Help End Hunger in Your Community

*There are many ways to support essential local food organizations that help nourish our communities throughout the year. Below is a list of local organizations to get started.*

**AlamedaFoodBank.org** The Alameda Food Bank is a non-profit organization that assists the Alameda community by providing nourishing food in a compassionate and respectful manner.

**accfb.org** The Alameda County Community Food Bank distributes millions of healthy meals annually and is committed to creating a healthy, prosperous, and just community.

**Foodshift.net** Food Shift demonstrates creative and sustainable community approaches to addressing hunger by preparing nutritious food for distribution and supporting individuals with limited resources to achieve economic security through job training and employment.

## Holiday Service Schedule

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

**CHRISTMAS WEEK & NEW YEAR'S DAY WEEK:**  
If your regular collection day is Wednesday, Thursday, or Friday, your containers will be serviced one day later.

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

DECEMBER 23 - 28, 2024					
If your collection day is:	Mon. 23	Tue. 24	Wed. 25	Thu. 26	Fri. 27
Your holiday collection day will be:	Mon. 23	Tue. 24	Thu. 26	Fri. 27	Sat. 28

DEC 30, 2024 - JAN 4, 2025					
If your collection day is:	Mon. 30	Tue. 31	Wed. 1	Thu. 2	Fri. 3
Your holiday collection day will be:	Mon. 30	Tue. 31	Thu. 2	Fri. 3	Sat. 4

*Happy Holidays from everyone at ACI!*

## Sustainable Holiday Practices

### GREEN YOUR GIFT GIVING

Try **second-hand first**. Shop at vintage or thrift stores, or your local buy-nothing group.

**Shop at local stores**. Support local businesses that focus on sustainable, lasting goods. Avoid buying online - it creates additional packaging and transportation waste.

**Give experiences**. Gift tickets to a museum, gift cards to a local restaurant, or home-cooked meals, baked goods, and homemade treats to share.

### REDUCE HOLIDAY WASTE

**Bring your own bag** when shopping for gifts.

**Choose recycled content** wrapping paper, tags, and cards - or even better - make your own with what you already have.

**Get creative with reusable wrapping**. Recycle baskets, tins, jars, and boxes, or use reusable materials like dish towels, t-shirts, and reusable bags.

Visit [StopWaste.org/sustainable-holiday-guide](http://StopWaste.org/sustainable-holiday-guide) for more ideas.



## Try an Alternative Christmas Tree

**Avoid a cut or fake plastic tree this year.**  
**Go green with a sustainable alternative.**

**Rent or adopt a tree** that is delivered alive and then replanted once you are finished. Search the internet for local sources.

**Decorate a plant or tree you already have**, or purchase a potted tree that you can use each year or plant after the holidays.

**Get creative!** Make a tree out of books, a 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 regular service day. Check your mailbox in Dec. for our reminder postcard.

### REMEMBER:

- Remove all decorations, lights, and the stand.
- Keep trees loose. Do not wrap or bag them.
- Cut your tree in half if it is taller than 6'.
- Small trees can be placed inside your **ORGANICS** cart.
- 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 at different times than your regular collection services.

**FIND MORE INFO AT:**  
[AlamedaCountyIndustries.com/alameda/holiday](http://AlamedaCountyIndustries.com/alameda/holiday)



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



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## GO PAPERLESS PLANT A TREE.

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

