### **City of San Leandro**

#### **Single Family Residential Customers**

**OCTOBER - DECEMBER 2024** 

# 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 and avoid wasted food.
  Use the interactive Meal Prep Mate and Guest-imator tools at 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 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. Here is a list of local organizations to get started.

**slcfp.org** The San Leandro Community Food Bank is a volunteer run organization that provides food for the marginalized members of San Leandro.

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.

**Sanleandro.org/669/Stay-Nourished** A website with links to additional San Leandro food distribution locations.

### 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.

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

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

DEC 3	30, 20	)24 - JAN 4, 2025			
If your collection day is:	Mon. 30	Tue. 31	Wed.	Thu. <b>2</b>	Fri.
Your holiday collection day will be:	Mon. 30	Tue. 31	Thu. <b>2</b>	Fri.	Sat.

For more info, scan the QR code, visit our website AlamedaCountyIndustries. com/sanleandro/holiday,

or call us at 510-357-7282.

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 make home-cooked meals, baked goods, or 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** for more ideas and resources.

## **Try an Alternative Christmas Tree This Season**

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.

#### **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 green 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/sanleandro/holiday

#### WHEN IN DOUBT, FIND OUT! CONTACT US:

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