

# aci Commercial News

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

## Prevent Food Waste

*Californians send 11.2 billion pounds of food to landfills each year, some of which was still fresh enough to have been recovered to feed people in need.\**

FIND FOOD WASTE PREVENTION TIPS AT:  
StopFoodWaste.org  
SavetheFood.com



### FOOD-SERVICE BUSINESSES:

- Use perishable produce quickly.
- Track inventory to prevent over-ordering and spoilage.
- Store all food properly.
- Keep your storage equipment in good working order.
- Prepare for power loss by having a back up power plan.

### FOOD DONATION IS REQUIRED

Donating surplus food is required by state and local law. Senate Bill 1383 requires certain food-generating sites to donate surplus edible food to food recovery organizations. To learn what is required, please visit [StopWaste.org/rules-food-recovery](http://StopWaste.org/rules-food-recovery)



## Food Scraps and Food-Soiled Paper Belong in the Green Bins

Any leftover food scraps and food-soiled paper belong in your green **Organics** cart or bin. Remember to keep it clean and avoid contamination.

- No Styrofoam®**
- No Plastic**
- No Glass**
- No Metal**



For a full list of what belongs in your **Organics** bin or cart, scan the QR code or visit [AlamedaSorts.com](http://AlamedaSorts.com). Need additional **Organics** service? Call our Customer Service Department at 510-483-1400.



## Holiday Service Schedule

### CHRISTMAS WEEK & NEW YEAR'S WEEK:

If your regular collection day is Wednesday, Thursday, or Friday, your containers will be serviced one day later.

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



## Recycling Reminder: CARDBOARD

Make sure the lids close and **do not overfill** your **Recyclables** containers. Remind your tenants and staff to **flatten boxes** to maximize space - this may save money! Contact us if you need additional service.

\*SOURCE: <https://calrecycle.ca.gov/organics/slcp/foodrecovery>



## Be a California Green Business in 2025!

The California Green Business Network distinguishes businesses that protect, preserve, and sustain our environment. Don't wait to become a Green Business. Visit [Greenbusinessca.org](http://Greenbusinessca.org) today for more info.

*Everyone at Alameda County Industries appreciates your reducing, reusing, recycling & composting efforts. We wish you the happiest of holidays and a prosperous 2025.*

## 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.



### NO FEE HOLIDAY TREE COLLECTION:

ACI will collect holiday trees from our commercial customers at no additional charge. Commercial locations with centralized collection services can designate a collection area for trees during the month of January. Approval of the designated collection area by ACI personnel is required. Scan the QR code for more information and contact us to make collection arrangements.



### CLEAN, GREEN TREES WILL BE COMPOSTED. REMEMBER:

- Remove all decorations, lights, and the stand.
- Cut the tree in half if taller than 6 feet.
- Keep trees loose. Do not wrap or bag them.
- Flocked trees are accepted as garbage & will not be composted.
- Artificial trees are not accepted and belong in the garbage when reuse is no longer viable. Please contact ACI to arrange collection options.
- Make sure your collection enclosures and designated collection areas are not blocked and are accessible to our collection vehicles.



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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.**



### Contact us

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