# **Residential News**

Proudly Serving the Alameda Community and Aiming for Zero Waste!



## The ACI Curbside **Collection Program**

#### Help us provide safe & efficient service.

- Place carts out for collection by 6:00am and remove prior to 12:00am the following day.
- Make sure cart wheels are facing your home.
- Leave three feet (or as much space as possible) between each cart and avoid placing carts near obstacles.
- Place materials loosely in carts so they will empty properly.
- Make sure cart lids are fully closed. Overloaded carts can cause litter and attract critters.
- Report damaged carts to ACI so that we can schedule a repair or replacement on your next service day.

#### **Used Oil & Filter Collection**

ACI offers free curbside collection of used motor oil jugs, used cooking oil in sealed screw top containers, and filter bags. Contact us via our website or call (510) 483-1400 for delivery of a free used oil kit.



#### **Household Batteries**

Place them in a zipper-lock style bag on top of (not inside) your recyclables collection cart. Cover/tape terminals on nine-volt batteries. No automotive or liquid lithiumion batteries are allowed.



#### Extra Cardboard

Flatten, cut into pieces no larger than two feet by three feet, and stack next to your recyclables cart.



For more service information, visit AlamedaCountyIndustries. com/alameda/residentialrecyclingguide



## **Batteries Don't Belong**

It is illegal to dispose of

batteries, and any other **Household Hazardous** Waste, inside any ACI collection container. Keep our workers safe. Batteries that are not handled properly can start fires, endangering our employees and damaging vehicles and equipment. Proper disposal of all Household Hazardous Waste is fast and free at four locations in Alameda County. Contact the Alameda County Household Hazardous Waste at 1 (800) 606-6606 or visit StopWaste.org/hhw for more information.

## Please Remember

People sort your recyclables. Scan the QR code for a list of what belongs in each collection container and to watch our Materials Recovery Facility (MRF) tour video.

## **Easy Ways to Be Sustainable**

#### **DON'T WASTE FOOD**

• Purchase only what you need and use what

• Compost any leftovers (use your green organics cart and handy kitchen pail).

For more tips on how to reduce food waste, visit StopFoodWaste.org

#### REDUCE, REUSE, RETHINK, AND REPAIR

- Buy fewer things, shop second-hand, and repair what you can.
- Use reusable shopping bags, travel mugs, and water bottles.
- Choose products sold with little or no packaging.
- Refuse disposable foodware and single-use condiments.

Find more info on better buying decisions at StopWaste.org/at-home/reduce-reuse-recycle-rot/buygreen

#### **PLANT NATIVE SPECIES**

- Encourage native species in your garden or space outside your home.
- Replace non-native plants, especially any considered invasive.
- Skip insecticides and other chemicals.

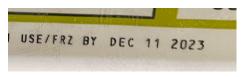
Visit the California Native Plant Society for more resources. cnps.org/gardening











## **Understanding Food Product Date Labels**

Regardless of the date. consumers should always evaluate the quality of food prior to its consumption.

"BEST BY" Indicates when a product will be of best flavor or quality. Not a purchase/safety/ expiration date.

"SELL BY" Tells the store how long to display the product for sale for inventory management. Not a safety/expiration date.

"USE BY" Last date recommended for use of the product while at peak quality. Not a safety/ expiration date except when used on infant formula.

"FREEZE BY" Indicates when a product should be frozen to maintain peak quality. Not a purchase or safety date.

HOLIDAY SERVICE SCHEDULE: The collection service schedule will NOT change during the weeks of Martin Luther King Jr. Day and Presidents' Day. Please be sure to put your carts out for collection by 6am on your regular service day.



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



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### **Alameda County Industries**

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

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