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Reduce Waste and Save Money at Your Business

Minimize the use of single-use paper, plastic, and foodware and encourage proper sorting of waste.



- Choose electronic communication instead of paper documents.
- Choose double-sided printing and copying instead of single-sided.
- Reuse single-sided print-outs, envelopes, and other paper products.

To get more information, tips, resources, and to learn about **Paperless Express**, a guide full of tips and tools to reduce paper at the office, visit **StopWaste.org/at-work/reduce-and-reuse/reduce-paper-use**

ALAMEDA COUNTY REUSABLE BAG ORDINANCE states that all retail stores, eating establishments, and food delivery services are prohibited from using single-use plastic carryout bags at checkout. Visit Reusablebagsac.org for resources and more.

CITY OF ALAMEDA DISPOSABLE FOOD SERVICE WARE REDUCTION LAW & PLASTIC FOAM FOODWARE BAN requires

fiber-based compostable food containers, or reusable packaging. Doing so ensures fewer straws and other single-use disposable items will become litter on our beaches and streets, and reduces material going to the landfill. For more info, visit Alamedaca.gov/foodwarerules

CALIFORNIA LAW AB 1276 requires all retail food facilities and food delivery platforms to provide single-use foodware accessories and condiments upon request only. Foodware items covered by the law include single-use utensils, straws, chopsticks, stirrers, and condiment cups and packets. Facilities found in violation of the law may be fined. Visit StopWaste.org/resource/stopwaste-ab-1276-fact-sheet for more info about the law and steps on how to comply.

Smart Kitchen Initiative

The Smart
Kitchen
Initiative
program helps mid- to
high-volume food service
operators in Alameda
County measure and
prevent pre-consumer
food waste.

Preventing food waste can save money on food purchases and improve operations. Participating kitchens can receive free food waste tracking equipment and customized staff training. For more information, visit StopWaste.org/preventing-waste/smart-kitchen-initiative

Holiday Service Schedule



There will be NO CHANGES to the collection schedule during the weeks of Independence Day and Labor Day.







BLUE = RECYCLABLES GREEN = ORGANICS

GRAY = GARBAGE

Right Size Your Service Levels

California Law SB 1383 requires recycling and composting service. Participating fully in an organics and recycling waste diversion program is now required for every resident and business in Alameda.*

Make sure your RECYCLABLES, ORGANICS, and GARBAGE collection service levels are correct for compliance and safe, efficient service.

Indoor Green Bin Grant Program. Your site may qualify for free indoor green bins to collect organics. To qualify, you must be a business, institution, or multi-family residential property with five or more units located in Alameda County and have (or start) compost collection service through ACI. A form is required. Find more info at **StopWaste.org/free-green-bins**

ACI Can Help. Contact ACI to start or improve your recycling and organics collection services. You can also request assistance with waste assessments, program posters, flyers, and employee and tenant education and training.

*For more resources and to view SB 1383 information in another language (Español, 中文, 한국인, & Tiếng Việt) visit StopWaste.org/ rules-languages



Collection **Service Tips**

You can help us provide safe and efficient service.

✓ Keep your collection cart/bin lids closed. Do not overload your containers.

✓ Make sure the area around your carts or bins is clear on collection day.

Do you need additional collection containers or more frequent service? Contact us today. We can help you create a collection program that best suits your needs.

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