

Reduce Waste With Proper Label Design

Labeling design can help consumers recycle the package properly.

StopWaste works with businesses to optimize packaging design and choose labeling that supports recycling, such as the How2Recycle label—a voluntary, standardized labeling system that clearly communicates recycling instructions to the U.S. public.

Why should my business use the label?

The How2Recycle Label is in alignment with the Federal Trade Commission's guidelines on green claims (FTC Green Guides). Companies properly using the label are in compliance with the guidelines regarding recyclability claims. Use of the label also signals a company's sustainable packaging efforts to consumers. In Alameda County, Annie's Foods, Plum Organics, and Clorox use the label. The cost for licensing the use of the How2Recycle Label depends on company size, with annual fees range from \$2,000 to \$6,000. StopWaste is offering funding to cover licensing costs for Alameda County businesses that adopt How2Recycle.

Learn more about the label and available funding by visiting how2recycle.info



Are Reusables Right for Your Business?

Reusable transport packaging replaces single-use transport packaging, saving money and resources.

ADVANTAGES OF REUSABLES

- Lower shipping costs.
- Improved product protection, worker safety, and storage efficiency.
- More efficient product storage, handling, and distribution.
- Lower waste removal costs.
- Find out if reusables are right for you! Visit usereusables.org



The Responsible Purchasing Network (RPN)

RPN's mission is to promote and practice responsible purchasing by identifying best practices, developing practical purchasing tools, educating the market, and using their collective purchasing power to maximize environmental stewardship, protect human health, and support local and global sustainability. For free purchasing guides and more information, visit responsiblepurchasing.org

Rate Increase Notification

Effective July 1, 2025, rates will increase 0.89%. Visit AlamedaCountyIndustries.com/alameda/commercial/commercial-services for more info.

ZERO WASTE IDEA County Surplus Sales Available to the Public

Pick up office furniture for less when you buy from Alameda County General Services Agency (GSA).

When desks, chairs and other office furnishings are no longer needed for County office spaces, they are made available for sale to the public. (*Surplus items are for sale to the community, County employees are excluded.*)



GSA'S PROPERTY & SALVAGE WAREHOUSE

Hours: 9:00 am - 3:00 pm, (closed for lunch from 12:00 - 12:30 pm)

Location: 15800 Foothill Blvd., San Leandro

Phone: 510-667-7591

More info at gsa.acgov.org/local-services/property-salvage

Holiday Service Reminder

There will be no change to the collection schedule during the weeks of Columbus Day and Veterans Day.

During Thanksgiving week, service normally provided on Thursday and Friday will be one day late.

NOVEMBER 24 - 29, 2025					
If your collection day is:	Mon. 24	Tue. 25	Wed. 26	Thu. 27	Fri. 28
Your holiday collection day will be:	Mon. 24	Tue. 25	Wed. 26	Fri. 28	Sat. 29

Help Your Community by Recycling Correctly

Items going in the blue **RECYCLABLES** cart or bin should be empty and clean.
Keep it loose for blue use. (don't bag your recyclables).



Plastic, glass, or metal **do not** belong in the green **ORGANICS** carts or bins.
If it rots, green is the spot.



SHARE THIS INFORMATION! This newsletter can be downloaded and printed from our website AlamedaCountyIndustries.com/alameda/commercial/resources

Aim for Zero Waste

Sign up for paperless and auto-pay billing and we will plant a tree. Visit AlamedaCountyIndustries.com/alameda/plantatree for more info.



Alameda County Industries

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



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