

# aci Commercial News

Proudly Serving the Alameda Community and Aiming for Zero Waste December 2025

## Compost Right During the Holidays

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

Any leftover food scraps and food-soiled paper belong in the green **ORGANICS** cart or bin. Remember to keep the organics material clean and avoid contamination: **NO plastic, NO glass, NO metal, NO Styrofoam®.**



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



## Make Sure Your Business is Compliant With State Law

**STATE LAW SB 1383 REQUIRES ALL BUSINESSES IN THE CITY OF ALAMEDA TO:**

1. Have sufficient **organics** and **recycling** collection services.
2. Set up indoor bins. Color-coded and labeled compost and recycling bins must be placed next to all garbage bins. **Green for organics, blue for recycling, black/gray for garbage.**
3. Sort materials into the proper bins. Owners/managers must ensure materials are sorted correctly into **compost, recycling, and garbage.**
4. Inform staff, contractors, and tenants about proper sorting at least annually.



Contact ACI for help with compliance. We can help with waste assessments, program posters/flyers, employee/tenant education, and training and more. Bilingual flyers and more resources are available at [StopWaste.org/rules/resources](https://StopWaste.org/rules/resources)

## Holiday Service Schedule

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

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

#### DECEMBER 22 - 27, 2025

If your collection day is:	Mon. 22	Tue. 23	Wed. 24	Thu. 25	Fri. 26
Your holiday collection day will be:	Mon. 22	Tue. 23	Wed. 24	Fri. 26	Sat. 27

#### DEC 29, 2025 - JAN 3, 2026

If your collection day is:	Mon. 29	Tue. 30	Wed. 31	Thu. 1	Fri. 2
Your holiday collection day will be:	Mon. 29	Tue. 30	Wed. 31	Fri. 2	Sat. 3



## Recycling Reminder: CARDBOARD

Remind your employees, staff, and tenants to flatten their boxes to maximize space. Make sure the lids close and do not overfill your **RECYCLABLES** containers or collection areas. Contact us if you need additional service.



## Be a California Green Business in 2026!

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 2026.*

## 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.



### MAKE SURE YOUR CLEAN GREEN TREE IS COMPOSTED:

- All decorations, lights, and the stand must be removed.
- Trees must be loose - do not wrap or bag them.
- Make sure access to your collection containers is not blocked.

### DID YOU KNOW?

- Flocked trees are accepted but will not be composted.
- Artificial trees are not accepted and belong in the garbage (try reuse or donation first). Contact us for collection options.

For more info, scan the QR code, contact us, or visit [AlamedaCountyIndustries.com/alameda/holiday](http://AlamedaCountyIndustries.com/alameda/holiday)



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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.**



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