

## Alameda's Food Ware Rules

**FOR FOOD SERVICE BUSINESSES including restaurants, parklets, bars, and food trucks.**

Staff are available to businesses to help them understand the Law. The goal of the ordinance is to achieve ordinance compliance through education and outreach before enforcement and citations.

- **Reusables are strongly encouraged.** Transition your business toward reusable dishware and save money. Provide paper, wood, or bamboo options when reusables are not available. Contact the City of Alameda Public Works Dept. at 510-747-7900 for help transitioning your business.

- **Straws-on-request - ONLY.** Single-use plastic straws must be replaced with compostable fiber (paper, wood, pasta) straws, and these straws should be provided only upon request of the customer.

- **Fiber, not plastic.** Alameda food vendors must provide compostable, fiber-based packaging for to-go items. Compostable plastic products are not compliant with the Law.

- **Help is available.** For customizable signage, a list of compliant compostable products, and more, visit [Alamedaca.gov/foodwarerules](http://Alamedaca.gov/foodwarerules)

Find grant applications, success stories, reusable foodware system/service providers, safety guidelines, tips to reduce food packaging waste, and more at [StopWaste.org/at-work/reduce-reuse-repair/reducing-disposable-foodware](http://StopWaste.org/at-work/reduce-reuse-repair/reducing-disposable-foodware)



### Resources for Businesses



#### MAKE THE SWITCH TO REUSABLES

ReThink Disposable, in partnership with the City of Alameda, provides hands-on support including the sourcing and pricing of reusable alternatives, logistical reusable solutions, waste reduction assessments, and reusable purchase funding sources. To learn more, visit [Alamedaca.gov/foodware-rules](http://Alamedaca.gov/foodware-rules)

#### MORE SUSTAINABLE HELP ONLINE

Alameda County has resources that can help make your business greener and also save you money. The County can assist businesses with energy efficiency, environmentally preferable purchasing, greening the workplace, sustainable transportation, and water conservation programs. Visit [acgov.org/sustain/you/business.htm](http://acgov.org/sustain/you/business.htm) for more info.

## DISPOSE OF HAZARDOUS WASTE RESPONSIBLY

# Hazardous Waste Programs for Businesses

**Hazardous waste does NOT belong in any ACI collection cart or bin.**

Before tossing it out, check the label.

If it's marked Danger, Warning, Poisonous, Toxic, or Flammable, it's hazardous and requires special handling. Alameda County operates Hazardous Waste Disposal Programs for businesses.



**SMALL BUSINESS HAZARDOUS WASTE SERVICE:** A hazardous waste disposal service for qualifying Very Small Quantity Generators. *Accounts and appointments are required.*

**BUSINESS DROP-IN SERVICE:** An express service for all Alameda County businesses for latex paint, aerosol cans, fluorescent lamps, and household batteries drop off only. *Accounts and appointments are NOT required.*

Visit [StopWaste.org/at-work/business-hazardous-waste](http://StopWaste.org/at-work/business-hazardous-waste) for more info on all of the business programs.

## Please Remember: No Sharps

**"Sharps" is a medical term for devices with sharp points or edges that can puncture or cut skin, such as needles, syringes, lancets, auto-injectors (such as EpiPens), and infusion sets.** Contact Alameda County Household Hazardous Waste at 1 (800) 606-6606 or visit [Stopwaste.org/hhw](http://Stopwaste.org/hhw) for local information on safe, free disposal.



## RECYCLE RIGHT! Please Protect our Sorting Staff



The sorting staff at our Materials Recovery Facility (or MRF) thank you for keeping them safe by making sure hazardous waste, needles, sharps, masks, gloves, wipes, tissues, garbage, organics, and anything with bodily fluids stays out of the recycling. Scan the QR code to access a virtual tour of our sorting facility.



## HOLIDAY SERVICE SCHEDULE

There will be **NO CHANGES** to the collection schedule during the week of Memorial Day.

**SHARE THIS INFORMATION.** This newsletter can be downloaded and printed from our website [AlamedaCountyIndustries.com/alameda/commercial/resources](http://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](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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