

# aci Residential News

Proudly Serving the Alameda Community and Aiming for Zero Waste!

## Share Your Backyard Bounty

The Alameda Backyard Growers (ABG) is a network of gardeners in Alameda who are interested in growing food and donating extra fruit and vegetables to the Alameda Food Bank. ABG's goal is to reach out to the community to provide information about, and increase involvement in urban food growing.



### BECOME AN ALAMEDA BACKYARD GROWER

- Participation is free and open to all Alameda residents.
- There are no charges for ABG-sponsored events.
- Gardeners of all experience levels are welcome!

Find out more about upcoming monthly educational meetings and more by visiting [AlamedaBackyardGrowers.org](http://AlamedaBackyardGrowers.org)

## Take Advantage of Tool Lending and Seed Library

The City of Alameda Library has a tool lending library where residents can rent a variety of tools for 1-3 weeks at a time while participating in a circular and sharing economy. While there, check out the seed libraries for new and experienced gardeners alike! You must have a library card to participate. [AlamedaFree.org/SERVICES/Patron-Services/Special-Checkouts](http://AlamedaFree.org/SERVICES/Patron-Services/Special-Checkouts)



## Make Every Day Earth Day

*The official theme for Earth Day 2026 is "Our Power, Our Planet," a call to action for individuals to use their collective voice and power to protect the planet and build a sustainable future.*

Learn more about the City of Alameda's ongoing sustainability and resilience planning and how you can participate at [Alamedaca.gov/Departments/Planning-Building-and-Transportation/Sustainability-and-Resilience](http://Alamedaca.gov/Departments/Planning-Building-and-Transportation/Sustainability-and-Resilience)

## STOPWASTE

A new StopWaste Regulatory Fee will appear on your garbage bill starting July 1, 2026. This small fee funds state-required programs that support composting and recycling, food waste reduction, edible food recovery and donation, and plastic bag pollution prevention. Learn more at [StopWaste.org/regulatory-fee](http://StopWaste.org/regulatory-fee) →



## DID YOU KNOW?

# State Law Mandates Proper Sorting

The graphics on the carts and bins and our proper sorting outreach materials are a **state-mandated requirement per California Senate Bill 1383 (SB 1383)**. Even the frequency with which we inform residents that recycling and organics participation is mandatory is dictated by SB 1383. For those of you still uncertain about what goes where, we hope you find our image-based, color-coded carts with QR codes on the container labels helpful. For more info, visit [Stopwaste.org/rules](http://Stopwaste.org/rules)



## Make Sure to Sort Your Waste Correctly

- Food scraps and food-soiled paper belong in your **ORGANICS** cart (only paper bags accepted, no plastic bags of any kind).
- Keep it clean. Keep it loose. Make sure recyclable plastic, metal, and glass food containers are empty, dry, and loose (do not bag) before placing in the **RECYCLABLES** cart.
- Styrofoam®, plastic wrap, and non-recyclable packaging belong in your **GARBAGE** cart.
- Visit [AlamedaSorts.com](http://AlamedaSorts.com) for a list of what goes where and a virtual video tour that shows what happens to your recyclables after collection.



## Resource.StopWaste.org

RE:source is Alameda County's online guide for reuse, repair, recycling, and safe disposal. Visit to find links to:

- curbside collection tips for your service area
- material fact sheets that include reuse, repair, recycling, and proper handling information for difficult items
- household hazardous waste (HHW) handling resources

## HOLIDAY SERVICE SCHEDULE

There are **NO CHANGES** to the collection schedule during the weeks of Memorial Day or July 4th. Please have your carts out and at the curb by 5 am for collection service.



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

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Please recycle again.



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