ACI Commercial News

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ZERO-WASTE IDEA!

Switch to Reusables



Businesses, schools, and communities benefit when they switch from single-use disposables to reusable packaging and foodware.

Single-use packaging and disposables create enormous amounts of waste while draining resources with every use. Switching to reusables, whether in restaurants, schools, or supply chains, offers a smarter approach that saves money over time, reduces landfill waste, and lowers greenhouse gas emissions.



Did you know? The Alameda County Department of Environmental Health confirms that reusable foodware is safe when properly washed, rinsed, and sanitized. StopWaste provides funding, hands-on support, and resources to help food businesses, schools, and institutions across Alameda County make the transition to reusable foodware.

Traditional transport packaging such as plastic pallet wrap, low-grade wood pallets, cardboard boxes, and packing material is typically used only for a brief time to move goods through a supply chain, then it is thrown away. Plastic film makes up about half of all the plastic waste businesses discard in Alameda County.



Help is available to switch from single-use to reusable transport packaging to cut costs, reduce waste, and improve supply chain efficiency. For funding, technical assistance, and resources to shift away from disposables, scan the code, or visit **stopwaste.org/reducing-waste/switching-reusables**

The Impact of Switching to Reusables

100+

The number of organizations helped through Stopwaste's reusables programs since 2007.

95%

Less packaging waste compared to single-use alternatives.

$2000-$4000

Annual savings for businesses that switch to reusable foodware.

Happy customers will appreciate the improved dining experience and sustainable practices.

Green Purchasing = Good Business Practice



Buying "green" products and services can increase efficiency, enhance a company's public image, and reduce environmental impact. For free purchasing guides and more info, visit the Responsible Purchasing Network (RPN) at **responsiblepurchasing.org**

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.

Holiday Service Reminder

There will be <u>no change</u> 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. For the full 2026-2027 holiday collection schedule, Visit **AlamedaCountyIndustries.com/alameda/holiday**

NOVEMBER 23 - 28, 2026

If your collection day is:	Mon. 23	Tue. 24	Wed. 25	Thu. 26	Fri. 27
Your holiday collection day will be:	Mon. 23	Tue. 24	Wed. 25	Fri. 27	Sat. 28

Help Your Community by Recycling Right

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



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



RATE INCREASE NOTIFICATION Effective July 1, 2026, rates will increase 3.82%. Visit **AlamedaCountyIndustries.com/alameda/commercial/commercialservices** for more info.

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