



# Island Recycling

A Community Newsletter from Alameda County Industries

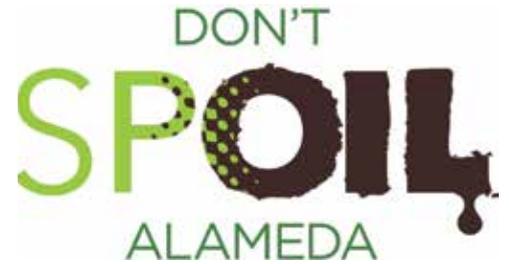


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## You Can Minimize Water Pollution

### The City's Clean Water Program offers these tips:

- Check your car for leaks. If your car is leaking, promptly take it to a professional repair shop. And, until you do, place a drip pan under your car.
- If you change your own oil, be sure to contain and recycle it responsibly.
- If you see litter, pick it up and place it in the appropriate collection cart.
- Prevent leaves from getting into storm drains. Rake leaves into a pile and place them in your green organics cart.
- Avoid applying fertilizers or pesticides, especially when rain is forecast.

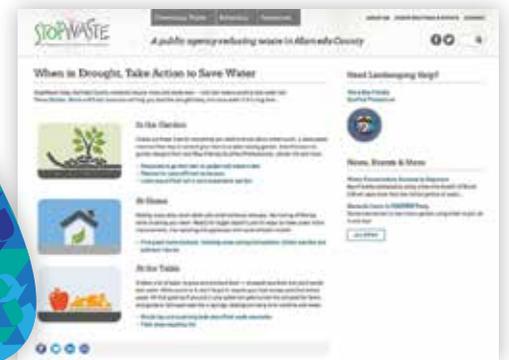


For more information, please visit [www.CleanWaterProgram.org](http://www.CleanWaterProgram.org), or contact City of Alameda Clean Water Program staff at (510) 747-7930.

## Reminder: Conserve Water

Did you know you conserve water just by recycling? Extracting virgin raw materials to manufacture a product uses much more water than manufacturing a similar item from recycled material. You can also conserve by using rainwater and gray water to water plants.

Please visit [StopWaste.org/drought](http://StopWaste.org/drought) for more conservation tips.



### If You Change Your Own Oil...

ACI provides curbside collection of oil and filters to residents for no charge. To arrange for free delivery of collection jugs and bags, contact us through our website or call (510) 483-1400.



### No Sharps

Please remember that sharps are NOT allowed in any ACI collection container. Ask your doctor or pharmacist about available disposal options. Or, contact Alameda County Household Hazardous Waste at 1 (800) 606-6606 for information on safe, free disposal.



## Save the Dates

**City of Alameda Earth Day Festival**  
Saturday, April 23

**Native Garden Tour**  
(Register your garden now!)  
Sunday, May 1

**Park Street Spring Festival**  
Saturday & Sunday,  
May 7 & 8

Visit [AlamedaCountyIndustries.com](http://AlamedaCountyIndustries.com) for more information on these exciting events.





## Care for Your Carts

### Regular cart maintenance is important.

- Wipe down and/or rinse your cart every few weeks. Take care to use only as much water as necessary and to drain over a landscaped area. Scoop up and bag or box residue before placing in the appropriate cart.
- Report damaged carts to ACI so that repair or replacement can be scheduled for your next service day. You can reach us by phone at (510) 483-1400 or through the "Contact Us" page on [AlamedaCountyIndustries.com](http://AlamedaCountyIndustries.com).



## Please Can Your Ash!

Make sure to place fireplace, stove and barbecue ashes in a metal container with a tight fitting lid. Put the container outside, 10 feet or more away from your home and combustibles. Wet the ashes down. Once cold, ashes must be contained (so they do not blow away during collection) and then placed in your gray garbage cart.

For more information and additional fire safety tips, visit these websites:

Cal Fire at [www.fire.ca.gov](http://www.fire.ca.gov), U.S. Fire Administration at [www.usfa.fema.gov](http://www.usfa.fema.gov), and National Fire Protection Association at [www.nfpa.org](http://www.nfpa.org).

## Benefitting Local Residents in Need

In honor of America Recycles Day, ACI hosts a special collection every November. Last year, we were happy to collect clean, warm coats for Alameda County residents in need. Many thanks to all those who donated and for those who helped at the collection sites.

Donated coats were distributed to those in need by the Alameda Point Collaborative. For more information, please visit [APCollaborative.org](http://APCollaborative.org).



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