



A Community Newsletter from Alameda County Industries  
Your **Recyclables**, **Organics** & **Garbage** Service Provider

APRIL - JUNE 2017 • VOLUME 15 • NUMBER 2

## Buying Green Can Do a World of Good

### Be Mindful of the Environmental Impacts of Your Purchasing Habits



**REPAIR INSTEAD OF PURCHASE.** Before you replace an item, see if it can be repaired. (If you do purchase something new, find the highest quality/longest lasting option possible.)

**OPT FOR USED PRODUCTS.** Reuse what you already have or purchase a “gently used” item from a resale/thrift shop. Browse websites such as Craigslist or share/trade items with friends and neighbors.

**REDUCE PACKAGING WASTE.** Reduce waste by choosing products that have little to no packaging.

**BUY RECYCLED.** Look for products that contain recycled content. The higher the post-consumer recycled content, the better it is for the environment.

**CHOOSE REUSABLES.** Make it a habit to use travel mugs, reusable water bottles and reusable shopping bags/totes.

For more tips and information please visit:  
[www.stopwaste.org/preventing-waste/residents/buy-green](http://www.stopwaste.org/preventing-waste/residents/buy-green)

## Ready...Set...Recycle!

Test your recycling knowledge by playing the speed sorter game, take the green bin pledge, get composting tips, learn more about recycling food scraps and more at [www.ReadySetRecycle.org](http://www.ReadySetRecycle.org).



## SERVICE REMINDERS: Batteries, Bulbs & Latex Paint

Residents may drop off household batteries (A, AA, AAA, C, D and 9-volt), fluorescent bulbs and latex paint at the ACI Alameda office: Monday - Friday from 7am to 6pm. Car batteries are NOT allowed.



## Holiday Service Schedule



There are NO changes to the collection schedule during the weeks of Memorial Day or July 4th.

## Calendar of Events



### Earth Day Festival

Saturday, April 22  
10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.  
Washington Park

### Downtown Alameda's Spring Festival -

Saturday & Sunday  
May 13 & 14  
10:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.  
Downtown Park Street

### Mayor's Annual 4th of July Parade

Tuesday, July 4  
10:00 a.m.  
Downtown Alameda

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

## ACI's On-Call Clean Up Program

Once every 12 months, residents of single-family and multi-plex buildings (with 4 or fewer units) can schedule a free clean up. ACI will collect:

- Up to 2 cubic yards of unwanted household items
- Properly contained latex paint
- Household batteries
- Up to 3 bulky items like sofas, large appliances, mattresses, etc.



Ask about our low-cost options for multifamily buildings with 5 or more units. For more information, or to schedule your on-call clean up, call **(510) 483-1400** or visit [www.AlamedaCountyIndustries.com](http://www.AlamedaCountyIndustries.com).

## Reuse Resources on the Web

- [www.FreeCycle.org](http://www.FreeCycle.org) is all about reuse and keeping good stuff out of landfills.
- [www.RecycleWhere.org](http://www.RecycleWhere.org) - find the highest and best use for items you no longer want.
- [www.epa.gov/recycle](http://www.epa.gov/recycle) - Learn more about reducing, reusing, and recycling.



Donate gently used items to these charities:

- [www.EastBayGoodwill.org](http://www.EastBayGoodwill.org) - Goodwill Industries
- [www.SATruck.org](http://www.SATruck.org) - Salvation Army
- [www.SVDP-Alameda.org](http://www.SVDP-Alameda.org) - St. Vincent de Paul
- [www.ChangingGearsBikes.org](http://www.ChangingGearsBikes.org) - Changing Gears Bike Shop (bikes and bike parts only)



## Make a Liner for Your Kitchen Pail

### USE NEWSPAPER OR KRAFT PAPER

1. Fold paper as shown.
2. Fold the top corner down to the baseline to make a crease line. Unfold.
3. Fold the bottom left-hand corner up to the crease line just made.
4. Fold the bottom right-hand corner up to the opposite side.
5. Fold the top flaps downward.
6. Open out to create liner for kitchen pail.



Remember to:  
Reduce,  
Reuse,  
Recycle,  
Rot & Donate!

Printed on recycled paper. Please recycle again!



## Alameda County Industries

We are proud to be your service provider for **Recyclables, Organics & Garbage.**



### Contact us:

[www.AlamedaCountyIndustries.com](http://www.AlamedaCountyIndustries.com)  
510-483-1400

### Office:

Monday-Friday: 7am-6pm  
2307 Blanding Avenue  
Suite B  
Alameda, CA 94501