

# Did you Know?

**40% OF FOOD IS WASTED IN AMERICA EVERY YEAR. AVOID FOOD WASTE.** More information and helpful tips can be found at

[www.StopFoodWaste.org](http://www.StopFoodWaste.org).



**40% OF THE MATERIAL IN THE BLUE RECYCLABLES CART/BIN IS PAPER.** Stop unwanted mail.

- Remove your address from direct mail registries:

[www.DirectMail.com](http://www.DirectMail.com).



- Discontinue unwanted catalogs:

[www.CatalogChoice.org](http://www.CatalogChoice.org)



- Prevent automatic phonebook deliveries:

[www.YellowPagesOptOut.com](http://www.YellowPagesOptOut.com)

**FOR MORE REDUCTION TIPS AND INFORMATION PLEASE VISIT:**

[www.StopWaste.org](http://www.StopWaste.org).

**STOP WASTE**  
at home • at work • at school

# Strive to Reduce & Reuse!



Small changes in your purchasing habits and daily routine can make a big impact in achieving zero waste!

## 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 and most durable option possible.*



**OPT FOR USED PRODUCTS.** Reuse what you already have or purchase a “gently used” item from a resale shop or website. Share/trade items with friends and neighbors.

## CHOOSE REUSABLES.

Shop with reusable bags and totes, bring your travel mug to the coffee shop and carry a reusable water bottle!



**Alameda County Industries**

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

 Printed on recycled paper. Please recycle again!

# Keep the Recyclables Stream Clean!

Take a few minutes to follow these tips to lower contamination levels and keep our workers safe.

## MAINTAIN A CLEAN STREAM!

When possible, empty and rinse recyclable plastic, metal and glass food containers before placing them in the blue **RECYCLABLES** cart or bin.



## KEEP AN EYE ON SIZE!

Corrugated cardboard and paper boxes should be flattened and large pieces cut to 2' x 2' or smaller. This prevents materials from getting stuck in the carts/bins or blocking the hopper of the collection vehicles.



**PLEASE REMEMBER, HAZARDOUS WASTE DOES NOT BELONG IN ANY ALAMEDA COUNTY INDUSTRIES CART OR BIN. The County accepts sharps, medications, pesticides, toxic cleaners and other hazardous waste.**

Visit [StopWaste.org/hhw](http://StopWaste.org/hhw) or call 1-800-606-6606 for more information.



# Proper Sorting Makes a Difference!



The cleanest and most efficient sorting starts with you, the generator.

**SUPPORT THE SORT!** Please place recyclable materials only in your blue **RECYCLABLES** cart or bin.

**JUST SAY "NO" TO CONTAMINANTS!** Remember to properly sort! Garbage, Organics and Hazardous Waste, such as batteries and sharps, **DO NOT** belong in the blue **RECYCLABLES** cart or bin.

**PLEASE REMEMBER, THESE ITEMS ARE NOT RECYCLABLE:**

**Plastic Bags:** Put bags in the gray **Garbage** cart. Avoid single-use disposable bags whenever possible. Invest in reusable bags.



**Packaging Peanuts:** Contain peanuts in a sealed bag or box. Place in the gray **Garbage** cart or donate to a mailing store.

# When in Doubt... Find Out!

Visit our website or contact us if you have a question.

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