

aci Island Recycling

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

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Avoid Food Waste This Holiday Season

40% of food gets wasted in our country. There's no better way to give thanks for our food by making sure none of it goes to waste.

- **Promote smaller portions.** Set out smaller serving spoons or serve everyone smaller helpings on individual plates.
- **Be generous!** Pack up extras/leftovers in reusable containers for your guests to take home and enjoy.
- **Don't trash the scraps.** Peelings, trimmings and bones can be used to make homemade stock. Freeze the extra to use later.
- **Still have leftover inedible food?** Put all unusable food scraps and food-soiled paper in your Green **Organics** Cart!

For more information, recipes, tips and tools that reduce food waste, visit: www.ivaluefood.com, www.StopFoodWaste.org, www.SaveTheFood.com.

Reduce, Reuse & Recycle with Green Gifts!

- Support a charity or cause by shopping for gently-used treasures at local resale and thrift shops.
- Encourage waste reduction by giving reusable totes, food containers, water bottles and travel mugs as gifts.
- Preserve the planet with environmentally-minded gifts such as learning thermostats, smart light switches and water filters.

BONUS POINTS! Avoid wrapping paper waste by using reusable packaging such as a shopping tote or kitchen towel!



Happy Clog-Free Holidays!

Don't pour Fats, Oils and Grease (FOG) down your sink drains or toilets. They will clog your pipes and sewer/septic systems.

Manage and dispose of FOG properly using these tips:

- **For small amounts of FOG**, scrape out or use paper towels to wipe your pans, then place the FOG or soiled paper towels in your green **Organics** cart.
- **For large amounts of FOG**, such as used oil from a turkey fryer, collect cooled oil in a sealable container and take it to a Alameda County Household Hazardous Waste Facility. Limits apply. Please visit: www.StopWaste.Org/hhw or call: **1-800-606-6606** for more information.



Holiday Tree Collection

ACI will collect holiday trees from December 26-January 31 on the same day your garbage, recycling and organics are collected. Tree collection will occur with special trucks throughout the day and at a different time than your garbage, recycling and organics service.



BEFORE PUTTING YOUR TREE OUT FOR COLLECTION, PLEASE REMEMBER:

- All lights, decorations, and tree stands must be removed.
- Trees should be put out loose. Do not wrap or bag them.
- Trees over 6-feet tall must be cut in half.
- Small trees can be placed inside your green **Organics** cart. Please cut into pieces that will not get stuck in the cart or prevent the lid from closing.
- Fake and flocked trees cannot be composted and are disposed as garbage. Contact us to arrange for disposal of these types of trees.



Mark Your Calendar

City of Alameda

Holiday Tree Lighting Ceremony

Saturday, December 1st at 4:30 p.m.

City Hall - 2263 Santa Clara Ave.

Visit www.AlamedaCountyIndustries.com for more information on this, and other events.

Holiday Service Schedule

THANKSGIVING WEEK: If your regular collection day is Thursday or Friday, your carts will be serviced one day later.

CHRISTMAS WEEK: If your regular collection day is Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday or Friday, your carts will be serviced one day later.

NEW YEAR'S DAY WEEK: If your regular collection day is Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday or Friday, your carts will be serviced one day later.

NOVEMBER 19 - 23, 2018

If your collection day is:	Mon. 19	Tue. 20	Wed. 21	Thu. 22	Fri. 23
Your holiday collection day will be:	Mon. 19	Tue. 20	Wed. 21	Fri. 23	Sat. 24

DECEMBER 24 - 28, 2018

If your collection day is:	Mon. 24	Tue. 25	Wed. 26	Thu. 27	Fri. 28
Your holiday collection day will be:	Mon. 24	Wed. 26	Thu. 27	Fri. 28	Sat. 29

DEC. 31, 2018 - JAN. 4, 2019

If your collection day is:	Mon. 31	Tue. 1	Wed. 2	Thu. 3	Fri. 4
Your holiday collection day will be:	Mon. 31	Wed. 2	Thu. 3	Fri. 4	Sat. 5



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

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