



**Alameda County Industries**

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

**City of San Leandro**

**Single Family Residential Customers**

**OCTOBER - DECEMBER 2025**

# Easy Ways to Reduce Waste This Holiday Season

*Americans produce 25 percent more waste from Thanksgiving to New Year's. With planning and intention, we can reduce our carbon footprint while experiencing the joy of coming together with family and friends.*



## REDUCE WASTE WHEN COOKING

- Buy only what you need. Plan your shopping trips and avoid wasted food. Use a meal planning tool to adjust your ingredients and portions accordingly.
- Send guests home with leftovers. Have guests bring empty containers or reuse clean empty food containers you've saved.
- Compost your food scraps. Use your handy kitchen pail to collect vegetable trimmings. Need a pail? Contact us, we will deliver one!



Visit [StopFoodWaste.org](https://StopFoodWaste.org) for more food-saving tips.

## REDUCE WASTE WHEN GIVING

- Try second-hand first. Shopping at resale or thrift stores, or your local buy-nothing group, not only saves money, but keeps stuff out of the landfill.
- Shop at local stores. Shop local and support businesses that focus on sustainable, lasting goods. Try to avoid buying online, which creates additional packaging and transportation waste.
- Give experiences. Gift tickets to a museum exhibit, sporting event, gift cards to a local restaurant, or make home-cooked meals, baked goods, or homemade treats.
- Give back. Along with reducing our own wasted food over the holidays, there are also many ways to support essential local food organizations that help nourish our communities throughout the year. (See right.)



Visit [StopWaste.org/sustainable-holiday-guide](https://StopWaste.org/sustainable-holiday-guide) for more ideas.



## Help End Hunger in Your Community

*There are many ways to support essential local food organizations that help nourish our communities throughout the year.*

**The San Leandro Community Food Pantry** is a volunteer run organization that provides food for the marginalized members of our community.  
[slcfp.org](https://slcfp.org)

**The Alameda County Community Food Bank** distributes millions of healthy meals annually and is committed to creating a healthy and prosperous community.  
[accfb.org](https://accfb.org)

**Davis Street Food Pantry** provides delicious, nutritious food—free of charge—to families and individuals in need throughout our community.  
[davisstreet.org/basic-needs/food-pantry](https://davisstreet.org/basic-needs/food-pantry)

# Real or Fake: Which Christmas Tree is Better for the Environment?\*

**Short answer—real!** First off, real trees don't require the intensive carbon emissions that it takes to produce and ship artificial trees. Nearly 90% of artificial trees are shipped across the world from China, resulting in an increase of carbon emissions and resources. And most artificial trees are not recyclable and end up in local landfills.

**Next, you're supporting forests and healthy soils.** Out of the 350-500 million growing on tree farms across the U.S., only 30 million trees are harvested for the holidays each year. Buying real trees will help keep tree farms in business—and in turn keep their lands covered in the healthy forest habitat that supports wildlife. Once all the festivities are done, real trees can be recycled and given a second life as mulch/compost.

## EASY GREEN TIP

**If you choose paperless billing for your ACI invoice we will plant a tree.** Over 8000 trees have been planted so far! To sign up, scan the QR code or visit [SanLeandroRecycles.com/plantatree](http://SanLeandroRecycles.com/plantatree)



## Holiday Tree Collection

ACI will collect holiday trees curbside from Dec. 26 -Jan. 31 on your regular service day.

### REMEMBER:

- Remove all decorations, lights, & the stand.
- Keep trees loose. Do not wrap or bag them.
- Cut your tree in half if it is taller than 6'.
- Small trees can be placed inside your **ORGANICS** cart.
- Flocked trees are accepted, but will not be composted.
- Artificial trees are not accepted and belong in the garbage when reuse is not an option. Contact us for collection info.



**PLEASE NOTE:** Tree collection will occur with special trucks at different times than your regular collection services.

FOR MORE INFO, SCAN THE QR CODE OR VISIT [SanLeandroRecycles.com/holiday](http://SanLeandroRecycles.com/holiday)



\*SOURCE: [nature.org/en-us/what-we-do/our-priorities/protect-water-and-land/land-and-water-stories/real-vs-fake-christmas-tree](http://nature.org/en-us/what-we-do/our-priorities/protect-water-and-land/land-and-water-stories/real-vs-fake-christmas-tree)



## Holiday Service Schedule

### THANKSGIVING WEEK:

If your regular collection day is Thursday or Friday, service will be one day later.

### CHRISTMAS WEEK & NEW YEAR'S DAY WEEK:

If your regular collection day is Thursday, or Friday, your containers will be serviced one day later.

| NOVEMBER 24 - 29, 2025               |         |         |         |         |         |  |
|--------------------------------------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|--|
| If your collection day is:           | Mon. 24 | Tue. 25 | Wed. 26 | Thu. 27 | Fri. 28 |  |
| Your holiday collection day will be: | Mon. 24 | Tue. 25 | Wed. 26 | Fri. 28 | Sat. 29 |  |

| DECEMBER 22 - 27, 2025               |         |         |         |         |         |  |
|--------------------------------------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|--|
| If your collection day is:           | Mon. 22 | Tue. 23 | Wed. 24 | Thu. 25 | Fri. 26 |  |
| Your holiday collection day will be: | Mon. 22 | Tue. 23 | Wed. 24 | Fri. 26 | Sat. 27 |  |

| DEC 29, 2025 - JAN 3, 2026           |         |         |         |        |        |  |
|--------------------------------------|---------|---------|---------|--------|--------|--|
| If your collection day is:           | Mon. 29 | Tue. 30 | Wed. 31 | Thu. 1 | Fri. 2 |  |
| Your holiday collection day will be: | Mon. 29 | Tue. 30 | Wed. 31 | Fri. 2 | Sat. 3 |  |

**Happy Holidays  
from everyone  
at ACI!**

## WHEN IN DOUBT, FIND OUT! CONTACT US:

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