



Alameda County Industries

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

City of San Leandro

**Commercial Customers
MARCH 2026**

New State Law Bans Plastic Bags

STARTING JANUARY 1, 2026
Certain retail stores are affected by the state-wide law prohibiting any type of film plastic bags at checkout.

- The law affects most stores that sell food and/or liquor, including:
 - Grocery stores
 - Liquor stores
 - Supermarkets
 - Convenience stores
 - Retail stores with a Pharmacy
- **No film plastic bags are allowed at checkout.** The only type of bag available to shoppers at checkout are recycled content paper bags, for a charge of at least 10 cents.
- **Bags without handles for protection of goods (produce, bulk items, Rx bags, etc.) are not affected.**
- Shoppers can avoid paying 10 cents for a paper bag by bringing their own reusable bags or choosing to hand-carry their purchase.



Get more info by visiting ReusableBagsAC.org

More Laws and Bans to Reduce Single-Use Items

STATE LAW AB 1276-SINGLE-USE BY REQUEST ONLY
Requires all retail food facilities and food delivery platforms to provide single-use foodware accessories upon customer request only. Find more info at StopWaste.org/resource/stopwaste-ab-1276-fact-sheet



ALAMEDA COUNTY-PLASTIC FOAM FOODWARE BAN
San Leandro prefers fiber based compostable food containers, or better yet, use reusable packaging. For resources, grant applications, and more, visit StopWaste.org/at-work/reduce-reuse-repair/reducing-disposable-foodware



Sustainable Resources for Businesses

Alameda County has resources that can help make your business greener and also save you money. Some of the sustainable projects the County can assist businesses with are energy efficiency, environmentally preferable purchasing, greening the workplace, sustainable transportation, and water conservation. Visit acgov.org/sustain/you/business.htm for more info.



Be a California Green Business in 2026 (Like ACI)!

The California Green Business Network distinguishes businesses that protect, preserve, and sustain our environment. Become a Green Business today. Visit Greenbusinessca.org today for more info.

Keep Our Sorters Safe

People sort the material you put in the blue **recyclables** bin. Here are easy ways to help keep them safe:

NO SHARPS!

"Sharps" is a medical term for devices with sharp points or edges that can puncture or cut skin such as needles, syringes, lancets, infusion sets, and auto injectors (such as EpiPens). Contact Alameda County Household Hazardous Waste at **1 (800) 606-6606** or Stopwaste.org/hhw for local info on safe and free disposal.



PROPERLY SORT YOUR RECYCLABLES

Styrofoam®, plastic bags, film plastic, plastic wrap, non-recyclable packaging, masks, and gloves belong in your gray garbage container **NOT** the blue **recyclables** container.



SEE WHAT HAPPENS TO YOUR RECYCLABLES AFTER THEY ARE COLLECTED. Scan the QR code at right to access a virtual video tour of our sorting facility.



Collection Service Tips

Help us provide safe and efficient service.

- Keep your collection cart/bin lids closed. Do not overload your containers.
- Make sure the area around your carts or bins is clear on collection day.



Do you need additional collection containers or more frequent service? Contact us today. We can help you create a collection program that best suits your needs.

HOLIDAY SERVICE SCHEDULE

There will be **NO CHANGES** to the collection schedule during the week of Memorial Day.

SHARE THIS INFORMATION. This newsletter can be downloaded and printed from our website SanLeandroRecycles.com/commercial/resources

BE PART OF YOUR COMMUNITY

Adopt a Storm Drain



San Leandro has around 2,200 storm drain inlets that can become clogged with litter and leaf debris throughout the year. This can lead to localized flooding and contamination of San Leandro Creek and the San Francisco Bay.

San Leandro businesses and residents can help the City and their neighborhoods by adopting one or more drains near their business or home.

It doesn't take much - a monthly commitment to check the drain and remove the debris on top goes a long way.

For more information and a sign up sheet, please visit SanLeandro.org/813/Adopt-a-Drain

WHEN IN DOUBT, FIND OUT! CONTACT US:

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