



SAN LEANDRO

Sustainable Schools Calendar

2026 - 2027



WHEN YOU *THROW* SOMETHING AWAY, **WHERE DOES IT GO?**



YOU CAN DRAMATICALLY
REDUCE THE AMOUNT OF TRASH
THAT IS THROWN AWAY BY
TAKING A FEW EASY STEPS ⇒

Easy steps to reduce waste:

REDUCE

*the amount of
materials you use, which
reduces the amount of
waste you create.*

REUSE

*materials
when possible.*

RETHINK

*materials you use and
those you throw away.*

RECYCLE

whenever possible.

By thinking about what
we're using and how
to reduce the waste
we produce, we can
help create a cleaner,
healthier environment.

AUGUST

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
						1 Friendship Day <i>Express gratitude towards your friends.</i>
2	3	4 Watermelon Day <i>Enjoy this refreshing summertime treat.</i>	5 Chocolate Chip Cookie Day <i>Ruth Graves Wakefield created the first in 1937.</i>	6	7	8
9 Book Lovers Day <i>Books are a never-ending source of education</i>	10	11 Son and Daughter Day <i>Celebrate the children in your life.</i>	12	13 Left-Handers Day <i>Celebrate 10% of the world's population.</i>	14	15 Back to School Prep Day <i>Renew your commitment to learning.</i>
16	17 Thrift Shop Day <i>Reduce waste by embracing sustainable fashion.</i>	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25 Secondhand Wardrobe Day <i>Celebrate the circular economy of fashion.</i>	26	27	28	29
30	31	But wait, there's more! VIEW/DOWNLOAD/PRINT this entire infographic by scanning the code or visiting www.epa.gov/sites/default/files/2021-01/documents/msw_infographic_jan2021-sm.pdf				

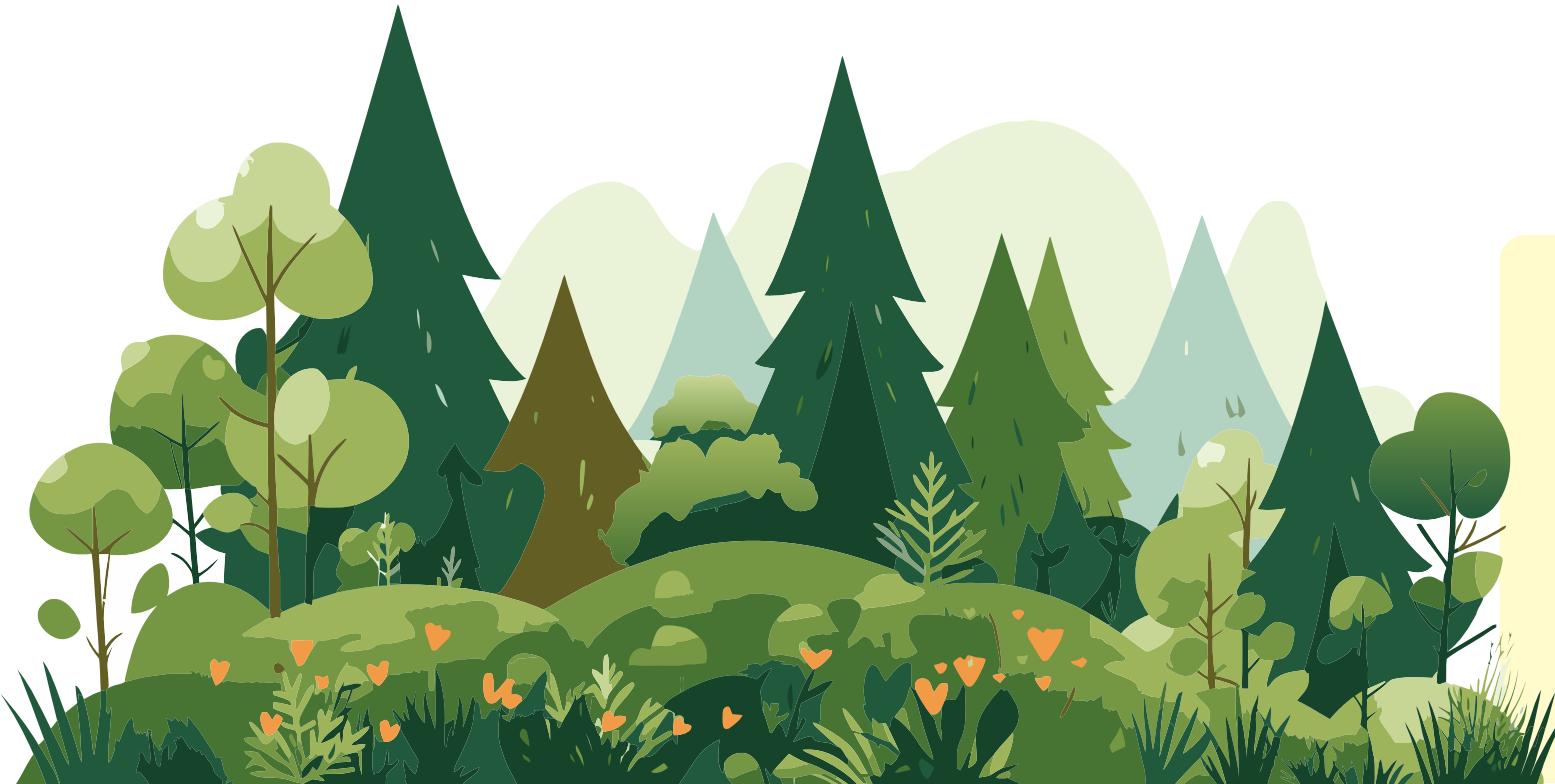


Be Part of the ReGeneration

where students, families, and school communities document their sustainability journeys and share stories of regenerative action.

This action-based storytelling platform asks Alameda County youth and families to:

-  Reflect on their environmental actions at home and school.
-  Get creative and document their personal sustainability efforts through various art forms.
-  Answer the central question: "What Are Your 4Rs?"
-  Create unique interpretations beyond the traditional Reduce, Reuse, Recycle, Rot.



Scan the code
to learn more
about the
"We are the
ReGeneration
Program".

SEPTEMBER

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Hispanic Heritage Month		1	2	3	4 Eat an Extra Dessert Day <i>Pick your favorite dessert and enjoy!</i>	5
6 Read a Book Day <i>Get lost in the world of literature.</i>	7 Labor Day <i>Honor American workers.</i>	8	9	10	11 Make Your Bed Day <i>Actually, you should make your bed everyday!</i>	12
13 Grandparents Day <i>Show a senior person in your life that you appreciate them.</i>	14	15	16 Guacamole Day <i>Enjoy this delicious dish with your favorite chips.</i>	17	18	19 Talk Like a Pirate Day <i>Ahoy Matey!</i>
20	21	22	23 Day of Sign Languages <i>Raise awareness of the importance of sign language.</i>	24 Punctuation Day <i>Celebrate appropriate punctuation today and every day!</i>	25	26
27	28	29 Food Loss and Waste Awareness Day <i>Take action to reduce food loss.</i>	30			



Scan the code to take action at home with your family.
Activities and resources helping students extend waste reduction and climate action from school to home, engaging the whole family as part of the (Re)Generation movement.

SOURCES: www.stopwaste.org/schools/curriculum-activities/regeneration
www.stopwaste.org/schools/curriculum-activities/take-action-at-home

How to Have a Plastic-Free Halloween

*Check out these tips for a plastic free Halloween!**

Plastic-Free Costumes

- Making your own costume from old clothes, cardboard, or other reusable items.
- Have a costume swap with friends, family, or neighbors.
- Rent a costume just for the night.
- Create a costume from clothing purchased at a secondhand/resale shop.
- Paint on a scary face instead of a mask. Choose a natural, non-toxic face paint that washes off at the end of the night.

Make Decorations That are Recyclable

- Cut out paper ghosts, bats, and garlands.
- Construct an autumnal Halloween wreath made from twigs and leaves.
- Create autumn leaf lanterns using old jam jars and leaves.
- Transform milk jugs into ghost lanterns.
- Use brown string to create spider webs.



For recyclable decorations, games, costumes, and more, scan the code or visit plt.org/educator-tips/14-halloween-activities-natural-recycled-materials



Don't Waste Your Pumpkin!

- Roast the pumpkin seeds for a quick and easy snack.
- Make a pumpkin planter. Plant the pumpkin right in the backyard. It will naturally compost and provide fertilizer for your plants.
- Feed the wildlife. See below for more info.
- If all else fails, make sure your pumpkin end up in the organics cart to be composted.



*SOURCE: <https://www.wildlifetrusts.org/actions/how-have-plastic-free-halloween>

OCTOBER

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Breast Cancer Awareness Month Filipino American History Month	Bullying Prevention Month Polish American Heritage Month	Book Month		1	2 World Smile Day <i>Share a smile with those around you!</i>	3
4 Taco Day <i>Breakfast, lunch, dinner, and dessert tacos. Yum!</i>	5 World Teacher's Day <i>Celebrate the teachers in your life!</i>	6	7 National Walk to School Day <i>Get outside and get moving. Stay safe!</i>	8 Stop Bullying Day <i>#BeKind</i>	9	10
11	12 Indigenous Peoples Day Columbus Day	13	14	15	16 World Food Day <i>Foods for a better life and a better future.</i>	17
18 Chocolate Cupcake Day <i>Bake a batch and share!</i>	19	20 International Sloth Day <i>Learn about the slow moving (and adorable) sloth.</i>	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29 Internet Day <i>What would we do without the internet?</i>	30	31 Halloween <i>Compost your jack-o-lanterns.</i>



HALLOWEEN PUMPKINS FOR WILDLIFE

Depending on where you live, old jack-o-lanterns, and the seeds, are perfect food for deer, squirrels, birds, and more. **PLEASE NOTE:** A painted pumpkin can potentially be toxic to wildlife if they eat it. Only place clean unpainted pumpkins out for wildlife snacking.

For more info, scan the code or visit fws.gov/story/how-keep-pumpkins-safe-wildlife



PREVENT FOOD WASTE

A family of 4 in the United States wastes an average of \$3,000 per year on food that isn't eaten.

When we waste food, we are wasting ALL of the energy, water, and resources that went into producing that food and getting it into our kitchens.



EASY WAYS TO REDUCE FOOD WASTE

- **Buy only what you need.** Before you shop, make a shopping list to help plan the meals you'll eat at home and list items needed. "Shop" your fridge, freezer and cupboards for ingredients first.
- **Store your food to last.** Learn which fruits and vegetables stay fresh longer inside or outside the fridge. Scan the code at right, or visit [Stopfoodwaste.org/resources](https://stopfoodwaste.org/resources) for a printable storage guide. Post the guide on your fridge for quick reference.
- **Rescue your leftovers.** Place an "Eat This First" sign inside your fridge and/or pantry to designate an area for foods that need to be eaten soon.

The 10-Minute Fridge Reality Check
Is food going to waste in your fridge?



Our 10-minute fridge check will help you see how much food is going uneaten and give you tips to reduce wasted food at home!

GET MORE HELPFUL FOOD-SAVING TIPS AND TOOLS

Scan the QR code, or visit StopFoodWaste.org/resources for a link to the Fridge Reality Check page, a Fruit and Veggie Storage Guide, a printable "Eat This First" sign, and more!

Items are available in multiple languages.



NOVEMBER

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 Daylight Savings Time Ends <i>Fall back - set your clocks back an hour.</i>	2	3 Election Day <i>Exercise your right to vote.</i>	4	5	6	7
8 Tongue Twister Day <i>She sells seashells...</i>	9	10	11 Veteran's Day <i>Thank a veteran for their service.</i>	12	13 World Kindness Day <i>Spread happiness, joy and peace through kindness.</i>	14
15 America Recycles Day <i>Together we can make a difference!</i>	16	17 Take a Hike Day <i>Get outside! Remember to leave no trace.</i>	18	19 Use Less Stuff Day <i>Buy and use fewer things to reduce waste!</i>	20	21
22	23 Fibonacci Day <i>Learn about the elegance of math and the Golden Ratio.</i>	24	25	26 Thanksgiving <i>Prevent food waste!</i>	27 Buy Nothing Day <i>Reduce waste and appreciate what you have!</i>	28
29	30	Native American Heritage Month				

HELP END HUNGER IN YOUR COMMUNITY - *There are many ways to support essential local food organizations that help nourish our communities throughout the year.*

slcfp.org
The San Leandro
Community Food Bank

accfb.org
The Alameda County
Community Food Bank.

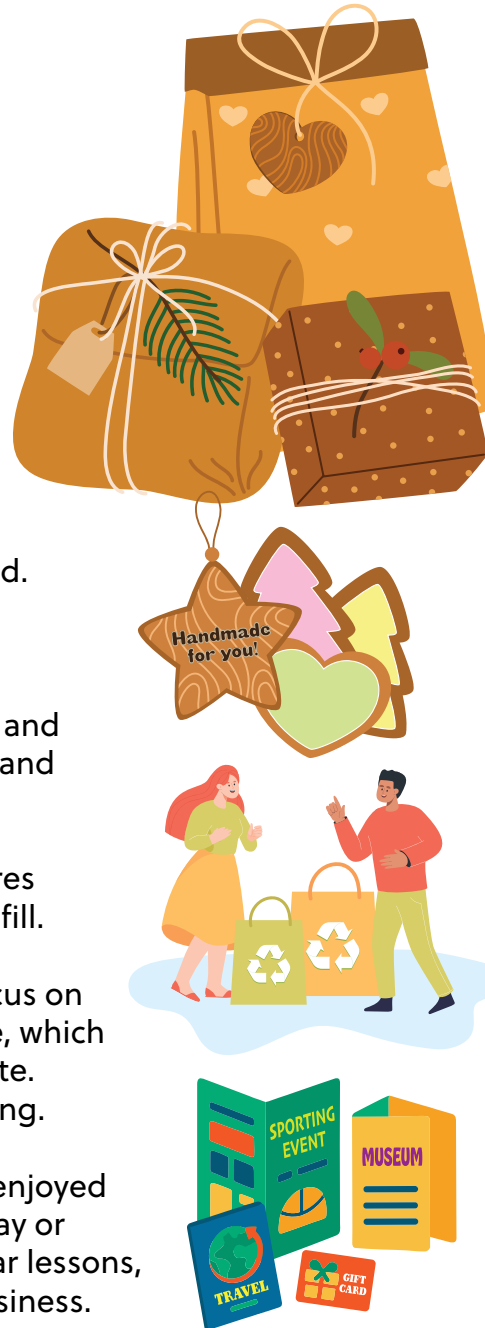
sanleandro.org/1100/Food-Programs
A website with links to additional
San Leandro food distribution locations.



Sustainable Gift-Giving

REDUCE YOUR ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT WITH ECO-FRIENDLY CHOICES.

- **Create DIY crafts.** Make home-cooked meals, baked goods, and homemade treats. Add special touches like homemade ornaments, artwork, a photo, or a book you enjoyed.
- **Do a gift swap.** Regift items you do not use or need. Set rules and price limits, and get a group of friends or neighbors together for a regift swap!
- **Donate to charity.** There are countless nonprofits and charities that do great work. Find one that resonates and make a gift in their honor!
- **Try second-hand.** Shopping at resale or thrift stores not only saves money, but keeps stuff out of the landfill.
- **Shop at local stores.** Support businesses that focus on sustainable, lasting goods. Try to avoid buying online, which creates additional packaging and transportation waste. **DON'T FORGET to bring your own bag** when shopping.
- **Gift an experience.** Give something that can be enjoyed in the future, like tickets to a game, comedy show, play or concert, a fun day trip, a museum membership, guitar lessons, or even a gift card to a favorite local restaurant or business.



Choose a "green" holiday tree!



Get a real tree. Find a local tree farm near you. Real trees are more environmentally friendly than fake ones.

Rent or adopt a tree that is delivered alive and then re-planted once you are finished. Search the internet for local sources.

Decorate a plant or tree you already have, or purchase a potted tree that you can use year after year or plant after the holidays.

Get creative! Make a tree out of books, a photo collage, or wooden frames, the possibilities are endless.

Make sure your clean green tree is composted. ACI will pick up your tree during the month of January and it will be composted.

Visit resource.stopwaste.org/fact-sheet/sustainable-gift-holiday-guide for more eco-friendly gift ideas and resources.

DECEMBER

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1 Eat a Red Apple Day <i>An apple a day...</i>	2	3	4 Chanukah/Hanukkah (first day)	5
6	7 Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day <i>Honor service members and civilians.</i>	8	9	10 Dewey Decimal Day <i>The original Google! Visit a library and learn more!</i>	11	12 Chanukah/Hanukkah (last day)
13	14	15	16	17 Wright Brothers Day <i>Learn more about aviation!</i>	18 Ugly Sweater Day <i>Bedazzle an old or thrifty sweater wear it proudly!</i>	19
20	21 Winter Solstice <i>Shortest day/longest night of the year.</i>	22	23 Festivus <i>For the rest of us!</i>	24 Christmas Eve	25 Christmas Day	26 Kwanzaa (first day)
27	28	29	30	31 New Year's Eve		



Fun idea! Send a gift that plants trees!

Send a Tree-Card™ to give a living gift that restores forests, draws down carbon, and heals the Earth. Gift trees today! Scan the QR code, or visit: onetreepanted.org/products/gift-trees



BYO - An Easy Way To Be Trash-Free!

DID YOU KNOW? California law, AB 619, states that your clean container cannot be refused for use.

Boba Without The Waste



Effect on Cities:

Improper disposal can clog storm drains, litter streets and harm wildlife



Reusable



Options

PET/PP Straw

PET/PP Lid

PET/PP Cup

Effect on Wildlife:

Animals can ingest or become entangled in plastic waste.



Effect on the Environment:

Plastic breaks down into little pieces (microplastics) that pollute our water and air

CONTAMINATION CREW MEMBER GROMIT THE DOG INVITES YOU TO:

BYO BAG WHEN SHOPPING.

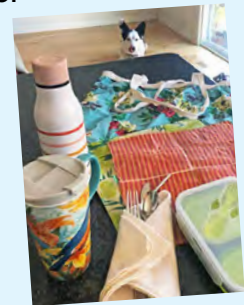
- Support and leave positive reviews for businesses that encourage BYO.



- **TAKE ON "BAG DUTY."** Make sure reusable bags are put back in the car, trunk, or backseat when unloading is done.

BYO WASTE-FREE LUNCH KIT.

- Make sure your lunch kit includes a reusable lunch box or bag, reusable snack and juice pouches, wax food wraps, a cloth napkin, and reusable utensils.



- Don't forget to wash your kit in between uses!

To watch Gromit and the contamination crew in fun videos, scan the code, or visit SanLeandroSorts.com



Bring your own reusable cup and help reduce plastic waste. It's simple, safe & keeps San Leandro Trash-Free! Many boba shops will fill your reusable cup, just ask. Small choice, big impact!



JANUARY

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Mentoring Month					1 New Year's Day Kwanzaa (last day)	2
3	4 Trivia Day <i>Share tidbits and encourage learning.</i> World Braille Day	5	6	7	8 Law Enforcement Appreciation Day <i>Say thank you!</i>	9
10	11 Learn Your Name in Morse Code Day - Scan for a translator. 	12	13	14	15 Hat Day <i>Celebrate culture, individuality, and creativity!</i>	16
17	18 Martin Luther King Jr. Day - <i>Celebrate hope and dreams for a better future.</i>	19 Tin Can Day <i>Make sure to recycle your tin cans!</i>	20	21 Squirrel Appreciation Day <i>A group of squirrels is called a scurry.</i>	22	23
24 Compliment Day <i>Compliments are easy to give and make people happy!</i>	25	26	27 Chocolate Cake Day <i>The word chocolate comes from the Aztec word xocotal.</i>	28 Lego Day <i>Play well!</i>	29 Puzzle Day <i>Exercise your mind!</i>	30
31	 BYO REFILLABLE CUP, MUG, OR BOTTLE, FOR ALL TO-GO DRINKS. - Make sure your container is clean and remove the lid. - Inform the staff that you have your own container when ordering. - Know what size drink you want, smile, and say "thank you"!					 BAY AREA RECYCLING OUTREACH COALITION BayAreaRecycling.org/reuse-to-go

SAVE OUR SEAS



Stop Plastic Pollution

PLEDGE TO DO THE FOLLOWING TO STOP PLASTIC POLLUTION:

REFUSE single-use plastic whenever and wherever possible. Choose items that are not packaged in plastic, and carry your own reusable bags, containers, and utensils. Say 'No plastic straw, please.'

REUSE durable, non-toxic straws, utensils, to-go containers, bottles, bags, and other everyday items. Choose glass, paper, stainless steel, wood, ceramic, and bamboo over plastic.

REDUCE your plastic footprint. Cut down on your consumption of goods that contain excessive plastic packaging and parts. If it will leave behind plastic trash, don't buy it.

RETHINK what you can't refuse, reduce, or reuse. Pay attention to the entire life cycle of items you bring into your life, from source to manufacturing to distribution to disposal.

FEBRUARY

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Black History Month	1	2 Groundhog Day <i>Did Punxsutawney Phil see his shadow?</i>	3	4 Rosa Parks Day <i>Celebrate courage.</i>	5	6 Lunar New Year
7	8 Ramadan begins	9 Pizza Day <i>Celebrate America's favorite food.</i>	10	11 Inventor's Day <i>AKA Thomas Alva Edison's birthday.</i>	12	13 Radio Day <i>Celebrate this vital communication method.</i>
14 Valentine's Day <i>Celebrate love, affection, and friendship.</i>	15 Presidents' Day <i>Honoring George Washington and Abraham Lincoln.</i>	16	17 Random Act of Kindness Day <i>Spread happiness and health!</i>	18	19	20
21	22	23	24 Tortilla Chip Day <i>Enjoy with your favorite dip!</i>	25	26	27

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Easy Ways to Be Sustainable - Valentine's Day Edition

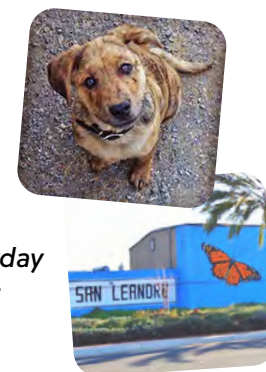
SUSTAINABLE GIFT IDEAS:

- Opt for a live plant. Cut-flower bouquets wilt, die, and end up in the green bin.
- Create an activity box. Place a variety of fun date/activity ideas in a container to draw from throughout the year.



GIVE LOVE TO YOUR COMMUNITY:

- Volunteer your time at a local animal shelter or donate needed supplies.
- Take part in a San Leandro Butterfly Garden Work Day. Occurs the first Saturday of every month from 10 am to 12 pm. Meet at the Monarch Butterfly Migration Mural in downtown San Leandro.



The Composting Process



Join the Kitchen Pail Club!

Use the pail to collect food scraps in your kitchen.



When full, empty the pail into your green organics cart or bin. Line your food scraps pail with newspaper or a paper bag before filling it with food scraps. Paper absorbs moisture and odor, plus it's compostable! When empty, wash the pail with warm soapy water in the sink.

Need a pail?

Have your parents contact ACI to get one for free!

Compost right!

Keep the green clean! Only food scraps and food-soiled paper belong. No metal, no plastic, no glass. Please remove fruit and vegetable labels and do not use plastic bags.

MARCH

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Women's History Month Irish American Heritage Month	1	2 Read Across America Day <i>Make a reading pledge!</i>	3	4 Grammar Day <i>Speak well and write well!</i>	5 Employee Appreciation Day <i>Reward workers efforts.</i>	6
7	8 International Women's Day Ramadan Ends	9 Barbie Day <i>Since 1959.</i>	10	11 Popcorn Lover's Day <i>Sweet or savory, enjoy this popular snack.</i>	12	13
14 Daylight Savings Time Starts - <i>set your clocks forward an hour.</i> Pi Day - 3.14159...	15	16	17 St. Patrick's Day <i>Celebrating being green!</i>	18	19 Let's Laugh Day <i>Laughter is the best medicine!</i>	20 First Day of Spring
21 Palm Sunday Poetry Day <i>Engage in poetic activities.</i>	22 Holi <i>Celebrate spring and the triumph of good over evil.</i>	23 Puppy Day <i>Celebrate a furry best friend!</i>	24	25	26 Good Friday	27
28 Easter	29	30 Take a Walk in the Park Day <i>Get outside and enjoy!</i>	31			

Did You Know?

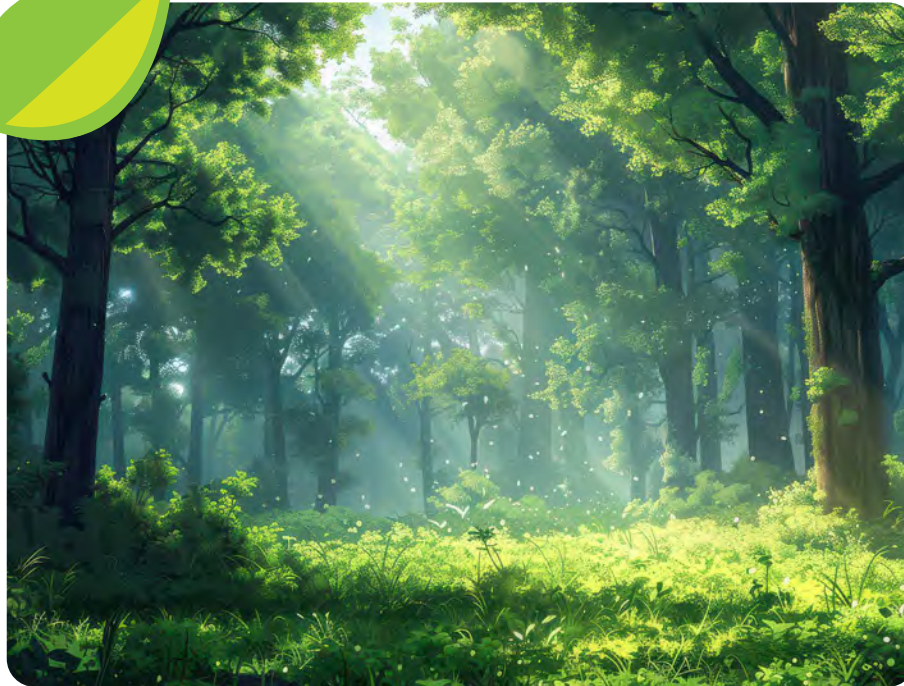
San Leandro has a seed lending library at the Main Library.

- Browse through the seed packets and find something to grow.
- Pay it forward by harvesting and sharing seeds from plants you grow.
- For more information, scan the code or visit SanLeandro.org/469/Library-of-Things



Make Every Day Earth Day

Earth Day was first held in 1970 and is celebrated on 22nd of April every year. It is a day when people celebrate our planet and talk about ways to protect the environment and tackle climate change.



Celebrate Earth Day this year in your community, at home, at work and at school.
Visit EarthDay.org for toolkits, fact sheets, articles, and more.
Visit SanLeandroRecycles.com/events/earthday for online resources, videos, and more!

ACTIVITIES YOU CAN DO THIS EARTH DAY (AND EVERY DAY!)

- Go on a hike - remember to "leave no trace" and respect our natural spaces.
- Plant a tree - a gift for many generations.
- Ditch the lawn - grow a garden instead!
- Go Plogging - a fitness trend that combines jogging with picking up litter.
- Check out Beautify San Leandro for upcoming events (see below).



See a Fish? Ring the Fish Doorbell!



In the heart of Utrecht, The Netherlands, is the Weerdsluis, a manually operated lock. When the lock gates are closed, fish are forced to wait, wasting valuable time and energy. To help the fish, a live-stream camera is at the lock. If fish appear on screen, you can press the doorbell! This alerts the lock keeper, who will open the lock when many fish are waiting. You can "ring" the Fish Doorbell from early March to late May.

Access the camera
by scanning the
code or visiting
visdeurbel.nl/en



APRIL

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Mathematics and Statistics Awareness Month	Poetry Month			1 April Fools Day <i>Harmless silliness and practical joking.</i>	2	3
4 School Librarian Day <i>Celebrate positive learning and access to information.</i>	5	6 Student-Athlete Day <i>Appreciate the positive impact of sports.</i>	7	8	9	10 Siblings Day <i>Honor your brothers and sisters.</i>
11	12	13 National Library Workers' Day <i>Recognize library staff for their contributions.</i>	14	15	16	17 Haiku Poetry Day <i>Celebrate by writing your own haiku. 3 lines, 5-7-5 syllables.</i>
18	19	20	21 Passover eve	22 Earth Day <i>Make every day Earth Day!</i>	23 World Book Day <i>Love books and promote reading!</i>	24
25	26	27	28 Superhero Day <i>Honor both fictional and real-life heroes.</i>	29 Passover ends	30 Honesty Day <i>Be truthful in all you do.</i>	

Join Beautify San Leandro!

The Beautify San Leandro Program is dedicated to enhancing the beauty and cleanliness of our city. This program provides a unified platform for coordinating beautification efforts within San Leandro, fostering a sense of pride among our residents and workforce. Learn out more by scanning the code or visiting SanLeandro.org/1306/Beautify-San-Leandro



Beautify
San Leandro

The Planet Protectors Club

As a Planet Protector, your mission is to improve the world around you by making less trash.

Planet Protectors also help other people learn to reduce, reuse, and recycle.



Students, the more you learn about reducing wastes and saving resources, the better you become at carrying out the Planet Protector goals. To carry out this mission, check out the fun activities by visiting epa.gov/students/planet-protectors-activities-kids



ATTENTION TEACHERS:
Scan the code
and start a Planet
Protector's Club in
your classroom!

Your mission, if you choose to accept it, is to teach children in grades K-6 how to reduce, reuse, and recycle waste and create the next generation of Planet Protectors!

Join in the fun that clubs all across the country are having. Learn more on the resource page for teachers by scanning the code or visiting www.epa.gov/students/resources-teachers-starting-planet-protectors-club

Spanish language versions of these activities are also available.

MAY

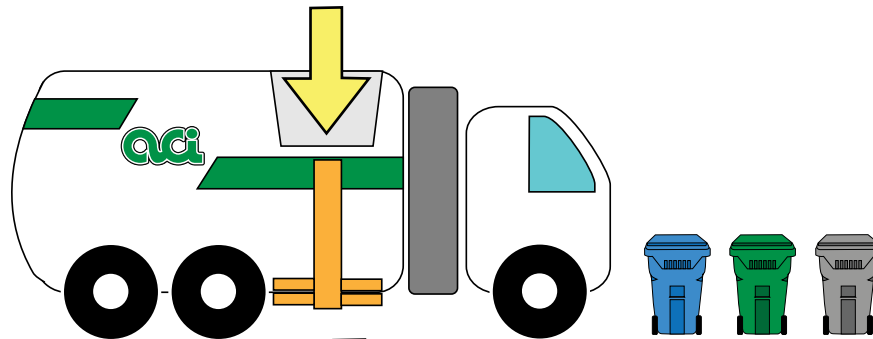
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Asian Pacific American Heritage Month	Mental Health Awareness Month	Haitian Heritage Month	Jewish American Heritage Month	South Asian Heritage Month		1 School Principal's Day <i>Say "Thank You"!</i> International Worker's Day
2	3 Teacher Appreciation Week <i>Appreciate teachers everyday!</i>	4 Teacher Appreciation Day Star Wars Day	5 Cinco De Mayo	6 Nurses Day <i>Raise awareness of the vital role nurses play in our lives.</i>	7	8
9 Mother's Day <i>Celebrate the mothers in your life.</i>	10	11	12 Limerick Day <i>5 lines of fun.</i>	13	14 Dance Like a Chicken Day <i>Embrace the silliness and fun of dancing like a chicken.</i>	15
16	17	18	19	20 World Bee Day <i>Protect bees and other pollinators.</i>	21 Talk Like Yoda Day <i>"Do or do not, there is no try"</i>	22 Harvey Milk Day <i>Dream for a better tomorrow and a world without hate.</i>
23	24	25	26 Paper Airplane Day <i>Share the fun of this simple aeronautical toy.</i>	27	28	29 Learn About Composting Day <i>Get into the mix with black gold!</i>
30	31 Memorial Day <i>Honor our service men and women that have passed.</i>	 HOMework RESOURCES ABOUT ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES Access fun games, puzzles, stories, and other activities by scanning the code or visiting epa.gov/students/homework-resources-about-environmental-issues. Items can be translated into other languages.				

ACI uses Different Types of Trucks for Collection

Which one of these trucks collects your garbage, recyclables, and organics?

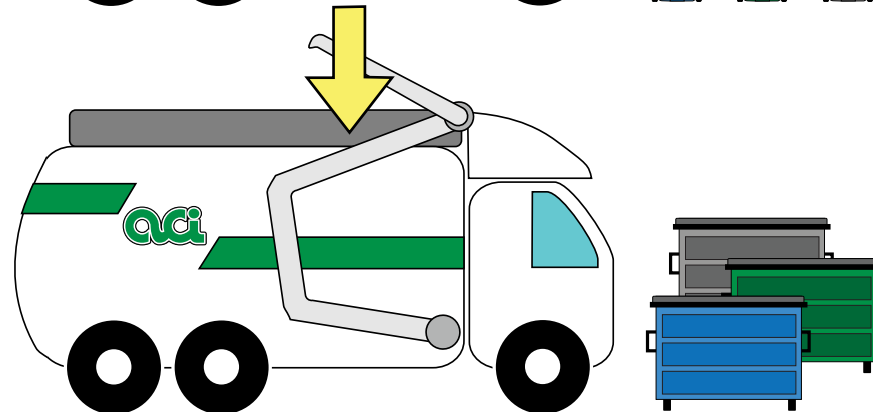
AUTOMATED SIDE

LOADER (ASL): Used to empty carts. Has a hydraulic arm that "automates" the collection process and "loads" (empties) carts into a "side" hopper.



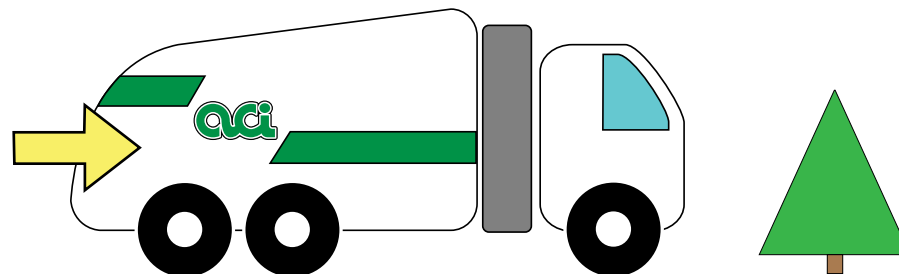
FRONT END LOADER (FEL):

Used to empty bins. Has hydraulic forks that slide into the pockets of bins and lifts the bin over the "front end" of the truck to "load" (empty) bins into a hopper in the top of the truck.



REAR END LOADER (REL):

Used to collect a variety of items. (ACI uses them to collect holiday trees.) Has a hydraulic blade that compacts materials that are "loaded" by hand into the "rear end" hopper of the truck.



Some Fast Facts About Alameda County Industries (ACI)



- ACI provides recycling, compost, and garbage collection services to over 80,000 residential and commercial customers in the cities of San Leandro, Alameda, Castro Valley (CVSAN), and San Ramon. ***That's over 12 million collection service-related interactions a year!***
- ACI employs approximately 300 employees and has been in business since 1999.
- ACI's fleet of collection vehicles is powered by Compressed Natural Gas (CNG) resulting in reduced emissions and quieter service.

JUNE

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Pride Month Caribbean American Heritage Month		1 Oscar the Grouch's Birthday Pen Pal Day <i>Pick up a pen and connect.</i>	2	3	4 National Donut Day <i>Celebrate the "Donut Lassies".</i>	5 World Environment Day <i>Protect our Earth.</i>
6	7	8 World Oceans Day <i>Healthy oceans= healthy climate.</i> Best Friends Day	9	10	11 Corn on the Cob Day <i>Grill it, boil it, or bake it - enjoy!</i>	12
13 Children's Day	14 Flag Day	15	16	17 Garbage Man/Person Day <i>Recycle and compost right!</i>	18	19 Juneteenth <i>Commemorate the end of slavery.</i>
20 Father's Day <i>Celebrate the fathers in your life.</i>	21 Summer Solstice	22 World Rainforest Day <i>Protect these vital ecosystems.</i>	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30 Meteor Watch Day <i>Look to the stars and make a wish!</i>			

THE BENEFITS OF USING COMPRESSED NATURAL GAS (CNG) AS FUEL:

- Reduced carbon footprint/emissions.
- Reduced noise.
- Reduced fuel cost.



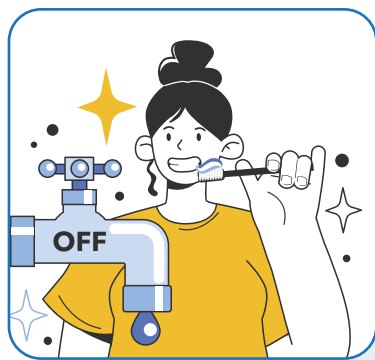
Be Water Wise

Here are 3 easy ways to save water at home.



1.

Take shorter showers.
Turn the water off
when using soap.



2.

Shut off the water
when brushing
your teeth.



3.

Wait until you have
a full load of laundry
to run your machine.

Did you know?

It takes
3-gallons
of water to
produce
1-gallon of
bottled water.
Pledge to
reduce waste
and save water
by using a
reusable
water bottle!

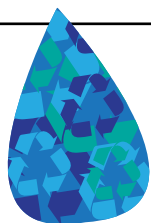


There are many fun
styles and colors to
choose from. Use
paint, markers,
or stickers to
personalize
your reusable
water bottle.
(Ask your
teacher for an
ACI sticker to
get started!)



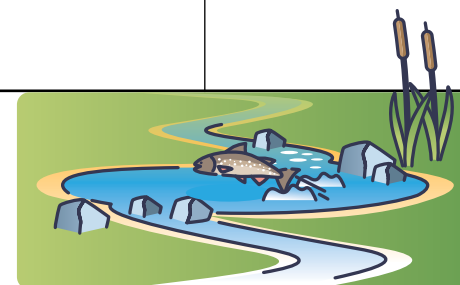
JULY

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Plastic Free Month				1 Postal Worker Day <i>Neither snow nor rain nor heat nor gloom of night...</i>	2	3 International Plastic Bag Free Day <i>Reduce plastic consumption.</i>
4 Independence Day <i>Celebrate the birth of American indepen- dence.</i>	5	6	7	8	9 French Fry Day <i>AKA chips, fries, finger chips, or French-fried potatoes.</i>	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18 Ice Cream Day <i>I scream, your scream, we all scream for ice cream!</i>	19	20 Moon Day <i>One small step for man, one giant leap for mankind.</i>	21	22	23	24
25 Parent's Day <i>Honor the parents in your life.</i>	26	27	28	29	30	31



Recycling Conserves Water

- Recycling one ton of paper saves over **11,000 gallons** of water.
- Recycling one ton of glass uses **50% less** water than making glass from raw materials.
- Recycling aluminum uses **95% less** water than making new metal from ore.
- Recycling PET Plastic **saves 76%** of the water needed for new plastic production.



Additional Resources:

SanLeandroRecycles.com/teachers

SanLeandroSorts.com

StopWaste.org/resources-for/schools

BayAreaRecycling.org

CalRecycle.ca.gov/Education/Curriculum

epa.gov/students



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