StopWaste helps Alameda County’s businesses, residents, and schools waste less, recycle more, and use water, energy, and other resources efficiently. We’re a public agency governed by the Alameda County Waste Management Authority, the Alameda County Source Reduction and Recycling Board, and the Energy Council.

Our work helps people make better decisions everyday about the products they buy, the resources they use, and the stuff they throw away. The less we waste, the better off we all are.

Online
StopWaste.org  Comprehensive recycling and waste prevention information
StopFoodWaste.org  Tips and resources to reduce wasted food
RecyclingRulesAC.org  Information for businesses and multiFamily properties about the Mandatory Recycling Ordinance and Plant Debris Landfill Ban
ReusableBagsAC.org  Information for retailers and shoppers about the Reusable Bag Ordinance
LawnToGarden.org  Resources to help residents with garden and lawn conversions

Phone
(510) 891-6550  Help line for general recycling and waste prevention, and household hazardous waste fee questions
(510) 891-6575  Help line for Mandatory Recycling Ordinance, Reusable Bag Ordinance, and Plant Debris Landfill Ban
(510) 891-6500  StopWaste office and general information

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Help students address environmental issues and put the 4Rs — Reduce, Reuse, Recycle, Rot/Compost — into practice through student action projects.

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Develop and run energy upgrade programs that help make multifamily buildings more comfortable and efficient.

At Home, we:

Reduce wasted food by helping residents plan, store, eat, and compost food efficiently.

Provide free drop-off of household hazardous waste to keep paint, pesticides, batteries, motor oil, and other toxics out of the landfill.

Help keep plastics out of our creeks and the Bay through implementation of the reusable bag law.

At Work, we:

Help businesses and property managers comply with ordinances for mandatory recycling and composting.

Support local businesses in the adoption of more sustainable packaging and use of the How2Recycle label, which encourages proper recycling.

Assist food generators such as restaurants and grocery stores in donating food that would otherwise end up in the landfill.

At School & in the Community, we:

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