



Since 1976, we've been helping Alameda County residents, businesses, schools, and governments increase recycling, reduce waste, and conserve resources.

With local partners, we helped launch the green building and sustainable landscaping movements in California and organized one of the first and largest food scrap collection programs in the country.

StopWaste works on behalf of  
**17 member agencies**   
in Alameda County, serving  
**1.7 MILLION CITIZENS,**   
an increase of over **25%**  
since 1990.

Despite the increase in population, we've helped cut the amount of materials sent



to the landfill nearly in half  
over this same time period.

Read on!



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.

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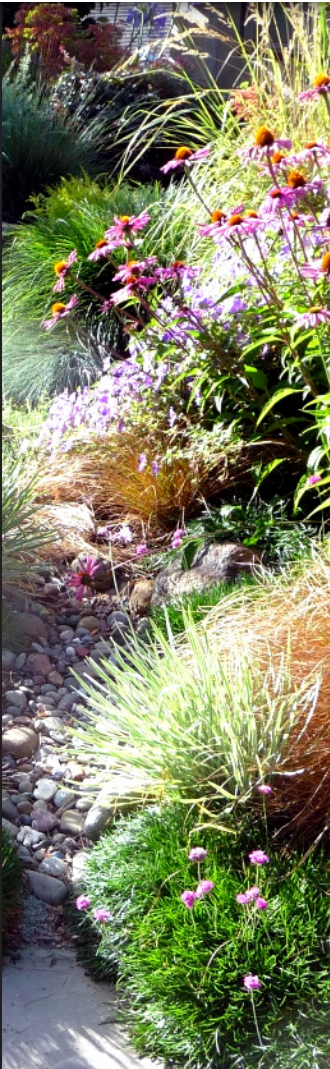
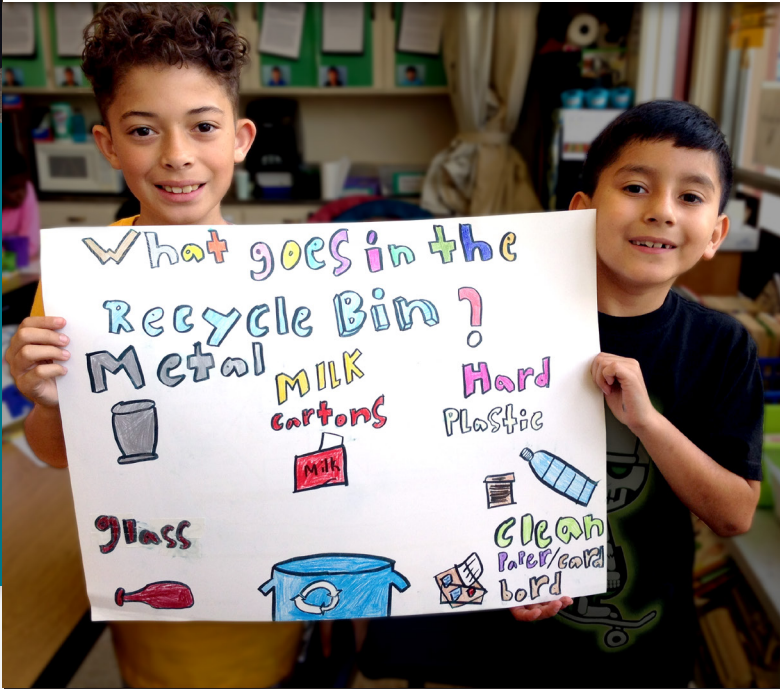
- StopWaste.org . . . . . Comprehensive recycling and waste prevention information
- StopFoodWaste.org . . . . . Tips and resources to reduce wasted food
- RecyclingRulesAC.org . . . . . Information for businesses and multifamily properties about the Mandatory Recycling Ordinance and Plant Debris Landfill 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) 891-6575 . . . . . Help line for Mandatory Recycling Ordinance, Reusable Bag Ordinance, and Plant Debris Landfill Ban
- (510) 891-6550 . . . . . Help line for general recycling and waste prevention, and household hazardous waste fee questions
- (510) 891-6500 . . . . . StopWaste office and general information

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**STOPWASTE**  
at home • at work • at school



**A public agency reducing waste  
in Alameda County since 1976**





# STOPWASTE AT A GLANCE

## 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:

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

**Provide grants and support to local organizations** for innovative reuse and wasted food reduction projects.

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



Our programs have helped residents, schools, and businesses convert **660,000 SQUARE FEET** of thirsty lawn into drought-friendly landscaping.



Our household hazardous waste collection programs keep **3 million pounds** of nasty stuff out of the landfill and Bay every year.



Since 2013, our reusable bag ordinance has resulted in **80% of shoppers** bringing their own bag to the store.



**7.7 Million Pounds** of nutritious food was recovered from grocers and food service by food pantries and community groups to feed people in need.



Our mandatory recycling and composting ordinance will keep **HUNDREDS OF THOUSANDS OF TONS** of “good stuff” out of our Alameda County landfills every year.



We’ve helped over of municipal properties reach the standards for Bay-Friendly Rated Landscaping, which is saving about **40 million gallons** of water annually.



**Over 40,000 students**

have reduced waste and increased recycling in their schools and communities.



Our programs have helped over **26,000 multifamily homes** save on their energy bills.



We’ve awarded **\$8 million in grants** to local nonprofits.