

## 2023 StopWaste Environmental Leadership Awards

This annual awards program honors Alameda County entities for their leadership and innovations in advancing environmental sustainability, waste prevention, and contributions to building healthy, climate resilient communities in Alameda County. Since the inception of the awards program in 2000, well over 100 Alameda County businesses and institutions have been recognized.



**Fertile GroundWorks, Livermore**  
**Excellence in Community Engagement**

Fertile GroundWorks is a nonprofit urban farm in Livermore, addressing food insecurity by growing and donating over 24,000 pounds of fresh fruit and vegetables annually to community kitchens and food pantries. They prioritize education, teaching sustainable farming practices to volunteers, and supporting 20 school gardens. They also host a Compost Hub with the City of Livermore, providing free compost to home gardeners.



**Good Eggs, Common Vision, Oakland**  
**Excellence in Food Donation Partnerships**

Good Eggs and Common Vision have established a successful partnership in West Oakland for surplus food recovery and distribution. Their approach is characterized by transparency, trust, and shared values. They utilize school gardens as food hubs to ensure equitable and efficient distribution of Good Eggs' surplus fresh food to West Oakland families. They are documenting their partnership to serve as a model for cooperative food recovery and provide guidance for others to follow.



**Bay Cities Produce, San Leandro**  
**Excellence in Food Waste Prevention and Equity**

Bay Cities Produce in San Leandro is a family-owned company distributing fresh, frozen, and prepared fruits and vegetables. They prioritize sustainability, implementing energy efficiency measures and following a zero-waste model. Their surplus food goes to feed people through food recovery partners, while produce trimmings are used for animal feed or compost. They source fruits and vegetables from family-owned BIPOC farms, helping pool produce to reduce transportation costs.



**Barnett Plumbing & Water Heaters, Livermore**  
**Excellence in Advancing Electrification**

Barnett Plumbing and Water Heaters in Livermore offers innovative solutions for homeowners to choose all-electric heat pump water heaters (HPWH) instead of gas replacements. They provide loaner water heaters to bridge the gap during installation and include government incentives in cost estimates. In 2022, they installed 177 HPWHs, helping Bay Area homeowners receive \$170,000 in incentive payments.



**Climate Literacy and Environmental Education Network, Fremont**  
**Excellence in Sustainability at School**

In 2021, Fremont Unified School District passed a resolution driven by middle and high school students to prioritize climate change education and create the Climate Literacy and Environmental Education Network (CLEEN). CLEEN has developed a district-wide climate literacy plan, launched environmental programs like school gardens, and provided support and funding for student-led initiatives such as electric buses and renewable energy. The goal is to empower students and the community to take climate action.