

2022 StopWaste Efficiency Award Winners

This awards program honors Alameda County businesses and institutions whose leadership and continuous efforts to improve environmental performance and business efficiency have achieved outstanding results. Since the inception of the awards program in 2000, well over 100 Alameda County businesses and institutions have been recognized.



[Altamont Creek Elementary School, Livermore](#)

Leadership in Sustainability at School

Using sustainability as a lens, Altamont Creek’s education framework engages students in multi-disciplinary projects, teaching hands-on problem solving and leadership skills, and expands the classroom to the school landscape, garden, kitchen and building itself. The first in their school district, Altamont Creek set up a food share table and surplus edible food donation program, rescuing the equivalent of 2,025 meals during the 2019-20 school year.



[ZEISS Innovation Center California, Dublin](#)

Leadership in Sustainability at Work

Zeiss is an international manufacturer of high-end optical equipment with ambitious company-wide goals to minimize environmental impact. At their Dublin facility, efficiency features include a solar roof, motion-activated lights, state of the art temperature and air flow management, irrigation using recycled water and automatic leak detection, and more. Beyond the building, Zeiss actively protects and maintains wetland and bioretention areas on their property.



[Daily Bowl and Daylight Foods, Union City](#)

Excellence in Food Recovery Collaboration

Daily Bowl, a non-profit food recovery service, and Daylight Foods, a fresh food distributor, have collaborated on surplus edible food recovery for nearly three years. Daily Bowl collects Daylight Foods’ surplus perishables on a regular basis and distributes them to agencies and nonprofits who share the rescued food with local families in need. In 2021, the exemplary collaboration rescued 124,158 pounds of produce, dairy, prepared foods, and other perishables.



[Local Ecology and Agriculture Fremont \(LEAF\), Fremont](#)

Excellence in Community Engagement

LEAF manages both a community garden and an urban farm garden where residents learn about composting and organic agriculture, attend workshops on beekeeping, plastic waste reduction and other hands-on topics, and contribute to growing produce and seedlings for donation. Over the last year, LEAF donated 6,047 pounds of produce to Tri-Valley Volunteers food pantry, and 651 seedlings to local nonprofits.



[Just Fare, Emeryville & Oakland](#)

Excellence in Food Waste Prevention

Just Fare is a mission-driven food service operator and consulting firm, where the goals of minimizing environmental impact and doing the most possible social good permeate all aspects of operation and are shared by all team members. A long-term participant in StopWaste’s Smart Kitchen Initiative, Just Fare has reduced overproduced surplus food by 96% while donating over 10,000 pounds of surplus edible food to feed people.