

SUSTAINABILITY RESOURCES

FOR SMALL BUSINESSES

Switching to more sustainable business practices with these local programs can help you avoid waste, save money, and contribute to a healthy environment. Taking these actions can also help you be better prepared for potential climate emergencies.



Opt up for Cleaner Energy

East Bay Community Energy (EBCE), our local electricity provider in Alameda County, offers three levels of cleaner and more sustainable energy, including a 100% carbon-free option! They also offer rebates and incentives to save energy.

ebce.org/opt-up



Reduce Food Waste

Did you know 40% of food is wasted in the US? This means all energy and water used to grow, process and transport it is also wasted, making food waste a top contributor to climate change. Check out these tips, tricks & tools on saving food!

savethefood.com



Invest in Energy Savings

Implementing energy efficiency projects is a great way to make your business safer, healthier and more sustainable. GoGreen Financing provides flexible financing for projects, which help save money over time. When it's time to replace appliances, buy Energy Star products to earn rebates and save.

gogreenfinancing.com
energystar.gov/products



Small Steps, Big Difference

Small steps in reducing energy use can lead to big savings on your bills and for the environment. Actions like turning off your lights or unplugging unused devices are great ways to make an impact. Learn about various efficiency programs available and their benefits.

sba.gov/content/state-and-local-energy-efficiency-programs



Clean the Green & Healthy Way

Selecting effective cleaners that are healthier for you and the environment is easier than you think! For everyday cleaning needs, look for products with trusted ecolabels. For sanitizers or disinfectants, look for products with hydrogen-peroxide as its active ingredient.

responsiblepurchasing.org/purchasing_guides/cleaners/index.php

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Local Action, Global Impact.

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Being prepared for an emergency or natural disaster is key to a business's ability to continue or resume operations. Don't be caught off guard – plan ahead with these new tools!



Stay Informed

Sign up for Alameda County's emergency alert system, AC Alert, under the 'Alerts for Community Partners' subscription, to receive important notifications to share with your clients. You can also sign up for alerts from PG&E to be notified of public safety power shutoffs.

acgov.org/emergencysite/documents/AC-Alert-FAQ-Flier.pdf

prepareforpowerdown.com/



Know the Risks

Identify what environmental hazards, such as floods or fires, may affect your business by entering your address into this interactive mapping tool.

<https://lhmp.acgov.org/mapsinfo.html>



Make a Plan

Roughly two-thirds of small businesses don't have a disaster recovery plan, making it difficult to resume operations after a shock. This toolkit will help you create a plan so that you can quickly recover after a disaster.

https://disastersafety.org/wp-content/uploads/OFB-EZ_Toolkit_IBHS.pdf



Always Have Reliable Power

Consider investing in a backup power source to ensure uninterrupted service during a power shutoff. Batteries can store electricity and keep critical appliances running, while diesel generators can pose various health and safety hazards.

arb.ca.gov/our-work/programs/public-safety-power-shutoff-psps-events/emergency-backup-power-options

Go to storagealliance.org/resources and click 'Energy Storage for Resiliency'



Prepare an Emergency Kit

Learn what needs to be included in an emergency kit, and get tips on how to stay safe during an emergency.

<http://www.acgov.org/ready/kit.htm>

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