

## 30 Cool Ideas for Being Resourceful and Green

This year we can all use some additional insights into saving money and conserving resources. Here is a list of 30 ideas that came from a G & L Realtor brainstorming session one morning. We hope you'll continue to support our local merchants and keep Alameda strong.

### WATER CONSERVATION

#### Backyard Wells

<http://www.eastbaypump.com>

#### EBMUD Drought Central

<http://www.ebmud.com/drought/default.html>

#### Drought-resistant Landscaping

[http://www.eartheasy.com/grow\\_xeriscape.htm](http://www.eartheasy.com/grow_xeriscape.htm)

#### Thomsen's Garden Center

1113 Lincoln Avenue • Alameda • 510-522-3265

#### Encinal Nursery

2057 Encinal Avenue • Alameda • 510-522-8616

#### Harvesting Rainwater

<http://www.greywaterguerrillas.com>

#### Low-flow Toilets & Showers

#### Encinal Hardware

2801 Encinal Avenue • Alameda • 510-523-4821

#### Pagano's Hardware

<http://www.paganoshardware.com/>

#### Drink More Wine

Alameda Wine Company

<http://www.alamedawineco.com/>

#### Rosenblum Cellars

Free Wine Tasting every day 11am-6pm

<https://www.rosenblumcellars.com/>

### RECYCLE/DISPOSE

Alameda County - <http://www.StopWaste.Org>

City of Alameda - <http://www.planetalameda.com/>

#### Books

Friends of the Alameda Library

1550 Oak Street • Alameda • 510-747-7777

#### Latex Paint

Mark's Paint (in the parking lot)

2317 Blanding Avenue • Alameda • 510-522-0717

### BUILDING/REMODELING GREEN

<http://www.StopWaste.Org>

#### Compound Chic

[http://brandnoise.typepad.com/brand\\_noise/2008/07/sign-of-the-tim.html](http://brandnoise.typepad.com/brand_noise/2008/07/sign-of-the-tim.html)

Drop down attic stairs/bookcase stairs-Jan/Feb 2009 issue

<http://www.alamedamagazine.com>

#### Eliminate a Garage & Add a Room

<http://www.sayeducate.com/2008/07/09/turn-your-garage-into-valuable-living-spac/>

#### High-end Salvage

<http://www.ecologycenter.org>

### DEAL WITH YOUR STUFF

#### Give and Get Free Stuff

<http://www.freecycle.org>

#### Organize a Neighborhood Yard Sale

#### Sell

<http://sfbay.craigslist.org/>

<http://www.ebay.com/>

#### Stop Junk Mail

<http://www.stopjunkmail.org/>

#### Add Storage

[www.shedshop.com](http://www.shedshop.com)

[www.PODS.com](http://www.PODS.com)

#### When All Else Fails

1 Call Clean UP for once a year dumpster-  
[info@alamedacountyindustries.com](mailto:info@alamedacountyindustries.com)

Want Even More Info? <http://www.StopWaste.Org>