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For the past 20 years, [StopWaste](#), a public agency dedicated to reducing waste in Alameda County, have made a priority of recognizing businesses for the positive impact they have on their communities. This year, StopWaste broadened the scope of those they recognize to include nonprofits and community organizations that they partner with. And during their 2022 Efficiency Awards ceremony that took place within the [Alameda County Recycling Board meeting](#), LEAF was recognized for its Excellence in Community Engagement! Amidst the wonderful

compliments given us by StopWaste, the following areas of our mission and operations were highly commended.

Food Insecurity

- Community garden planter rentals
- Donation of harvests to two local food banks

Sustainable Living & Mindful Consumption

- Focus on composting, food, and plastic waste reduction
- Fruit Tree Gleaning campaign, preventing food waste
- Earth Day Recycling campaigns, preventing textile waste
- Regenerative agriculture practices and creative reuse

Community Education

- Earth Day and other outreach events
- Talkin' Dirt online webinar
- Mentoring Scouts and high school students



This is a HUGE honor and we cannot begin to express our gratitude. If you would like to read the transcript from this award presentation, you can do so at fremontleaf.org/awards.



LEAF Center

COMMUNITY GARDEN

As we wait for the final touches to the site to wrap up, we thought it would be nice to share some photos of our newly relocated LEAF Center. In addition to the new planters you see in the images, we are working toward adding shaded structures, an educational lath area, and a pavilion to host community events. We're excited about the new opportunities this move presents for LEAF and we hope you are too. We'll let you know as soon as the gates officially swing open, which we believe will be within the next month or so.





BRAS SOCKS DENIM CRAYONS



Thank you to all who participated in our Earth Day recycling campaign. You surprised us once again with an amazing amount of items to be recycled. Here are the totals for each category, followed by information about each item's destination. Our marketing manager was so astounded by these numbers that he suggested our next collection drive include 80's albums and Star Wars action figures! Nice try, Eddie.

216 BRAS

155 LBS SOCKS

197 LBS DENIM

170 LBS CRAYONS

75 LBS MISC. TEXTILES

Socks:

- New socks will be donated to a local non profit organization.
- Used/Old/Tattered socks will go to recycling programs like emi-g knitting in Alabama that repurpose the socks into insulation material for the automotive industry

Denim:

- For new denim items, we try to find homes within the community via Buy Nothing Groups and any charitable events going on at the time of collection.
- Used/Old/Tattered denim with 90% cotton or more to: [Blue Jeans Go Green](#) where it will become insulation material for homes. They are a large sponsor of Habitat for Humanity. Denim with less than 90% cotton will go to a general textile recycler that will make other types of filling material from the items.

Bras:

- All Bras are sent to [The Bra Recyclers](#) in Arizona where they are sorted and then sent to various organizations supporting women. If the Bras cannot be reused they will be recycled into insulation material or carpet padding.

Crayons:

- New crayons are redistributed to local teachers and schools.
- Old crayons are delivered to [The Crayon Initiative](#) in Danville where they are melted down and recast into new large crayons and distributed to hospitals around the country. A map can be found on their web page.



YARD

What's in your wallet?



Help local families gain access to these healthy varieties of fruit by gleaning and gathering fresh **plums**, **apricots**, and **lemons** from the trees in your yard. Drop your fruit off at LEAF CR Stone Garden Monday and Thursday mornings from 9am to 10:30am, and we'll deliver your donations to a local food bank. We are accepting fresh fruit all year long! As the season change, we'll keep you posted about the different types of fruit you can donate.

The Stone Garden is located at 55 Mowry Ave behind the Mission Valley Veterinary Clinic. More info at at fremontleaf.org/glean.



Gardening introverts unite . . . in your own home, online, and Talkin' DIRT. Extroverts are equally welcome to join our gathering of gardeners on the first Wednesday of each month. We know you're not doing anything between 7pm and 8pm, so hop online and engage in some great conversation and helpful gardening tips.

Schedule:

Wednesday, July 6th

Wednesday, August 3rd

Visit fremontleaf.org/talkindirt to RSVP.



Donations

The fruit, vegetables, and herbs we harvest year-round in our gardens are donated to these fine organizations in a collective effort to eliminate food insecurity among the families in our area.



2022 YTD: 2,096 lbs.

