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# HAPPY NEW YEAR

Please visit our Web site or call our customer service department if we can be of assistance to you. All of us at Amador Valley Industries wish you and your family a Healthy and Happy New Year.

## NEW YEAR GREENSOLUTIONS

### I WILL KEEP THE LID ON MY CARTS DOWN AT PICKUP TIME

Trash from an overstuffed cart can be blown out before the service truck arrives or spill on the street as the cart is lifted and tipped into the automated service truck, even if it is in bags. Sharp objects that fall from the top of an overstuffed cart can cause a safety hazard for pedestrians and vehicles. We appreciate your help to keep your home and our city safe and clean.

### I WILL PUT MORE FOOD SCRAPS IN MY GREEN CART THIS YEAR

Food scraps and food-soiled paper are the largest unrecycled portion of the residential waste stream. By recycling food scraps we are able to help save landfill space and create compost.

### We Want Our Service to Be The Best and You Can Help

Please place your carts at the curb edge with at least 3 feet of clearance from other objects, including other carts, basketball hoops and motor vehicles.



### I WILL KEEP HYPODERMIC NEEDLES AND SHARPS OUT OF MY CARTS

Californians who use hypodermic needles in their homes need to find alternative ways to dispose of them, the result of a law banning needles in trash cans that took effect as of September 1, 2008.

FOR MORE INFO ON THE PROPER DISPOSAL OF SHARPS GO TO [WWW.STOPWASTE.ORG](http://WWW.STOPWASTE.ORG) OR CALL 1-877-STOPWASTE (786-7927)

### I WILL USE MY OWN SHOPPING BAGS TO CUT DOWN ON PLASTIC THROW AWAY BAGS

In the United States we use over 88 billion plastic throw away bags that take 12 million barrels of oil to make. Less than 1 percent of these will be recycled, according to Worldwatch Institute, and each bag can take up to 1,000 years to decompose.

### What Do I Put Into the Organics Cart?

The reason Organics Carts are so important is that using them helps divert materials away from our landfills which is better for the environment. Here is a list to help you use your cart efficiently. Thank you for helping us provide you with the best possible service.

#### Organics Acceptable List

- Grass and weed clippings
- Shrubs and tree prunings (less than 4" in diameter)
- Leaves, plants and flowers
- Food scraps and food soiled paper products

#### Non-acceptable Organics List

- No household garbage
- No plastic bags
- No dirt or rocks
- No overloading - lid must be closed

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# RECYCLING AND WASTE PREVENTION AT HOME

Have you ever thought of what you can do to “Green-up” around your home? Here are a few ideas to help you recycle and reduce the generation of waste. These are some of the easiest things you can do.

## REDUCE

Try and avoid products with excess packaging, for example, buy food in large quantities or in bulk.

Avoiding small individual packages of any product or consumable greatly reduces the amount of paper, cardboard and plastic that you buy and throw away. Your spending patterns can send a message to the manufacturers if you give preference to those that use less packaging.

## REUSE

Are there items that you would normally dispose of like computers, cell phones, electronics or demolition waste from remodeling and construction that could be reused by someone else? Please consider your extended family or charities to donate your unwanted items. Check the California Integrated Waste Management Board Web site at: [www.ciwmb.ca.gov](http://www.ciwmb.ca.gov) for ideas and links to people that can reuse or fix and donate to a worthwhile charity your unwanted products.

Another simple but meaningful change you can make is to substitute reusable items for consumable products. For example, use cloth napkins and towels in place of paper napkins and towels, use washable plastic food storage containers in place of plastic bags and canvas grocery bags last a long time and can save hundreds of plastic or paper bags from the waste stream. Lastly, consider investing in rechargeable batteries and a battery charger which in the long run can save you money and is better for the environment.



## RECYCLE

Please review the lists below and see if you can divert any of these items away from your Garbage Cart.

### RECYCLING CART

Acceptable items are: glass bottles, jars, cans, aluminum foil & pans, plastic bottles, mixed paper, cardboard, empty aerosol cans and household “dry-cell” batteries (batteries must be placed in a clear heavy-duty zip-type plastic bag and placed in the Black Lid recycling cart.)

### ORGANICS CART

Acceptable items are:

- All food products including meat and bones
- Coffee grounds and tea bags
- Food-soiled paper such as pizza boxes, paper towels, paper plates, paper napkins and waxed paper containers.
- Branches and twigs, no larger than 4 inches in diameter
- Plants, leaves, flowers and weeds
- Unpainted and unvarnished wood

**No Plastics In Organics Cart Please!**

### BUY RECYCLED PRODUCTS

If you are looking for recycled content in the products that you buy you are completing the cycle of the recycling model.

## SPECIAL SERVICE FOR DUBLIN RESIDENTS

For Dublin residents you can dispose of your household “dry-cell” batteries by placing them in a clear heavy-duty zip-type plastic bag and placing it in your Black Lid Recycling Cart. This can save you a trip to a drop-off center plus offers you the convenience of recycling your used batteries once a week. So, next time you change out those batteries please use this method and keep them out of the Garbage Cart and help to preserve our environment.

