



## CART PLACEMENT ON COLLECTION DAY

### PLEASE KEEP YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD SIDEWALK AND BIKE LANE FRIENDLY

Now that springtime is here there will be many more walkers and bicyclists using the sidewalks and bike lanes. On collection day, please keep the wheels of your cart against the curb.



*It is important to keep carts off the sidewalk and out of the bike lane.*

### PLEASE HELP OUR DRIVERS

The trucks' lifting arm needs at least three-feet on either side of the rolling cart to wrap around the container. Garbage and Green Waste/Food Scrap carts must be placed three feet from other carts, recycling bins, telephone poles, automobiles, mailboxes, basketball poles or other structures that will prevent the truck's lifting arm from grasping and lifting the carts to empty them into the truck.



### PLEASE DON'T OVERFILL YOUR CART

An additional problem with garbage carts and greenwaste carts is an excessive amount of weight. Please do not put concrete, rocks, dirt or any excessively heavy items in your cart. Garbage and greenwaste carts are often overfilled so the lid does not completely close and the material may fall on the street during pickup.



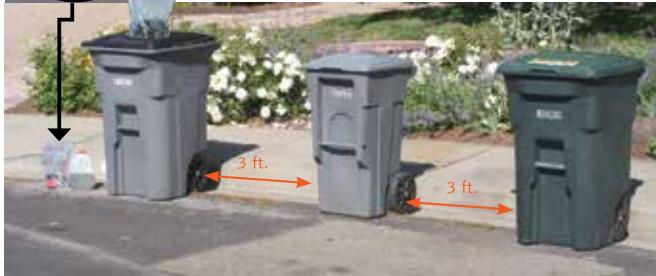
*The lids of your carts must touch at the front.*

*Thank You  
for Your Help!*

### 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.



### 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

# Springtime Cleaning Ideas

The Environmental Protection Agency ranks indoor air pollution among the top environmental dangers, and much of this pollution comes from common cleaning products (or what we'll call "indoor pollutants"). Effects of exposure to indoor pollutants can include headaches, dizziness, fatigue, and irritation of the eyes, nose, and throat, as well as exacerbated symptoms of asthma and other respiratory illnesses. Long-term effects (following long or repeated exposure to indoor pollutants) include respiratory diseases, heart disease, and even cancer. Luckily, chemical-laden cleaning products aren't the only means to make a home sparkle. Non-toxic homemade cleaning products aren't only better for us; they can also help save us money and protect the environment. Making your own products cuts down on packaging waste and reduces the release of household chemicals that can contribute to air and water pollution. The best news? The majority of the most powerful cleaning products may well already be on our pantry shelves.

First, start cleaning and saving spray bottles you would normally throw out. You can make your own cleaning recipes and put in your repurposed spray bottles. To clean most surfaces:

**Toilets:** For a heavy-duty toilet scrub that deodorizes while it cleans, pour  $\frac{1}{2}$  cup of baking soda and about  $\frac{1}{4}$  cup of vinegar into the bowl and scrub away while the mixture fizzes. Also, seltzer tablets are great for removing stains, just drop a couple in and wait 15 minutes.



**Tub and Shower:** Tubs and showers can produce some of the toughest grime, but it's no match for the cleaning power of vinegar. To get rid of mildew, spray pure white vinegar on the offending area, let it sit for at least 30 minutes, and then rinse with warm water (don't be afraid to use a sponge if rinsing doesn't clear away). Alternatively, try mixing together baking soda with a bit of liquid Castile soap, then scrub and rinse.

**Non-Stone countertops:** Use a mixture of  $\frac{1}{2}$  white vinegar and  $\frac{1}{2}$  water.

**Stone countertops:** use  $\frac{1}{2}$  rubbing alcohol and  $\frac{1}{2}$  water for best results.

**Drains:** For garbage disposals, make ice cubes from white vinegar and put several in and turn on. The frozen vinegar will clean the blades and surfaces, then grind up a half a lemon to leave the disposal smelling fresh and clean. To clean out pipes use a  $\frac{1}{2}$  cup of baking soda and 1 cup of white vinegar. Let sit for 30 minutes and then rinse with boiling water.

**Cutting Boards:** All that's needed to clean and sanitize cutting boards (wood or plastic) is... a lemon! Cut it in half, run it over the surfaces, let sit for ten minutes, and then rinse away. If you need some serious scrubbing power, sprinkle some coarse or Kosher salt over the board, and then rub with  $\frac{1}{2}$  a lemon. This works great on oven grime too!

Source ([greatist.com/health/27-chemical-free-products-diy-spring-cleaning](http://greatist.com/health/27-chemical-free-products-diy-spring-cleaning))



## Food Scraps Dream Too!



**Please gather your food scraps and place them into your greenwaste cart.**