

## Summertime Fire Safety Tips

Setting up your grill with charcoals and grilling all your favorite foods is a great part of summer barbecues. Please, be very careful when disposing your burnt charcoal, because it can be very deceiving and cause a trash cart fire. Although the ashes can seem gray and cold, a little ember can be hidden inside and last for days which will cause a fire. A fail-safe idea is scoop your ashes into tin foil and add a little water. If you hear a sizzling noise, that is the little ember we were telling you about.



The next sort of trash cart fire can be caused by accidentally disposing of "Household Hazardous Waste" in your trash cart. Some chemicals can be inert on their own, but when mixed with others they can create a chemical reaction that causes heat which starts a fire. Therefore, state law demands that all chemicals must be taken to your local Hazardous Waste Facility and not be put in your trash cart.

We give you these two very important tips because we don't want you to have a melted trash cart, but most importantly, we do not want a burning trash cart to spread to your home endangering you or your family.



## New Curbside Textile Recycling

### Single Family Residents: Recycle Your Textiles

AVI will begin collecting textiles curbside from Dublin single family residents during the first full week of July, October, January and April. **First Event Date: July 5 – 9, 2021.**

**How To Participate:** Residents must call to notify AVI that they will have textiles to be collected at least 7 days in advance. During the week of July 5th – 9th, place acceptable textiles in a clear plastic bag at the curb. There is no additional fee for this service. Single family residents, set out your bagged textiles by 6am on your scheduled collection day. Bags must be visible at the curb. Do not place on or behind carts. A separate driver will be collecting textiles.

**Only textiles that are contained in a clear bag will be collected.**

**Accepted Textiles:** Clothing of all types for adults, children and babies, shoes for adults, children and babies, stuffed animals, bedding and towels. All items must be dry.

**Not Accepted:** Wet or moldy textiles, textiles that have human biowaste, blood or toxic chemicals on them. Items that are too worn to be used again.

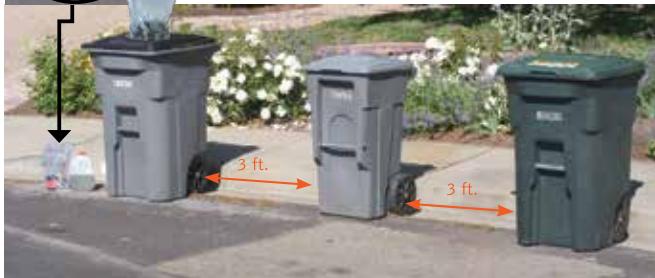
**Residents will not receive a tax-deductible receipt. All donations will go to Recycle For Change ([Recycleforchange.org](http://Recycleforchange.org))**  
**Questions? Please call Amador Valley Industries 925-479-9545**



### 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

## Hydrogen Peroxide Tips That Work

 Whiten & Sterilize Your Cutting Boards: Sterilize them by adding 1 part hydrogen peroxide and 2 parts water in a spray bottle, spray directly on the cutting board. Let it stand for 5 to 10 minutes before rinsing, wiping and leaving it to dry. Is your cutting board stained? You can spray the cutting board with hydrogen peroxide, sun dry for an hour before rinsing and drying.

**Disinfect Kitchen Sponge:** Disinfect them in hydrogen peroxide by soaking them in a mixture of 1 part hot water and one 1 hydrogen peroxide for 15 minutes. Rinse thoroughly, to kill off any germs remaining, heat the sponge in a microwave oven for a minute.

**Disinfect Steel Water Bottle:** Add half cup of hydrogen peroxide to bottle, close lid, shake well, and release a little through the drinking spout. Let sit for approximately 10 minutes, then rinse clean.

**Get Rid of Mildew & Mold:** Spray and saturate the affected area with undiluted hydrogen peroxide and allow it to sit for 40 minutes before attempting to scrub. Then, spray the area liberally with hydrogen peroxide and allow it to sit for another 15 minutes before rinsing and cleaning.



**Deodorize & Clean Your Fridge:** Spray some hydrogen peroxide onto the glass, allowing it to soak for 5-10 minutes before wiping off. Now your glass should be free of marks and will look clean and streak-free.

**Keep your Floor Clean:** Here's an easy way to keep your floor clean. Mop your floors with a gallon of hot water and a 1/2 cup of hydrogen peroxide. This mixture will sanitize and clean your floors without the need for any toxic chemicals or strong fragrances!

**Clean Your Gadgets:** The phone, computer keyboard, and mouse are the most prone to bacteria building up and can be a major contributor to cross-contamination. Damp a soft clean cloth with hydrogen peroxide and wipe down your keyboard, mouse and phones.

## Household Decluttering Tips

Making the decision to declutter your home can feel like a huge step, but actually getting started is a much larger obstacle. If you have a big decluttering job ahead of you, knowing where to begin the process can be overwhelming — which is why coming up with a decluttering game plan is so essential.

**Write a checklist and develop a plan:** Make a list of your rooms that you would like to declutter, then make a sublist of each project in each room. For example, Kitchen - 1. main counter, 2. under the sink and 3. pantry. Be aware that after making such a comprehensive list you may feel overwhelmed by all the tasks that you have listed. So...

**Start small:** Look at all the rooms on your list and identify the easiest room, then the simplest project in that room. Do the easiest most simple project first, this will grow your confidence and help you to practice decluttering and some organizing.

**Get the right tools:** A folding table can help to give you space to clear your project area. Once your project area is clear you can clean it and then only put back what you need from your folding table. The rest can be recycled, reused or put in the trash. When decluttering stored food areas be sure to check the "use by" dates and discard any food that is too old.



Tool caddies and inexpensive baskets can be helpful to organize after decluttering. If you have cleaning products under your sink tool caddies can be great to keep all your products together. Having a cleaning caddie with rubber gloves, sponges and cleaning products is convenient to carry from bathroom to kitchen.



Baskets are helpful to organize items on your counters. Moving baskets with several items off the counter to clean is much easier than moving all those items without a basket.

**Go online:** Search for "decluttering tips" and you will find hundreds of pages all about decluttering and organizing the spaces in your home.

## Keep Our Recycling Clean



For both recycling and greenwaste carts, please don't contaminate your load with plastic bags, wire, string or anything else that can jam up our equipment. It stops our processes and creates additional work for our employees.



Please never put hazardous waste in any cart. Chemicals, especially if they accidentally combine, cause fires, toxic fumes/gases and poison landfills. See StopWaste.org for disposal options.



Lithium batteries cause fires and are very dangerous. Please, never dispose of any electronic device that is "rechargeable." Any battery can leak caustic chemicals, please never put batteries in the trash or recycling carts.

