



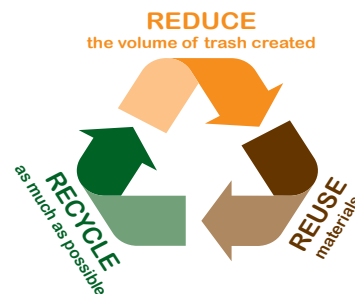
## Happy New Year

All of us at Amador Valley Industries wish everyone a happy and healthy new year. We appreciate your support and look forward to serving you. Please visit our website or call our customer service department if we can be of assistance to you.

### 2016 Waste Reduction Ideas

Here are some waste reduction ideas that we hope you will consider. We realize that you may not be able to utilize all of these tips. But, if all of us can adopt just one or two of these ideas, in addition to current efforts, we can save thousands of pounds of waste that goes into our landfill this year. Your thoughtfulness and efforts that go into recycling make our planet a better place.

- Recycle all paper (i.e., junk mail, catalogs, magazines and envelopes,) bottles and cans (aluminum, glass, metal, and plastic).
- Buy products with little or no packaging and buying the largest size you can use. This not only saves the amount of materials being thrown into trash or recycling cans, but also saves money!
- Buy reusable products such as reusable dishes, mugs, utensils and cloth napkins for outdoor meals.
- Bring your own mug to get coffee. Paper cups waste money and landfill space. Plus, bringing your own cup to local coffee houses can save you money.
- Use a reusable water bottle instead of buying bottled water.
- Buy used goods from resale shops. This is an inexpensive way to get assorted merchandise, and retro fashions are always coming back into style.
- Use reusable shopping bags for groceries and other errands. Keep some bags in your car for unplanned shopping trips. If you get paper or plastic bags from a store, try to reuse them before you recycle them.
- When possible, avoid single-use items such as paper towels and napkins. Use microfiber cleaning cloths or fabric rags and cloth napkins.
- Buy products that are made with recycled materials. Look for paper products that contain post-consumer content.



clearance from other objects, including other carts, basketball hoops and motor vehicles.



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

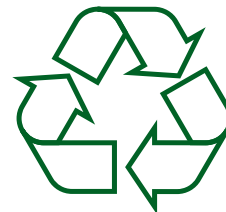
- No household garbage
- **No plastic bags**
- No dirt or rocks
- No overloading - lid must be closed

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# Before You Toss... Stop, Think and Recycle

Please... as you are about to toss an item into the waste cart... stop one second and think if your item can be put in your recycle cart or greenwaste cart. Yes, it can take an extra moment and maybe a little more effort, but you will feel better because you are helping to save natural resources. As your local solid waste and recycling provider we would like to divert as much waste from landfill facilities as possible. Why stuff landfills with



Textile recycling services provided by USAGain.

items that can be used again? Right?

For example: paper, aluminium, glass, cardboard, plastic, food scraps and yard/green waste.

And now, there is a new opportunity for “Textiles,” like clothes and shoes. A drop-off bin is conveniently located near you. Visit <http://www.usagain.com/find-a-collection-bin> to find a bin near you.

## Items that State Laws prohibit from being thrown in the trash.

A great resource to find out where to properly dispose of these items that contain hazardous wastes is [www.Stopwaste.org](http://www.Stopwaste.org). Search the “Recycle Where?” widget for Alameda County Hazardous Waste facilities drop-off disposal locations near you.



Batteries can be recycled at all Alameda County Hazardous Waste facilities. Stockpile spent batteries in a 2- or 5-gallon bucket and store spent batteries in a cool dry place. Bring them to a hazardous waste facility or other drop-off location when the bucket is full.

Nearly everyone uses household chemicals to paint, clean, and maintain our homes, gardens and yards. But many of these products can be toxic if they're used or disposed of improperly. Left over hazardous waste or fluorescent light bulbs should never be thrown in the trash or recycling bin. Never flush chemicals down the toilet or dump down the drain or storm sewer. Please bring them to your local Household Hazardous Waste Facility.



Needles and other sharps – including prefilled syringes, EpiPens, and other ready to inject medications are accepted at the household hazardous waste facilities. These items must be packaged in approved sharps containers made with puncture and leak-resistant plastic.

Electronic waste has been banned from the trash. Electronic waste includes devices that contain concentrations of metals (lead and copper) high enough to make them hazardous when they are discarded.

Examples of electronics that contain toxic chemicals are: Televisions: tubes, flat screens, plasmas, or projectors, computers, monitors, cathode ray tubes and devices containing CRT's keyboards, mice, and computer peripherals. Telephones, cell phones, and answering machines. Stereo equipment, radios, tape players, VCRs, CD/DVD players, and phonographs. Microwave ovens, Thermostats, ballasts for fluorescent lamps, digital clocks and MP3 music players, digital cameras and video cameras.

Please bring your electronic waste to our transfer station; we are happy to accept your electronics for a small fee to route them to the proper recycling sources.



In the spirit of conservation we are providing our newsletter online, but please feel free to print it out.