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Happy New Year

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

2017 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 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 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.

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

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PLEASE RECYCLE BATTERIES AND ANYTHING THAT CONTAINS AN INTEGRATED CIRCUIT BOARD

When you think about it, the invention of batteries and integrated circuits wasn't that long ago. Since the latter 1940s and early 1950s batteries and integrated circuits have greatly affected our existence by their inclusion in products to make our lives better from simple radios to computers and cell phones.

But, there is a cost to innovation. We must now be careful to keep all hazardous waste contained in these components out of our trash and the waste stream. Here is why...

When introduced in the late 1960s, alkaline batteries contained small amounts of toxic chemicals that are harmful to the environment, including: lead, cadmium, zinc, lithium and mercury. Alkaline batteries account for **80%** of manufactured batteries in the US and over **10 billion individual units** produced worldwide. (Wikipedia) (ecokids.ca)

Early developments of the integrated circuit go back to 1949; a modern chip may have several billion transistors in an area the size of a human fingernail. **Waste Stream Pollutants from integrated circuits:** deionized water, solvents, acids, photoresists, aqueous metals, waste etchants, waste aqueous developing solutions, waste aqueous metals, chromium, acid and alkaline cleaning solutions, electroless copper baths and catalyst solutions. (Wikipedia)

So, please think about these bad toxins going into the earth the next time you go to dispose of a battery or *anything* that might contain an integrated circuit. And...

Stop Think And Recycle



AVI offers Dublin residents unique services to help with your safe recycling. First, you can place your **household batteries** in a heavy-duty zip-type plastic bag and place it on the lid of your recycling cart on collection day. Second, AVI will provide you with a special **oil-jug and oil filter bag** that you can place next to your carts on your collection day. Call our office to request your Oil Recycling Kit.

CONVENIENT BATTERY DISPOSAL

Place household
"dry-cell" batteries
in a clear, heavy-duty
zip-type plastic bag.



**PLACE THE
SEALED BAG
ON THE LID
OF YOUR
RECYCLING
CART.**

**It is ILLEGAL
to put batteries
in the garbage.**

MOTOR OIL & FILTER DISPOSAL

To recycle oil and oil filters on your collection day:



- Call AVI to request a special oil jug and filter bag.
- Set the filled jug and bag at the curb next to your carts on your collection day. Make sure the jug and/or bag is sealed properly and clearly visible from the street.

