

# AVI News

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to keep Dublin green



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## FALL AND HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

### Thanksgiving Day

The Thanksgiving holiday is on Thursday November 26 this year; the office will be closed and there will be no pick-up service that day.

Thursday's customers will receive pick-up service on Friday the 27th and Friday's customers will receive pick-up service on Saturday the 28th.

### Christmas Day and New Years Day

Both Christmas and New Year's Day holidays falls on a Friday this year, therefore, garbage, recycling and greenwaste collection service will be delayed by 1 day, in other words, Friday pickups will be on Saturday.

## HOLIDAY TREE DISPOSAL

### Boy Scouts of America Tree Recycling Fundraiser

For a \$5.00 donation per tree, local Boy Scouts Troop 905 will pickup holiday trees from Dublin residents on Sunday, January 3, 2021. Reservations are required. To make a reservation, please visit [www.troop905.org/xmastree](http://www.troop905.org/xmastree) after December 1, 2020. Reservations will be taken through 3 p.m. January 2, 2021. Only clean trees

will be accepted. No flocking or tinsel allowed. Please remove the tree base or stand.

### Special Holiday Tree Pickup

You may place your holiday tree at the curb by 5:30 A.M. on your regular service day beginning December 26, 2020 through January 8, 2021. A truck exclusively for recycling holiday trees will collect the trees. Only clean trees will be taken (no flocking or tinsel). Please cut trees down to 4-feet or less in height. Please remove bases or stand.

### Recycle Holiday Tree in Organics Cart

You may place your holiday tree into your Organics Cart along with acceptable yard trimmings anytime after the holiday. Your cart will be emptied on your regular service day. Only clean trees are accepted (no flocking or tinsel). Tree branches and stumps must be cut up in lengths that will allow the lid to securely close.

### Non-Recyclable Flocked Trees or Trees with Tinsel

Amador Valley Industries can pick up your non-recyclable holiday tree. Please call (925) 479-9545 to arrange for disposal of your flocked or tinseled tree. An additional fee may apply, unless you use one of the three (3) Large Item Collections available to you per year at no cost.

### 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



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.



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## Save Some Green

Food scraps and food-soiled paper are the largest single item in our waste stream -- making up approximately 35% of what we throw away in Alameda County.

Food is too essential to throw away. By making small shifts in how you shop, prepare and store food, you can toss less, eat well, simplify your life, save money and keep the valuable resources used to produce and distribute food from going to waste.

Wasted food is a growing problem with profound financial and environmental impacts. Wasted food refers to edible food that is not eaten for one reason or another. Inedible food scraps such as banana peels, apple cores and bones are not included—they should be composted.

## Fruit & Veggie STORAGE GUIDE

Storing your fresh produce correctly is one of the easiest and best ways to keep them fresher, longer, and reduce wasted food.

WHERE	WHAT	HOW
REFRIGERATOR		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Set your fridge to 40 degrees or below.</li> <li>Store veggies separately from fruit.</li> <li>Use sealable plastic bags and containers to prevent drying out.</li> <li>Items that wilt need high humidity while those that rot and mold need low humidity.</li> </ul>
COUNTER AND REFRIGERATOR		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ripen these items loosely on the counter, away from sunlight, heat, and moisture.</li> <li>When ripe, store in refrigerator to prolong lifespan.</li> <li>Separate ripe from unripe fruit.</li> </ul>
COUNTER		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Store basil in a cup of water, like flowers.</li> <li>Separate bananas from other produce as they promote ripening.</li> </ul>
PANTRY		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Store these items in a cold, dark place like a cupboard or pantry.</li> <li>Keep potatoes separately from onions to prevent sprouting.</li> <li>Store an apple with potatoes to prevent sprouting.</li> </ul>

GENERAL RULES: Do not wash fresh produce until ready to eat. Always refrigerate cut or peeled produce.



Want to learn more?  
[StopFoodWaste.org](http://StopFoodWaste.org)



## 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.



As you have heard before, 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.

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