



# AVI News

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## It's Springtime, Time to Get Out The Barbecue

You probably can't wait to get out the barbecue and start cooking outdoors again. We would like to share some safety tips with you so that you have a fun and safe springtime.

One important thing to remember is when using a barbecue with charcoal please make sure that the ashes have set for a minimum of 48 hours, then wrap ashes in tin foil and put in garbage cart. Deceiving ashes can conceal a hot ember that can start a fire in your garbage cart threatening nearby structures or at the very least melting holes in your cart causing a big mess and requiring you to pay for a replacement cart.

### Other barbecue safety tips

- Keep your barbecue grill clean and free of grease buildups. If accumulated grease deposits catch fire, they can be difficult to put out. It's a good idea to have a fire extinguisher close by just in case.
- Never use a barbecue in an enclosed space.
- Keep the barbecue at least 10 feet away from a building or other material.
- Never add lighter fluid after a fire is going.
- Keep face and clothing away from flames.
- Open lid carefully, turning your face away from the fire.
- Although decks are popular places to barbecue, be aware that leaves, dry grass, and other combustible materials collect under them. If a smoldering match or ember is dropped between the boards, it may ignite these materials and the deck. If your deck is close to, or attached to your home, this could present a very serious fire hazard.



### 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 they help divert tons of materials away from our landfills which saves costs and is better for the environment. Here is a list to help you utilize 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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# Spring Has Sprung!

## Spring cleaning alternatives to household cleaners

The following household cleaning products are less-toxic alternatives to commercial products, which have the potential to harm humans and the environment. Always read the product label before using, keep away from children, use gloves, and dispose of all chemicals properly. Never mix chemicals together.



### All Purpose Cleaner

Mix 2 tsp. Borax and 1 tsp. liquid dishwashing soap in 1 quart of water and store in spray bottle.

### All Purpose Tile Cleaner

Add 2 tbsp. baking soda to 1 quart warm water to clean porcelain tile.

### All Purpose Glass Cleaner

Mix 1/4 cup white vinegar (or 2 tbsp. lemon juice) in 1 quart warm water and store in spray bottle.

### Oven Cleaner

Mix 2 tsp. Borax, 2 tbsp. dishwashing soap and 1 quart warm water and spray in oven, wait 20 minutes and clean.

## This spring please be on the lookout...

When doing your spring cleaning this year please be on the lookout for old batteries, fluorescent light bulbs, household kitchen and bathroom cleaners, vehicle fluids, paints, pesticides, pool chemicals because they contain toxins that are poisonous, corrosive or flammable. We have two great resources that you can call to answer all your questions regarding household hazardous waste disposal: call the Alameda County Household Hazardous Waste Program (HHWP) at 1-800-606-6606 or StopWaste.Org at 1-877-STOPWASTE (786-7927) to speak to a well trained staff member. Thank you for keeping hazardous materials out of your garbage cart.

## We would like to hear from you!

AVI is committed to providing outstanding service and this newsletter is another way we would like to help you with your disposal and recycling needs. If you have an idea or question please email us at: [Info@AmadorValleyIndustries.Com](mailto:Info@AmadorValleyIndustries.Com). We look forward to hearing from you.

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