



Its Summertime, Yippee...

This summer a little effort can mean a whole lot to our environment. Here are a few summertime tips on how you can make a big difference by remembering the 4Rs, Reduce, Reuse, Recycle and Rot. Thank you for making a difference in our community.

For your Outdoor Picnics and Barbecues



When you go shopping for all your outdoor eating needs think of which non-recyclable items you can avoid using and instead use reusable-plastic or paper plates vs. styrofoam plates, reusable metal utensils vs. plastic utensils, cloth table covers vs. plastic covers, paper cups vs. styrofoam cups... what else can you think of? At checkout you may want to request paper bags for later use as a food scrap and food soiled paper disposal bag.

Recycling Made Easy

Planning ahead for your disposal needs can ensure that as much as possible gets recycled and is diverted from our landfills. Please be sure to separate aluminum cans, plastic, glass bottles and other recyclables and put them in your recycling cart.

Have a paper bag for food scraps, food soiled paper containers, paper plates/cups/napkins. Put your paper bag of food scraps and food soiled paper in the organics cart. Since these materials are for composting please be careful not to contaminate the organics cart with plastic silverware, plastic bags, glass or metal.

Dispose of Household Hazardous Waste Safely, Conveniently – and Free!

Check your house, garage, and yard for common household products (such as cleaners, paints, car products, and pesticides) that may be hazardous to your children, your pets or the environment.

Words such as danger, warning, caution, poisonous, and flammable on the labels can mean a product is toxic. Label the toxic products you find as a reminder to use them up and dispose of them safely. Do not put these materials in garbage carts or empty into storm drains.

Contact Alameda County Household Hazardous Waste at: **(800) 606-6606** or on the Web at: www.household-hazwaste.org

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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What is green building?

In a nutshell, green building means taking steps to create wonderful homes that are safe for our families and communities and that protect our environment. Whether you are redecorating, remodeling or planning to build a new home, keep in mind these three fundamental green building goals:

1. Be mindful about using limited resources such as wood and water so that you limit waste, pollution and environmental damage.
2. Build and remodel with energy efficiency in mind to save money, create a more comfortable home, and reduce air pollution and global warming.
3. Choose healthy materials and construction methods to prevent indoor pollution from formaldehyde, mold and other contaminants.

What are the benefits of green building?

People are drawn to green building for many important reasons, including:

- Higher quality. Most green building products and materials were developed to perform better than their conventional counterparts.
- Greater durability and less maintenance. Green building encourages the use of long-lasting products that don't require a lot of time or harsh chemicals to maintain. Products that don't have to be replaced frequently also put less of a burden on natural resources and landfills.
- Greater comfort and lower utility bills. Energy efficiency upgrades can reduce your energy bills while providing you with all the comfort and convenience you expect.
- Healthier products and practices. Green building promotes the use of products and construction practices that don't introduce harmful chemicals or other pollutants into your home.
- Natural resource conservation. Protecting the environment is another compelling reason for choosing to build green.

Visit StopWaste.org on the Web or call 1-877-STOPWASTE (786-7927) to get guides and tons of tips for building green.

Need to clean up after a construction or remodeling project?

From home construction or home remodeling projects to a simple clean-up, debris boxes can make the job easier. Amador Valley Industries can help by providing the right size debris box to fit the needs of any project. Debris boxes are perfect for large quantities of material and we offer quality customer service and competitive prices for a variety of debris box sizes. Please call AVI at: **925-479-9545** for more information.

Recycle Facts: What happens when we don't recycle?

When recyclable items go into the landfill they have a long life expectancy.

- An aluminum can will take 80 to 100 years to decompose.
- A glass bottle will take up to one million years to decompose.
- Plastic bags won't decompose for 10-20 years.
- Ink jet and laser cartridges take 20-30 years to decompose



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