



New Contest for Dublin Residents

The Ready, Set, Recycle Contest is a fun way to encourage residents to do their part by sorting their recyclables and organics. We hope that selected participants will share their recycling tips with friends and neighbors and encourage each other to properly sort their recyclables and organics every day. Reducing waste from the landfills benefits everyone in the community and the environment.

How it Works

Now until July 31, 2010 on your regular collection day the prize crew will conduct random sorts of garbage and recycling carts in your neighborhood. The residence with the least amount of recyclables and compostables in the garbage cart could win \$50 in cash or gift cards for Safeway or BART.

A \$250 award goes to the household that does the best job keeping recyclables and food scraps out of their garbage cart and the title of being their cities best recycler.

The contest winners will be announced in mid-August and recognized again at the first city council meeting following the summer recess, scheduled for Sept. 7.

For questions about the contest or to enter to win a \$15 gift card by taking the "I Recycle" Waste Reduction Pledge visit them on the Web at www.ReadySetRecycleContest.org or call 510-891-6500.

The contest is sponsored by StopWaste.Org (Alameda Waste Management Authority). 1-877-STOPWASTE (786-7927) or www.StopWaste.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 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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New Alameda County Green Law

What is the Alameda County Landfill Ban?

The ban, which was passed by the Alameda County Waste Management Authority in early 2009, prohibits disposal of plant debris in county landfills. Plant debris includes grass, leaves, shrubbery, vines and tree branches. This plant debris must be separated from all garbage and deposited in the disposal facility's designated "clean green" area or a designated "organics" cart or collection bin.

What is accepted at designated "clean green" areas of disposal facilities?

Only plant debris is accepted. Therefore, plant debris must be separated from contaminants, such as glass, plastic or construction materials. If the plant debris contains even a small amount of such contaminants, it cannot be composted.

Why is the separation of plant debris and garbage so important?

Alameda County is under voter mandate to divert 75 percent of waste away from landfills by the end of 2010. By making sure that plant debris is free of waste, landscapers and gardeners can help Alameda County meet this goal. Deposit of plant debris at designated "clean green" areas allows the material to be turned into rich compost, which improves soil health.



Does the Landfill Ban apply to Alameda County residents who use green organic carts for organic recycling?

Individual residents do not typically generate enough volume of plant debris to justify hauling to a disposal facility. Residents should continue to dispose of plant debris in their green organics (yard trimmings) carts, along with food scraps and other organic materials.

What happens to those that don't separate plant debris from waste?

Beginning January 1, 2010, landscapers and organizations that fail to separate plant debris from waste can be fined. Fines range from 50% surcharges on their dump fees to \$100 citations for the first violation

within a year, to \$500 for the third and successive violations. Loads will be randomly checked at generator locations and at disposal facilities for violations. However, the goal of the ordinance is compliance and environmental protection, not the collection of fines.

Where can people find out more about the ban?

More information about the Landfill Ban can be found at www.LandfillBan.org, or by calling the Landfill Ban Hotline at (888) 893-9929.

WHAT ARE FOOD SCRAPS?



lunch sacks.

OTHER CONTAINERS TO COLLECT FOOD IN

- Ice Cream Cartons
- Newspaper
- Milk Cartons
- Paper Bags

PLEASE, NO PLASTIC, GLASS, METAL OR LIQUIDS IN GREENWASTE CART

LIFE IS A BOWL OF CHERRIES. AND I LIVE FOR THE PITS.



FOOD SCRAP RECYCLING. MAKE IT SECOND NATURE.

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