



Happy New Year

We appreciate your business and look forward to serving you in the new year. Please visit our website or call our customer service department if we can be of assistance to you. All of us at Amador Valley Industries wish you and your family a Happy New Year.

3 Good New Years Greensolutions

Give Up Plastic (and Paper) Bags

Do you opt for paper or plastic when at the grocery store? Neither is a good choice. Twelve million barrels of oil were used to make the 88.5 billion plastic bags consumed in the United States last year. The best choice is reusable shopping bags made of cotton, nylon or durable mesh-like plastic. Put a few reusable shopping bags in your car so you have them handy on your next shopping trip. And if you happen to forget your reusable bag, choose paper if you will recycle it or plastic if you will reuse or recycle it.

Give up Bottled Water

According to the FDA the price of bottled water is up to 10,000 times the cost of tap water, \$.0015/gallon for tap water and \$10/gallon for bottled water and Americans consume 8.6 billion gallons of bottled water per year.

- 22% of tested bottled water brands contained chemical contaminants at levels above strict state health limits.

- 17 million barrels of oil are used in the production of water bottles yearly... enough to fuel 1 million cars for a year.
- It takes 3 times the amount of water to produce the bottle as it does to fill it.
- Only 1 in 5 water bottles are recycled, the other 4 contribute to the 3 billion pounds of waste from plastic water bottles.

Use reusable water bottles instead made from materials like stainless steel or aluminum. If you choose a plastic water bottle, check the number on the bottom first: Plastics numbered 3, 6 and 7 could pose a health threat to you, so look for plastics numbered 1, 2, 4 or 5.

Avoid Waste

To reduce the amount of waste you produce, buy products in returnable and recyclable containers and recycle as much as you can. The energy saved from recycling a single aluminum can will operate a television for three hours!

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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UNIVERSAL WASTES

On February 9, 2006, a new Law passed stating that Universal Waste (UW), such as batteries, electronic devices, fluorescent light bulbs, are hazardous and should not be thrown away in the trash.

WHAT IS IT?

UW contain harmful chemicals which, if put in the trash, may harm people or the environment. UW may contain corrosive chemicals that can cause burns, as well as toxic metals like cadmium and lead.

The following is a list of Universal Waste:

- Fluorescent Tubes/Bulbs and other Mercury-containing lamps
- Household batteries, rechargeable batteries, button batteries
- Thermostats, Thermometers, electrical switches and relays
- Electronic Devices such as: Televisions, computer monitors, computers, printers, VCRs, cell phones, telephones, radios and microwave ovens



WHY CANT I THROW IT AWAY?

The chemicals in these UW can contaminate our air, water and possibly the food we eat, if not properly disposed of. They can cause additional hazards to your garbage handler as well.

WHAT CAN I DO WITH IT?

For a list of where you can take UW please contact StopWaste.Org Alameda County Recycling Hotline at 877-STOPWASTE (786-7927), or go to www.household-hazwaste.org or www.StopWaste.Org. Your nearest Household Hazardous Waste facility accepts batteries, fluorescent tubes and bulbs, mercury-containing devices and thermostats for free from Alameda County residents. They do not accept electronics. They are conveniently located in Oakland, Hayward and Livermore; call for operating hours and dates and address, 800-606-6606 or go online at www.household-hazwaste.org.

Special Service for Dublin Residents

Dublin residents can dispose of your household "dry-cell" batteries by placing them in a clear heavy-duty zip-type plastic bag and placing it in your Black Lid Recycling Cart. This can save you a trip to a drop-off center plus offers you the convenience of recycling your used batteries once a week. So, next time you change out those batteries please use this method and keep them out of the Garbage Cart and help to preserve our environment.



FOOD SCRAP RECYCLING. MAKE IT SECOND NATURE. WWW.STOPWASTE.ORG

It's easy to collect food scraps and food-soiled paper in your kitchen pail or another container, such as a milk carton, ice cream carton or paper bag. Empty your food scraps into your greenwaste cart and set it by the curb for the weekly pick-up. For more information please see www.StopWaste.Org

ALL FOOD PRODUCTS, including fruit, vegetables, breads, cereal, dairy, meat (including bones), coffee grounds, filters, tea bags, and food-soiled paper such as paper towels, plates, napkins, pizza boxes and lunch sacks.

WHAT ARE
FOOD SCRAPS?



OTHER
CONTAINERS
TO COLLECT
FOOD IN

TAKE ME TO
YOUR LEFTOVERS

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



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

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