



## Happy New Year

We appreciate your business and look forward to serving you in the new year. Please visit our Web site 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 Healthy and Happy New Year.

### New Year Greensolutions

#### I will keep the lid on my carts down at pickup time

Trash from an overstuffed cart can be blown out before the service truck arrives or spill on the street as the cart is lifted and tipped into the automated service truck, even if it is in bags. Sharp objects that fall from the top of an overstuffed cart can cause a safety hazard for pedestrians and vehicles. We appreciate your help to keep your home and our city safe and clean.

#### I will put more food scraps in my green cart

Food scraps and food-soiled paper are the largest unrecycled portion of the residential waste stream. By recycling food scraps we are able to help save landfill space and create compost.

#### I will recycle all my household batteries and I will not put NiCad batteries in the trash.

Many batteries contain harmful chemicals (particularly heavy metals such as lead, mercury, or cadmium) which can escape into the environment. This contamination can

be dangerous for both for the environment and for human health. NiCad batteries from phones and computers can catch fire in the waste stream and cause great harm.

#### I will use my own shopping bags to cut down on plastic throw away bags

In the United States we use over 88 billion plastic throw away bags that take 12 million barrels of oil to make. Less than 1 percent of these will be recycled, according to Worldwatch Institute, and each bag can take up to 1,000 years to decompose.

#### I will keep hypodermic needles and sharps out of my carts

Californians who use hypodermic needles in their homes need to find alternative ways to dispose of them, the result of a law banning needles in trash cans that took effect as of September 1, 2008. *For more info on the proper disposal of sharps go to [www.StopWaste.org](http://www.StopWaste.org) or call 1-877-STOPWASTE (786-7927)*

### 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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# Household Hazardous Waste

Please be on the lookout for left over products that you have used for *past* projects. These can be small amounts you thought you may use but now they are too old to use.

Many of the products that we have purchased over the years are now legally banned from being thrown in the trash due to their toxic ingredients. The toxins in these products severely harm humans and animals if released into the environment. Please join us in protecting our environment by properly disposing of household hazardous waste items in a free and convenient way at the Household Hazardous Waste Facility in Livermore at 5584 La Ribera Street.



**For Drop-off Center days and hours of operation please call the Alameda County Household Hazardous Waste Program at (800) 606-6606 or visit [www.household-hazwaste.org](http://www.household-hazwaste.org) for more information.**

## The Livermore Household Hazardous Waste Facility Accepts the Following for Drop Off...

- ***Paint, stain, varnish, thinner and adhesives***
- ***Auto products such as old fuel, motor oil, oil filters and 12 volt batteries***
- ***Household batteries, fluorescent bulbs, cleaners and sprays***
- ***Garden products, including pesticides and fertilizers***
- ***Home generated "sharps" in approved containers***
- ***Prescription and over the counter medicines, except for controlled substances***

## FOOD SCRAP COMPOSTING TIPS

### Keep compost clean

- Remove stickers, twist ties, and rubber bands from produce.
- Plastic, glass and metal should never go in the green cart.

### Collect your food scraps

- Keep a small bowl handy for food prep trimmings and for scraping your plate.
- Use a paper bag, newspaper liner or kitchen pail to collect food scraps.

### Store your food scraps in a convenient place

- On the counter
- Under the sink
- In the fridge or freezer – especially for meat and fish or during hot weather.

### Put your food scraps in the green cart for weekly pick-up

- Toss your compostable or paper bag of food scraps in the green cart.
- Empty food scraps from your collection pail or bowl into the green cart.
- Line the bottom of green cart with newspaper or leaves to keep it clean.

