



Spring Cleaning Time



After a long winter, it's time for spring-cleaning. Unfortunately, the ever-expanding arsenal of home cleaning products now includes several dangerous weapons, loaded with strong, artificial colors and fragrances and harsh cleansing agents like bleach, ammonia and acids. These chemicals can produce indoor air pollution by off-gassing toxic fumes that can irritate eyes and lungs. (Children and pets are most at risk.) Many cleaners also contain unnecessary antibacterial agents that can actually make bacteria stronger, and more resistant to antibacterial drugs. And commercial cleansers cost a lot. So make your own! Even the biggest messes and toughest stains can be attacked effectively with baking soda, borax, lemon juice and other simple ingredients.

Keep your bathroom and kitchen tile clean and spotless with these natural cleansers:

Baking Soda and Water: Dust surfaces with baking soda, then scrub with a moist sponge or cloth. If you have tougher grime, sprinkle on some kosher salt, and work up some elbow grease.

Lemon Juice or Vinegar: Got stains, mildew or grease streaks? Spray or douse with lemon juice or vinegar. Let sit a few minutes, then scrub with a stiff brush.

Disinfectant: Instead of bleach, make your own disinfectant by mixing 2 cups of water, 3 tablespoons of liquid soap and 20 to 30 drops of tea tree oil.

Instead of those harsh-smelling sprays, try this highly effective, simple solution for windows and mirrors:

White Vinegar, Water and Newspaper: Mix 2 tablespoons of white vinegar with a gallon of water, and dispense into a used spray bottle. Squirt on, then scrub with newspaper, not paper towels, which cause streaking.

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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BE ON THE LOOKOUT FOR HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE

Are you getting ready to clean out the garage? Please be vigilant to look for Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) items that have been banned from being thrown in the trash due to toxic content. To help you identify possible HHW items please review our Household Hazardous Waste Watch List below.

Properly disposing HHW items is free and convenient for residents only. The nearest HHW drop off location is in Livermore at 5584 La Ribera Street. It is an easy location to find, from Pleasanton drive east on highway 580 and exit on to South Vasco Road and make a right on Brisa Street and right again on La Ribera Street. Thank you for doing your part to protect our environment.



For Drop-off Center days and hours of operation please call StopWaste.Org at (800) 606-6606 or visit www.StopWaste.Org for more information.

HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE WATCH LIST

Paint

Stain
Shellac
Solvents
Thinners
Additives
Oil Paint
Latex Paint

Adhesives

Putty
Caulk
Epoxy
Mortar
Stucco
Cement
Wood Glue

Auto

Fuel
Waxes
Batteries
Additives
Motor Oil
Oil Filters
Antifreeze

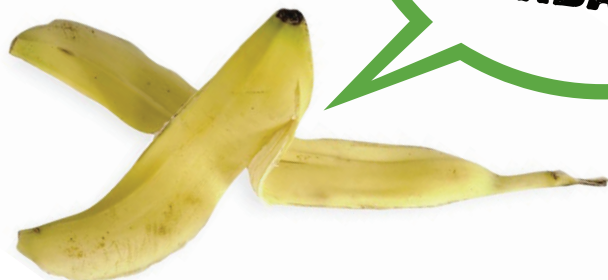
Garden

Sprays
Fertilizers
Ant Traps
Pesticides
Herbicides
Rat Poison
Gopher Bait

Misc.

Propane
Pool Chemicals
Photo Chemicals
Acids & Caustics
Household
Batteries
Bleach & Cleaners
Fluorescent Bulbs

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