



## Summertime BBQ Tips

Whether you're planning a backyard barbeque, family gathering or headed to the park for an afternoon of grilling and outdoor fun, we can help you go green at your summer get-togethers.

### Green Grilling

If you're a propane griller, use refillable propane tanks whenever possible to reduce the need for disposal. Before refilling your tank, be sure it has an OPD (Overfilling Protection Device) valve - refilling is illegal if the OPD valve is missing.

If you've got an empty propane tank to dispose of, be sure to dispose of it properly. Never throw away or attempt to puncture a propane tank or other compressed gas cylinders. Tanks that no longer support a flame



still contain enough flammable gas to cause an explosion. To dispose of an empty propane tank, call the retailer where you purchased your propane tank, and inquire about "take back" and recycling options. Some counties also accept refillable or single-use propane tanks (and other pressurized cylinders) at their household hazardous waste drop-off sites.

If you're a charcoal griller, be sure to dispose of leftover charcoal and ashes carefully. Tip: sprinkle the ashes with water so that you don't inhale ash dust when dumping and to prevent a hot ash from getting in your cart and starting a fire.

### Reduce, Reuse, Recycle

Whether you're at home or at the park, remember to practice the 3 R's with these quick tips:

1. **Reduce:** Provide condiments in bulk instead of individually wrapped servings. For example, provide bottles of ketchup instead of individual packets.
2. **Reuse:** Use reusable serving ware and linens when you can. Picnic basket sets can often be found in retail stores this time of year and usually include a set of reusable plates and silver ware. If you're partying at home, consider borrowing reusable items from a friend if you don't have enough or renting if you're having a bigger gathering.
3. **Recycle:** Only serve beverages in reusable or recyclable containers and provide recycling bins for cans and bottles. If you're on the go, bring a bag along for your recyclables if recycling bins aren't available.

### 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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# Summertime Cleanup

## 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 such materials in garbage cans or storm drains.

## Universal Waste

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.

## 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 Can't 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.



## How Can I Properly Dispose of Household Hazardous Waste and Universal Waste?

Call the StopWaste.Org Alameda County Recycling Hotline at **877-STOPWASTE (786-7927)** or go to [www.household-hazwaste.org](http://www.household-hazwaste.org) or [www.StopWaste.Org](http://www.StopWaste.Org) for information about disposing of your waste items.

## Convenient Electronics Disposal

Electronic waste such as televisions, computers, monitors, VCR, printers, fax machines are accepted for recycling at our Pleasanton Transfer Station, located at 3110 Busch Rd., Pleasanton.

The gatekeeper will direct you to a separate drop-off area. Fees are based on the item(s) brought to us.



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