



## ***New Online AVI Newsletter***

At AVI we are always thinking of different ways to reduce waste. Providing our newsletter online is one way we are reducing waste at the source. Please feel free to print the newsletter out for future reference. A few ideas that can help with waste reduction are: set your photocopiers and printers to print on both sides by default, buy "recycled" toner cartridges, start recycling paper, make electronic files instead of paper files when possible, fight junk mail, encourage staff to use reusable coffee mugs and invest in rechargeable batteries and battery chargers.

## ***Holiday Service Schedule***

Thanksgiving - On Thursday November 24 the office will be closed and there will be no pickup service that day. Thursday's customers will receive pickup service on Friday the 25th and Friday's customers will receive pickup service on Saturday the 26th. On Christmas Day and New Years Day there will be no interruption in service.

## ***Boy Scouts of America Tree Recycling Fundraiser***

For a \$5.00 donation per tree, local Boy Scouts will pickup holiday trees from Dublin residents on Saturday, January 7, 2006. Reservations are required. To make arrangements, please place your reservation online at [www.troop905.org/trees](http://www.troop905.org/trees) or call (925) 551-7230, extension #161. Reservations will be taken through January 6, 2006. Only clean trees will be accepted. No flocking or tinsel allowed. Please remove the tree base or stand.

## ***Special Holiday Tree Pickup***

You may place your holiday tree at the curb by 5:30 A.M. on your regular service day beginning the week of December 26, 2005 through January 13, 2006. A truck exclusively for recycling holiday trees will collect the trees. Only clean trees will be taken (no flocking or tinsel). Please cut trees down to 4-feet or less in height. Please remove bases or stand.

## ***Recycle Holiday Tree in Organics Cart***

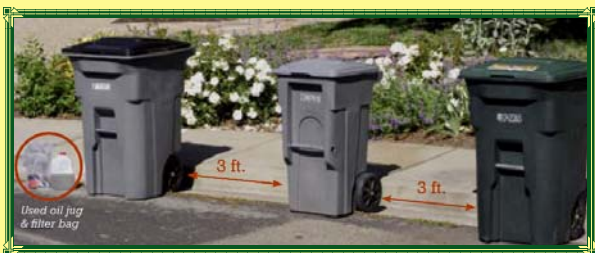
You may place your holiday tree into your Organics Cart along with acceptable yard trimmings anytime after the holiday. Cart will be emptied on your regular service day. Only clean trees are accepted (no flocking or tinsel). Tree branches and stumps must be cut up in lengths that will allow the lid to securely close.

## ***Non-Recyclable Flocked Tree or Trees with Tinsel***

Amador Valley Industries can pick up your non-recyclable holiday tree. Please call (925) 479-9545 to arrange for disposal of your flocked or tinsel tree at an additional disposal fee.

## **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 they help divert tons of materials away from our landfills which saves costs and is better for the environment. Here is a helpful list to help you utilize 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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## Tips For Trimming Down Your Holiday Waste

### Holiday Shopping

- Shop from home, either electronically or through catalogs.
- Plan ahead. Making a list will save time, money and last-minute shopping frenzies.
- Consolidate shopping trips. Less driving means less wasted on gas.
- Call the 800 number on the back of mail-order gift catalogs to cancel the ones you don't want.

### Holiday Decorations

- Consider purchasing a potted tree to decorate and plant in your yard later, or buy an artificial and reusable tree.
- If you buy a cut tree, reuse it as habitat for birds in the back yard during the winter months. Hang feeders or suet balls on it, and mulch the tree in the spring.
- Get outdoor light strands that are wired in parallel. These have separate circuitry so that if one bulb goes out the rest will keep shining.
- Make decorations out of natural materials.
- Make homemade tree ornaments out of things you already have around the house.



### Holiday Gifts, Gift Wrap, And Cards

- Look for gifts that are: durable, not over-packaged, energy efficient, made with recycled materials, recyclable and not made of tropical woods.
- Keep it simple. One thoughtful gift is better than six wrapped packages of unwanted gifts.
- Donate unwanted gifts to charity.
- Give gifts that reduce environmental impacts, such as household goods like reusable linen napkins or reusable canvas shopping bags, educational items, plants that reduce indoor air pollution.
- Use reusable or recyclable wrapping paper.
- Don't wrap oversized presents.
- Give gift certificates or gifts that don't need to be wrapped.
- For gifts that require batteries, purchase rechargeable ones.



### Holiday Parties

- If you are planning a holiday party or open house, try not to use disposable utensils, plates, napkins, or tablecloths.
- If you have a lot of extra food, donate it to the shelter, and compost the smaller scraps.
- Prepare food in quantities minimizing oven use.
- Buy 36-exposure film rather than 12 or 24 exposure to reduce the amount of packaging and film containers.
- Walk to neighborhood parties or carpool with friends if too far to walk.