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## NEWSLETTER

#### **Proper Sorting**

Business owners are required under SB 1383 to train all employees, tenants, and contractors on the new collection requirements. Make sure you and all your staff know how to recycle and compost. Downloadable posters and guides are available at **Amadorvalleyindustries.com.** 



#### RECYCLING

Rigid plastic, metal, clean paper and cardboard, and glass.





#### **COMPOST**

All food (beans, rice, dairy), soiled paper (paper towels, pizza boxes, napkins, & plates) yard trimmings (leaves, grass, branches).





#### **LANDFILL**

Plastic bags & film, utensils, straws, wrappers, polystyrene, dishes, hoses, and dog and cat waste.





# Items That Do Not Belong in the Recycle or Compost Bin

These items are often mistakenly put in the recycling bin. Placing them in the compost or recycling container is a contamination violation.

#### 1. Plastic Bags and Film Plastic

All plastic bags, packaging, utensils, and straws are garbage. Even if they have a "recycling symbol" on them they are **not** recyclable.

#### 2. Polystyrene

Polystyrene packaging, cups, plates, block, or to-go containers are **not** allowed in the recycle or organic cart.

#### 3. Textiles / Clothes

Clothes/textiles cannot be recycled in your recycling cart. They can be recycled/down-cycled by donating them to a non-profit.

#### 4. Batteries

Batteries are hazardous waste and can cause a fire in our trucks and/or the processing facility if disposed of incorrectly. You can dispose of batteries at most home improvement stores or battery retailers. For more information please visit our website.

#### Why is Composting Important

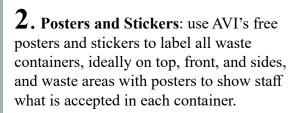
Composting helps the environment by:

- Saving our natural resources
- Reducing waste from our landfills
- Supporting a healthy environment for future generations and
- Creating new life

How to Set up Food Scraps

**Compost Program** 

1. Set up Your Space: place indoor containers where food is prepped and plates are scraped. Small containers work best since food waste is heavy. They're easier to lift, carry, and empty into roll off carts or dumpsters. Buckets with handles are easy to carry, empty, and wash and can be used on top or beneath food prep areas. Fivegallon buckets can go in many dishwashers for easy cleaning.



**3.** Train Your Staff: before you start composting, make sure that staff understands what goes in the compost, where to empty the containers, and how to keep containers clean. AVI staff is available to help with training and setting up your site.



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#### **Interested in Learning More?**



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