



Amador Valley Industries

# MULTI-FAMILY NEWSLETTER

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## Organics Reduction & Recycling Ordinance

For Businesses and Multi-family Properties – Citations start January 2023



California State law (SB 1383) went into effect last year on January 1, 2022 and aims to keep food and other compostable materials (organics) out of landfills to reduce emissions that contribute to climate change.

In Alameda County, the law is implemented and enforced under the Organics Reduction and Recycling Ordinance. The local law is implemented through a partnership between the City of Dublin, Amador Valley Industries, StopWaste, and the Alameda County Environmental Health Department. Under State law SB 1383 and the Organics Reduction and Recycling Ordinance, all businesses, nonprofits, institutions, schools, and multi-family properties are required to have compost (organics) and recycling collection service or have an approved waiver.

Beginning in January, StopWaste, the Alameda County public agency working on behalf of cities to enforce the law, will begin issuing citations to sites that have not yet signed up for the required compost and recycling service.

### What does this law mean for my business or multi-family property? How do I comply?

#### 1. Have Compost and Recycling Service

All sites must have **compost** and **recycling** collection service. Contact AVI if you don't already have these services. If you generate a minimal amount of compostable organic waste you may qualify for a waiver.

#### 2. Set up Bins

Place color-coded and labeled **compost** and **recycling** bins next to all garbage bins, including indoors, except in restrooms.

#### 3. Sort Correctly

Sort materials into the proper bins— **compost**, **recycling**, and garbage – and inform employees, tenants, and contractors of the rules at least annually and during move in and move out.



To learn more about the requirements, find free resources, and request free support, visit [StopWaste.org/rules](http://StopWaste.org/rules). Español, 中文, 한국인, & Tiếng Việt: [StopWaste.org/rules-languages](http://StopWaste.org/rules-languages).

To order compost and recycling service, contact AVI at 925-479-9545 or email [info@amadorvalleyindustries.com](mailto:info@amadorvalleyindustries.com).

## Watch out for Illegal Items

It is illegal to dispose of hazardous materials in compost, recycling, or garbage containers. Improperly disposing of hazardous and toxic waste can result in serious harm to the health of people, pets, wildlife, and our environment.

Containers found to have these materials will **NOT** be collected until such materials are removed.

Alameda County offers many hazardous and/or universal waste drop off options. For more information about local disposal options, visit [StopWaste.org/HHW](http://StopWaste.org/HHW).

## Prohibited Items

- No fluorescent tubes or CFL light bulbs.
- No syringes or needles.
- No batteries of any kind/size.
- No chemical cleaners, paints, solvents, or other toxic chemicals.
- No appliances, computers, monitors, TVs, or electronics.



## Recycling Tips

Keep the following tips in mind to keep costs down and reduce contamination throughout the year.

- Make sure you and your tenants know how to properly separate materials.
- Recyclables need to be empty and clean to be recycled.



- Do not bag recyclables. Bags are a contaminant in both the recycling and the compost containers.
- Focus on waste prevention, which helps eliminate waste at the source. This saves natural resources and energy and cuts costs.



- Use StopWaste's Re:Source tool to find out where to put tricky items at [Resource.StopWaste.org/](http://Resource.StopWaste.org/).

## Need Help?

AVI provides free assessments, outreach materials, and resources to educate multi-family tenants on composting and recycling to bring multi-family properties into compliance with applicable laws.

For more information on collection services, please go to [AmadorValleyIndustries.com/apartments-residential-garbage/](http://AmadorValleyIndustries.com/apartments-residential-garbage/) to download our Service Guide.

## Composting Tips

Multi-family residents are now required to compost. Follow these simple steps to make composting easy.



1. Separate food scraps and food-soiled paper.
2. Collect food scraps in a kitchen pail,\* paper bag, or wrap food scraps in a newspaper or other compostable paper.
3. Empty food scraps and food-soiled paper into the containers labeled "organics" and/or "food waste".

\* **Contact your property manager to request a free kitchen countertop pail for collecting food scraps.**

**Allowable Items:** The following materials can be placed in the compost/food scraps container:

- food scraps (includes meat, bones, dairy, grains and produce)
- food soiled paper (no plastic-coated paper)
- flowers and plant debris
- paper napkins, towels, and tissues
- **NOT ALLOWED:** plastic, glass, metal, or hazardous waste



All material placed in the compost/food scraps container is made into compost used to nourish local farmlands. Please only put compostable items in the compost/food scraps container.

**Did you know that roughly 24% of municipal waste is food?** Food takes up more landfill space than any other material. Fight climate change and conserve valuable space in California's landfills by composting your food scraps. For more information, visit [StopWaste.org/food-scrap-composting](http://StopWaste.org/food-scrap-composting).

## Interested in Learning More?



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