



## Be Kind to Your Cart this Spring

Spring is the time of year that an additional amount of material is placed into your carts. AVI would like to offer some guidance to ensure the safety and cleanliness of our community.



When our automated service trucks come to your home the mechanized arm reaches

out and grasps your cart, lifts it up high in the air and dumps it into the truck receiver.

If the lid on a cart does not completely close and touch at the front then all the debris that is overloaded is at risk of falling on the street during "lift off."

An additional problem with garbage carts and green



waste carts is an excessive amount of weight. Please do not put concrete, rocks, dirt or any excessively heavy items in your cart. Overloaded carts can be broken and damage our equipment. Greenwaste carts are often overfilled with so many branches that the lid does not

completely close and the material may not fit into the truck receiver, which means that they will fall onto the street during pickup.

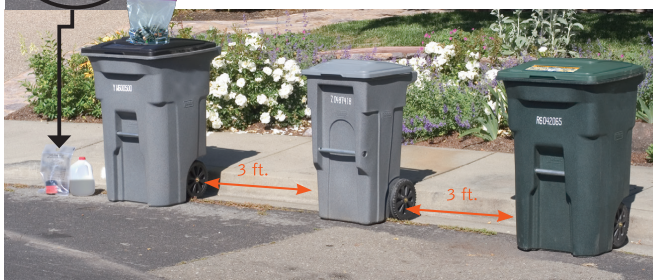
Thank you for your help in keeping your streets and City clean.



### 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

Amador Valley Industries

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# Healthy Alternatives to Cleaning Products With Toxic Chemicals

## All-Purpose Cleaner

1 quart warm water  
1 teaspoon liquid soap  
1 teaspoon borax  
1/4 cup undiluted white vinegar  
Mix ingredients and store in a spray bottle.

Use for cleaning countertops, floors, walls, carpets and upholstery.

## Glass Cleaner

1 quart warm water  
1/4 cup white vinegar (or 2 tablespoons lemon juice)

Mix ingredients and store in a spray bottle.

Dip a wet sponge in baking soda to clean a glass oven door.

## Stain Remover

1 part glycerin  
1 part liquid dish washing detergent  
8 parts water

Test on unexposed area of fabric.

Apply to stain as soon as possible and blot with cloth. Store in a plastic

squeeze bottle. Shake well before each use.

## Disinfectant

Use 1/2 cup of borax in one gallon of hot water.

To prevent mold or mildew from forming, don't rinse off the borax solution.

## Oven Cleaner

1 quart warm water  
2 teaspoons borax  
2 tablespoons liquid soap

Spray on solutions, wait 20 minutes, then clean.

You can also pour salt on spills as they occur and wipe while your oven is warm.

## Drains

Pour 1/4 cup baking soda down the drain, followed by 2 ounces of vinegar. Cover the drain and let sit for 15 minutes. Rinse with 2 quarts of boiling water.

Use this treatment regularly to prevent

clogged drains and keep them smelling fresh. Also, pour boiling water down drains on a weekly basis to prevent grime buildup.

## Toilet Bowls

Put 1/4 cup borax in toilet bowl and let set overnight. Next day, scrub — or scrub with a solution of 1/2 cup borax to 1 gallon of water.

## Tub and Tiles

Scrub surfaces with baking soda slightly moistened with water.



By using these recipes, you will not only avoid inhaling toxic fumes but you will be reducing the amount of trash that will end up in our landfill. For more information visit: [Stopwaste.org](http://Stopwaste.org).

## I have more garbage than will fit in my cart. What can I do?

Call Amador Valley Industries customer service at (925) 479-9545 at least one day before your regular collection day to schedule extra collection service. Place all extra garbage, *that is not recycling or green waste*, in heavy duty 32 gallon bags. There is a per bag charge that will be added to your quarterly bill. Do not place overflow garbage in cans or boxes.

*Extras that have not been called into our office in advance will not be collected.* For more information visit: [AmadorValleyIndustries.com](http://AmadorValleyIndustries.com).

