

## Proper Sorting Makes a Difference

Remember that property owners are required under SB 1383 to annually train all staff, tenants, and contractors on how to properly sort all materials into the 3-cart program. In order to avoid contamination fees, please educate your tenants to make sure they know what is and isn't recyclable or compostable. Downloadable posters and guides are available at [Amadorvalleyindustries.com](http://Amadorvalleyindustries.com). Share these tips to avoid contamination and service delays.



### Keep it tidy

Collect food scraps in a bucket, kitchen pail, or paper bag for easy transport to the green compost bin.



### Keep it clean

Remove stickers from produce. Do not put compostable plastic, plastic bags, glass or metal in the green compost bin.



### Do Not Bag Recyclables or Compost

Make sure all recyclables are clean, dry, and loose in your recycling cart/bin. Unlined paper bags/soiled paper are allowed in the green compost bin.

## What Can Go Into the Compost Bin



All food scraps including vegetable scraps, cooked food, meat and bones, dairy products, tea bags and coffee grounds.



Food soiled paper products including pizza boxes, paper towels, napkins and paper plates. Do not add plastic-coated paper.



Landscaping and plant trimmings including leaves, grass clippings, branches and weeds.

## Encourage Proper Sorting




One of the main reasons tenants don't recycle or compost correctly is due to lack of program information. At least quarterly, send out waste sorting eblasts to tenants about the basics of your program including where your collection areas are located, what can and cannot be recycled and composted, and other information related to best practices.

StopWaste provides a template that can be modified to provide answers to common trash and recycling questions. It can be downloaded at [StopWaste.org/resource/multi-family-resident-notification-flyer](http://StopWaste.org/resource/multi-family-resident-notification-flyer).

## Resolutions for 2024

- ✓ **Recycle correctly:** Put what is allowed in your containers. Many common items like metallic wrapping paper and ribbons do not belong in the recycling bin.
- ✓ **Reconsider before letting go:** If it's time to part with some things, do so with intention: many items like clothing, furniture, and toys can either be repaired or donated for reuse.
- ✓ **Shop at local stores:** Shop local and support businesses that focus on sustainable, lasting goods, when possible.

## Tips to Reduce Holiday Waste

- When shopping for gifts, bring your own bag. 
- Reuse baskets, tins or boxes when wrapping gifts.
- Try to find tags and cards that are printed on recycled paper or make your own. 
- Encourage waste reduction by giving reusable totes, food containers, water bottles and travel mugs as gifts. 

## Holiday Service Schedule

### Thanksgiving week:

Our office will be closed on Nov. 23rd. If your regular collection day is Thursday or Friday, service will be delayed by one day. Friday service will occur on Saturday.

### Christmas & New Year's weeks:

Our office will be on closed Dec. 25th and Jan. 1st. Christmas and New Year's both fall on Monday this year, thus all service will be delayed by one day. Friday service will occur on Saturday.

## Holiday Tree Disposal Options

### AVI Special Holiday Tree Pickup

Property managers can order a drop box for clean Christmas trees (no decorations and no flocked or plastic trees). Drop boxes range in size from 15-40 cubic yards and service is provided Monday - Friday. Please contact AVI at **(925) 479-9545** for information and to schedule.



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

AVI can pick up non-recyclable holiday trees. Please call **(925) 479-9545** to arrange for the disposal of your tenants' flocked or tinsel trees. These trees are not compostable and cannot go into a drop box with regular Christmas trees.

## Extra Waste?

Remember not to overload your carts or bins. According to the EPA, Americans generate 25% more waste during the holiday season. But remember, containers must be level with the lids completely closed in order for our drivers to safely service them. Please call our customer service line to schedule extra pickups if you notice containers getting full sooner than usual during the holiday season.



Did you know that material can get stuck on top of waste collection vehicles when servicing overloaded containers? This creates windblown litter and stormwater pollution. Clearing waste from the top of waste collection vehicles is also a safety hazard for our team members.

## Interested in Learning More?



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