



Amador Valley Industries

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# NEWSLETTER

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## Keep your Compost Containers / Bins Clean

Dublin Municipal code requires business owners to keep all containers in a clean and sanitary condition, and for all lids to be tightly closed to prevent access to flies, rodents, and animals at all times.



While AVI does the hard work of picking up and composting your food scraps, it is also important to dispose of your waste safely and keep the containers and the surrounding area clean.

### 1. Keep the lids or covers closed at all times.

Check your containers regularly to make sure all lids are tightly fitted to prevent scattering by birds, breeding of flies, or rodents.

### 2. Make sure you have enough service.

If your container is regularly overloaded, you need to increase the number of your service pickup days and/or the size(s) of your containers. Overloaded container(s) can result in a missed pickup and potential service fees.

### 3. Exchange your container(s).

- AVI will exchange dirty containers up to 1x per year for commercial accounts. For more information and to schedule a swap out please Call AVI at **925-479-9545**.
- If you need to clean your indoor compost containers, wash indoors at a location where washwaters drain to the sanitary sewer.

## Recycling in the Workplace

AVI offers a variety of garbage and recycling collection services designed to meet your specific needs. We offer free resources to help make recycling as convenient as possible and provide free technical assistance and resources. Call AVI at **925-479-9545** to learn more about available resources and how we can help you start, maintain, or expand your recycling program.



## Restaurant Compliance Update: AB 827 & AB 1276

### Attention all restaurant owners!

During our upcoming site visits, we'll be focusing on compliance with AB 827 and AB 1276.

We'll provide outreach on the specific requirements and share City flyers and resources to help you stay informed and compliant. Let's work together to ensure our city's dining establishments are sustainable and compliant with state law.



**AB 827:** Businesses, except full-service restaurants must provide compost and recycling next to garbage containers for customer sorting.

**AB 1276:** Requires all retail food facilities and food delivery platforms to provide single-use foodware accessories and condiments upon request only.

For additional details and guides on how to comply, visit [dublin.ca.gov/2694](http://dublin.ca.gov/2694).

# The Importance of Aluminum and Metal

Recycling helps conserve landfill space by keeping materials out of the landfill, but did you know how much energy recycling can save?

Using recycled aluminum to make new aluminum cans uses 95%\* less energy than creating new aluminum cans from raw materials.

Similarly, manufacturing steel and tin cans from raw materials is also a highly energy-intensive process.

Using recycled steel to make new cans reduces energy use by 74%\*\* compared to manufacturing food cans from virgin steel.

Please do your part to keep food and beverage cans out of the garbage/landfill by placing them into your recycling carts or bins, so AVI can recycle them.

\* Source: United State Energy Information Administration.

\*\* Source: United States Environmental Protection Agency.



# What is the Impact of Recycling Paper?

Sending paper to the landfill wastes natural resources, consumes landfill space, and creates greenhouse gas emissions.

Because paper is made from trees, it is consider organic matter. When organic matter breaks down in a landfill, it releases methane. Methane is a greenhouse gas that is much more potent than carbon dioxide.



## If you don't recycle paper, start today!

Want to go beyond recycling? Try going paperless whenever possible. Preventing waste in the first place is the most environmentally sustainable option.

One way you can go paperless is by switching your property's garbage bill to paperless billing. If you don't want to miss out on receiving our newsletter with your bill, rest assured, our newsletters are available on our website at [www.amadorvalleyindustries.com/newsletter/](http://www.amadorvalleyindustries.com/newsletter/).

## Paper Recycling Facts\*

- Americans' use 85 million tons of paper per year, which is about 680 pounds per person.
- Recycling one ton of paper saves 7,000 gallons of water and saves 3.3 cubic yards of landfill space.
- Each ton of recycled paper can save 17 mature trees.
- Approximately, 1 billion trees worth of paper are thrown away every year in the U.S.



\* Source: United State Energy Information Administration

## Interested in Learning More?



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