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NEWSLETTER

Zero Waste Essentials

Cut back on waste by adding these 5 items to your routine!

Zero Waste
essentials

1. Reusable shopping & produce bags
2. Reusable coffee mug
3. Reusable cutlery
4. Reusable paper towels
5. Reusable water bottle

Backyard Composting

Have a green thumb?

Then you might want to try making your own compost for your garden. Backyard or worm bin composting is a great way to create a healthy soil amendment for your garden.

Finished compost can be used in your garden in a number of ways. Try combining compost with potting mix to start seedlings, or using it as a top dressing, or as a soil amendment when creating new garden beds.

Reminder: Food waste such as meat, bones, and cheese is not suitable for backyard or worm bin composting. Those items should be placed in your green AVI compost cart to be properly composted.

For more information on backyard or worm bin composting, visit StopWaste.org/at-home/home-and-community-gardening.



Compost vs. Garbage Disposal

One way you can help the environment is by choosing to compost your food scraps, instead of putting them down the garbage disposal.

Food scraps contain a high amount of nitrogen. Since excess nitrogen is harmful to aquatic life, putting your food scraps down your garbage disposal can negatively impacts our waterways.

Hard materials such as eggshells, fruit pits, and bones can damage your garbage disposal. Additionally, putting food scraps down your garbage disposal can lead to costly plumbing blockages.

In order to help the environment and prevent damaging your plumbing, please utilize your AVI compost cart to dispose of your food scraps. You can also call AVI to request a free kitchen food scrap pail if you do not already have one.



Moving & Decluttering

Helping someone prepare to move in or out?

Wondering what to do with the piles of packing materials left behind?

What about the old chemicals and what-nots others have left behind, where do those go?

We often find ourselves unsure of how to get the useable materials into the hands of others who would appreciate it and at a loss for the tricky items that have been piling up in the garage, shed, or attic.

RE:Source provides guides and drop off locations for all the common items that need to be moved-on during these transitions. Visit resource.stopwaste.org/moving-decluttering for tips, drop off locations, and more. Simply click on the item you are looking to properly dispose of and update the zipcode at the search bar at the top of the page to find local drop off options.



The Importance of Aluminium 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.



Aluminum Recycling Facts*

- 350,000 aluminum cans are produced every minute. That is over 80,000,000,000 aluminum cans every year. Americans' throw away enough aluminum every 3 months to rebuild our country's entire commercial air fleet.
- **There is no limit to the number of times aluminum can be recycled.** It takes 90 days after collection, re-melting, rolling, manufacturing, and distribution of recycled aluminum cans to be back on the grocery store's shelves.



*Source: www.canlandrecycling.com/recycling-facts/

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