



Amador Valley Industries

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COMMERCIAL

NEWSLETTER

Waste Prevention

Reduce from the source! Reducing the amount of materials sent out to the recycling and landfill can not only reduce your environmental impact, but also provide some cost savings.



Waste prevention activities can range from reusing transport packaging (i.e. cardboard boxes and plastic film) to avoiding single-use carryout containers. Other practices to consider putting to work in your business include:

- Developing an Environmental Purchasing Policy.
- Setting up an internal centralized three stream, compost, recycling and landfill stations.
- Going paperless.
- Using water coolers.
- Providing reusable dishes and silverware.
- Encouraging sharing documents electronically instead of printing.

Reusable Shipping Containers

Reusable transport packaging prevents waste by replacing limited-life packaging used in manufacturing, transportation and/or distribution with durable alternatives, designed for many years of use; saving your business money and resources. Typical examples include the replacement of cardboard boxes with hand held containers, and switching to reusable pallets, pallet wraps and bands.



Annual Audits & Route Reviews



Notice someone in a neon safety vest rummaging through your waste bins? It could be AVI staff or consultants conducting a required annual inspection of trash, recycling, and compost.

SB 1383 requires that the City of Dublin annually inspect and audit commercial carts and bins to ensure that each location is separating garbage, recycling, and compost correctly as well as providing the required on-site training and signage.


During our inspections, we will evaluate containers for misplaced items and talk to a representative on site and/or leave a “service” tag with information about what went wrong and needs corrective action.

For more information please call AVI at 925-479-9545 or email info@amadorvalleyindustries.com.

Soft & Stretchy Plastics = Garbage

Soft and stretchy plastic items are **NOT** accepted in AVI's recycling program. Common soft and stretchy items that belong in the garbage container include:

- **Cleaning wipes**
- **Face masks**
- **Plastic gloves**
- **Plastic storage bags**
- **Plastic packaging**
- **Plastic shopping bags**
- **Film or stretch wrap**
- **Bubble wrap/mailers**
- **Condiment packets**
- **Plastic food wrappers**
 - such as foil-lined bags, cereal/cracker box liners, chips/ candy wrappers.

Remember that the  symbol does **NOT** always indicate that an item is recyclable. Review AVI's How-to-Guides at amadorvalleyindustries.com for more information.

For easy options to reuse, repair, recycle, or safely dispose of just about anything, search StopWaste's RE:Source guide at: resource.Stopwaste.org.

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. Remember, your waste enclosure should only be used for the storage of garbage, recycling, compost and used cooking oil/grease containers. Storage of other items inside the waste enclosure is prohibited.

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 garbage, recycling, or compost containers, wash indoors at a location where wash waters drain to the sanitary sewer. Never discharge hose water or wash water into the street, parking lot, or storm drain.

Interested in Learning More?



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