

## RESIDENTIAL NEWSLETTER

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### Declutter, Donate, & Discard Safely

Spring is a time for fresh beginnings! With the changing season, many of us feel inspired to clean and declutter our homes. Here are some tips for a cleaner home and a healthier planet.

Check the Alameda County RE:Source Guide to ensure you are sorting correctly! When decluttering, you may find items that do not belong in any of your curbside bins. RE:Source can help!

#### Here is what to do with common items:

Clothing: Share with friends, donate locally, check the brand's website for take-back program, or participate in AVI's textile pickup during the first full weeks of January, April, July, and October. For more information on textile pickup call AVI at 925-479-9545.

**Old/Expired Medicine:** Never trash, flush, or pour down the drain. Use designated drop-off locations like Kaiser Medical Offices Pharmacy, CVS Pharmacy, or at the City of Dublin Public Safety Complex at 6361 Clark Avenue.

Find more disposal solutions at Resource.stopwaste.org.

### **Compost Giveaway**

Amador Valley Industries will host its annual Compost Giveaway event at Emerald Glen Park on Saturday, April 26, from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m., while supplies last.

Dublin residents can pick up one bag of FREE compost per household at a drive-through event at the Emerald Glen parking lot off Gleason Drive.



**ID** or **proof of residency** is required. Stay in your vehicle, open your trunk, and an AVI team member will load the compost. This compost comes from residents' food scraps and yard trimmings, creating a closed-loop system that directly benefits the community!

To learn what to do with your compost visit <u>Stopwaste.org/gardening</u>.

### **Got Extra Waste?**

Remember that AVI offers 3 free bulky item pickups for Dublin Residents each year.

Residents can schedule a bulky item pickup for items including furniture, appliances, and electronic waste at their convenience by contacting AVI at 925-479-9545.

On-call collection service will be provided within seven business days of the request.



## **Battery Recycling**

Single Family Residential customers may recycle their household batteries by placing them in a sealed heavy duty zip type plastic bag and placing it ON TOP of your recycling cart on your regular collection day.

Household dry cell batteries, including alkaline, lithium-ion, and button cell batteries, are acceptable. Please tape the terminals of lithium-ion batteries or bag individuallyin clear plastic bags. If left unprotected, the terminalson these batteries can spark and cause fires.

# 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.

# E-Waste: What It Is & How to Recycle It Properly

What is E-Waste?

E-waste includes anything powered by a **cord or batteries**. Globally, **62 million tons** of e-waste was generated in 2022, but only **22.3%** was collected and recycled (World Health Organization). Proper disposal is crucial to reduce environmental harm.



### **How to Recycle E-Waste in Dublin**

Join Dublin Police Services for the **Drug Take-Back**, **Shredding & E-Waste Recycling Event** on **Saturday**, **April 26**, **from 10:00** a.m. to **2:00** p.m. at **100** Civic Plaza. This a FREE event—don't miss it!

**Accepted items:** Capsules, pills, any solid forms of prescription medication, documents for shredding, old electronics including computers, printers, smart phones, TVs, DVD players, VCRs, and old gaming systems. Visit <a href="Dublin.ca.gov/210/Dublin-Pride-Week">Dublin.ca.gov/210/Dublin-Pride-Week</a> to learn more.

Not accepted: Syringes, liquids, creams, injectables.

Alameda County residents can also safely dispose of household hazardous waste and electronic waste for **free year-round** at collection facilities in **Fremont**, **Hayward**, **Livermore**, **and Oakland**. Visit <a href="Stopwaste.org/HHW">Stopwaste.org/HHW</a> for more information.

## Celebrate Earth Month and Dublin Pride Week

Dublin Pride Week is an annual community celebration hosted by the City of Dublin around Earth Day to celebrate and inspire Dublin residents to give back to their City. Visit the City's website at <a href="Dublin.ca.gov/210/Dublin-Pride-Week">Dublin.ca.gov/210/Dublin-Pride-Week</a> for a list of local events and activities.

### **Interested in Learning More?**



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