



Cart Placement on Collection Day

Please keep your neighborhood bike friendly...

Now that summertime is here there will be many more bicyclists using the bike lanes. The bike lanes are only about 5 feet wide which doesn't leave much room for error. On trash collection days please keep the wheels of your cart against the curb. It is important to keep carts out of the bike lane so children and adults don't have to swerve around the carts into the traffic lane where they could be struck by a passing car.

Additionally, to help our drivers, please place your carts with 3 feet of clearance to provide plenty of room for the automated arm of our trucks to

attach to your cart, lift and replace your cart without disturbing the carts on either side. Thank you for your help.



We Want Our Service to Be The Best and You Can Help

Please place your carts at the curb edge with at least 3 feet of clearance from other objects, including other carts, basketball hoops and motor vehicles.



What Do I Put Into the Organics Cart?

The reason Organics Carts are so important is that using them helps divert materials away from our landfills which is better for the environment. Here is a list to help you use your cart efficiently. Thank you for helping us provide you with the best possible service.

Organics Acceptable List

- Grass and weed clippings
- Shrubs and tree prunings (less than 4" in diameter)
- Leaves, plants and flowers
- Food scraps and food soiled paper products

Non-acceptable Organics List

- No household garbage
- **No plastic bags**
- No dirt or rocks
- No overloading - lid must be closed

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Risk of Household Cleaning Products

Cleaning can be hazardous to your health - and to the environment. Many common household cleaners contain ingredients that have been linked with neurological, liver, and kidney damage, and asthma and cancer. Some haven't been tested at all! When buying and using cleaning products, here are some things to keep in mind:

General Tips

Avoid cleaners containing phosphates. When they get into rivers and lakes, they cause algae blooms, robbing the water of oxygen, blocking sunlight, and ultimately killing aquatic life.

Use reusable cloths. Instead of throwing away one-use items like paper towels and mop pads, use old t-shirts and other rags that you can wash and use again.

Follow instructions. When cleaning, remember to use no more than the recommended amount.

Make sure containers are kept dry to prevent corrosion.

Do-It-Yourself Green Cleaners

Drain Cleaner: Pour a half-cup of baking soda down the sink and add at least a cup of vinegar. Cover the drain and wait a few minutes, then rinse with a mixture of boiling water and salt.

Window Cleaner: Mix two ounces of vinegar with a quart of water in a spray bottle.

Silver Polish: Put a sheet of aluminum foil into a plastic or glass bowl. Sprinkle the foil with salt and baking soda and fill the bowl with warm water. Soak your silver in the bowl and tarnish migrates to the foil. Dry and buff.

Brass Cleaner: Cut a lemon in half, sprinkle it with salt and rub the lemon on the metal. Buff with a cloth.

Rust Remover: Use vinegar to remove rust on nuts and bolts and other mineral deposits such as calcium deposits.

Disposal of Household Cleaners

Please properly dispose of leftover cleaners considered hazardous waste by contacting the Alameda County Household Hazardous Waste Program at (800) 606-6606 or visit www.household-hazwaste.org for more information.

A graphic with a speech bubble and a green recycling bin. The speech bubble contains the text "I'LL TAKE WHAT'S BEHIND DOOR #2!". The green bin is filled with food scraps. To the left, there is an image of a refrigerator drawer filled with fresh produce like carrots, celery, and grapes.

RECYCLE YOUR FOOD SCRAPS WHEN YOU CLEAN OUT YOUR FRIDGE. WWW.STOPWASTE.ORG

In the spirit of conservation we are providing our newsletter online, but please feel free to print it out.