



## SPRING IS JUST AROUND THE CORNER!

Are you getting ready to tackle those spring cleaning projects? When cleaning out the garage this year it is important to be vigilant to look for Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) items that have been banned from being thrown in the trash due to toxic content. To help you identify possible HHW items please review our Household Hazardous Waste Watch List below.

Properly disposing HHW items is free and convenient for residents only. The nearest HHW drop off location is in Livermore at 5584 La Ribera Street. It is an easy location to find, from Pleasanton drive east on highway 580 and exit on to South Vasco Road and make a right on La Ribera Street. Thank you for doing your part to protect our environment.

**For Drop-off Center days and hours of operation please call [StopWaste.Org](http://StopWaste.Org) at (800) 606-6606 or visit [www.StopWaste.Org](http://www.StopWaste.Org) for more information.**

### HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE WATCH LIST

| Paint       | Adhesives | Auto        | Garden      | Misc.             |
|-------------|-----------|-------------|-------------|-------------------|
| Stain       | Putty     | Fuel        | Sprays      | Propane           |
| Shellac     | Caulk     | Waxes       | Fertilizers | Pool Chemicals    |
| Solvents    | Epoxy     | Batteries   | Ant Traps   | Photo Chemicals   |
| Thinners    | Mortar    | Additives   | Pesticides  | Acids & Caustics  |
| Additives   | Stucco    | Motor Oil   | Herbicides  | Household         |
| Oil Paint   | Cement    | Oil Filters | Rat Poison  | Batteries         |
| Latex Paint | Wood Glue | Antifreeze  | Gopher Bait | Bleach & Cleaners |
|             |           |             |             | Fluorescent Bulbs |

### WE WANT OUR SERVICE TO BE THE BEST. AND YOU CAN HELP

Please place your cart at the curb edge with **at least 3 feet of clearance** from other objects, including other carts, basketball hoops and motor vehicles. Make sure your cart lid is down completely. Thank you for helping us provide you with the best possible service. Together we can keep our neighborhoods safe and clean.

### WHAT GOES INTO THE GREENWASTE CART?

The reason Greenwaste carts are so important is that they help divert tons of materials away from our landfills which saves costs and is better for the environment. Here is a list to help you utilize your cart efficiently.

#### GREENWASTE 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 GREENWASTE LIST

- No household garbage
- No plastic bags
- No dirt or rocks
- No overloading - lid must be closed to prevent spills



# ANTS - BE - GONE

**GOT ANTS?** Now that you can put food scraps and food-soiled paper in your green organics cart (yardwaste), here are some less-toxic ways you can control any pesky ants that may be around your food scraps kitchen pail, organics cart, or your garbage cart.

Why use less-toxic products to control ants? Not only are they safer for your home and family, but for the environment as well. Common household pesticides show up in Bay Area creeks, sometimes at levels that can harm sensitive aquatic life. Even applied according to label directions, conventional pesticides may wash into the gutter and down a storm drain where the water flows untreated directly into local creeks and San Francisco Bay.

## STORAGE & BARRIERS

- Wrap your food scraps in newspaper or paper bags. (Please no plastic bags in the green cart; plastic contaminates the compost).
- Leave especially attractive food scraps (fruits/sweets) in your refrigerator or freezer until the night before collection.

## ANT BAITS

- Use baits with boric acid, hydramethylnon, fipronil, or arsenic as an active ingredient.
- Keep several different baits on hand because ants change their food preferences frequently. If one bait is not working, try another. Wait at least a day to see if they take the bait.
- Ants send out scouts (one or two ants). Kill the scouts every time you see them, and eventually, the nest will stop sending them (count on this to take about a month. Ants are slow learners).

- Ants have trouble climbing up anything slick like vegetable shortening or petroleum jelly. Wipe a ring of either substance around your kitchen pail to stop them.

## OTHER SUGGESTIONS

Here are some ant control tips we have compiled through suggestions from residents in other cities that have a food scrap program and from other sources. We **DO NOT** guarantee the effectiveness of these ideas, but it could certainly be worthwhile to give them a try.

- Dust the ant-infested area around your containers with baking soda or baby powder to stop ants.
- Mix one tablespoon of biodegradable peppermint oil soap with 2 cups of water in a spray bottle, this mixture kills ants on contact and helps drive away future ants.
- To control ants outside, sprinkle ant hills with a mixture of equal parts powdered sugar and powdered borax.
- At the point of entry, pour a line of paprika, red chili powder, dried peppermint leaves or cream of tartar.
- Ants dislike salt. Spread a good layer of salt in their path and they will no longer enter.
- Place orange peels or lemon peel in kitchen pail and cart, put peels in ant holes and add water.
- Sprinkle plain old instant grits near ants. The ants eat them, and then go for water, which makes the grits expand inside them & they die.

If you have any questions or suggestions on ant control and food scraps, call Pleasanton Garbage Service, Inc at: (925) 846-2042 or visit us on the web at: [www.pleasantongarbage.com](http://www.pleasantongarbage.com).

PLEASE DETACH HERE AND RETURN THIS PORTION WITH YOUR PAYMENT.



One stamp will be given for each 25 lbs. of recyclable material presented at the Buy Back Center. A total of 75 lbs. (3 stamps) of recyclable material must be presented during any given quarter to receive a credit. If you have an automated 90 gallon service, your quarterly credit will be \$3.51. If you have an automated 35 gallon service, your quarterly credit will be \$2.22.




To ensure proper credit, please fill out the information below:

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