



SUMMERTIME & TIME TO BARBECUE

You probably can't wait to get out the barbecue and start cooking outdoors again. We would like to share some safety tips with you so that you have a fun and safe summertime.

One important thing to remember is when using a barbecue with charcoal please make sure that the ashes have set for a minimum of 48 hours, then wrap ashes in tin foil and put in garbage cart. Deceiving ashes can conceal a hot ember that can start a fire in your garbage cart threatening nearby structures or at the very least melting holes in your cart causing a big mess and requiring you to pay for a replacement cart.

OTHER BARBECUE SAFETY TIPS

- Keep your barbecue grill clean and free of grease buildups. If accumulated grease deposits catch fire, they can be difficult to put out. It's a good idea to have a fire extinguisher close by just in case.
- Never use a barbecue in an enclosed space.
- Keep the barbecue at least 10 feet away from a building or other material.
- Never add lighter fluid after a fire is going.
- Keep face and clothing away from flames.
- Open lid carefully, turning your face away from the fire.
- Although decks are popular places to barbecue, be aware that leaves, dry grass, and other combustible materials collect under them. If a smoldering match or ember is dropped between the boards, it may ignite these materials and the deck. If your deck is close to, or attached to your home, this could present a very serious fire hazard.



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.

Please, no dirt, rocks, batteries, fluorescent lights, sharps or overloading - lids must be closed to prevent spills.



Recycling Cart Acceptable List Paper, cardboard, aluminum containers and foil, steel or tin cans, glass bottles and jars, plastic bottles and tubs (such as yogurt, margarine and cottage cheese, numbers ♻️ through ♻️).

Recycling Cart Non-Acceptable List Waxed paper containers, plastic bags, foam packaging, paper towels & napkins, food soiled paper & cardboard, aerosol cans, diapers.

Greenwaste Cart 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.

Greenwaste Cart Non-Acceptable List No household garbage, no plastic bags, no dirt or rocks, no overloading - lid must be closed to prevent spills.

New Alameda County Green Law

What is the Alameda County Landfill Ban?

The ban, which was passed by the Alameda County Waste Management Authority in early 2009, prohibits disposal of plant debris in county landfills. Plant debris includes grass, leaves, shrubbery, vines and tree branches. This plant debris must be separated from all garbage and deposited in the disposal facility's designated "clean green" area or a designated "organics" cart or collection bin.

What is accepted at designated "clean green" areas of disposal facilities?

Only plant debris is accepted. Therefore, plant debris must be separated from contaminants, such as glass, plastic or construction materials. If the plant debris contains even a small amount of such contaminants, it cannot be composted.

Why is the separation of plant debris and garbage so important?

Alameda County is under voter mandate to divert 75 percent of waste away from landfills by the end of 2010. By making sure that plant debris is free of waste, landscapers and gardeners can help Alameda County meet this goal. Deposit of plant debris at designated "clean green" areas allows the material to be turned into rich compost, which improves soil health.

Does the Landfill Ban apply to Alameda County residents who use green organic carts for organic recycling?

Individual residents do not typically generate enough volume of plant debris to justify hauling to a disposal facility. Residents should continue to dispose of plant debris in their green organics (yard trimmings) carts, along with food scraps and other organic materials.

What happens to those that don't separate plant debris from waste?

Beginning January 1, 2010, landscapers and organizations that fail to separate plant debris from waste can be fined. Fines range from 50% surcharges on their dump fees to \$100 citations for the first violation within a year, to \$500 for the third and successive violations. Loads will be randomly checked at generator locations and at disposal facilities for violations. However, the goal of the ordinance is compliance and environmental protection, not the collection of fines.

Where can people find out more about the ban?

More information about the Landfill Ban can be found at www.LandfillBan.org, or by calling the Landfill Ban Hotline at (888) 893-9929.



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