

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.



What Do I Put 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 helpful 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

Thank you for helping us provide you with the best possible service.

Ever Wonder About the Meaning of the "Chasing Arrows" Recycling Symbol?



Each of the three arrows represents one step in a three-step process that closes the recycling loop.

The first step represents collection of

materials to be recycled, for example, when recyclable materials are placed in a recycling container or PGS separates your materials at their recycling center. The collected materials are then cleaned and sorted for sale to a manufacturing facility.

The manufacturing process is the second arrow in the recycling symbol. The recyclable materials are manufactured into new products for retail or commercial sale.

The third step is the actual purchase and use of the products made from the recycled materials. The loop is now complete! So, when you make your purchases and notice the chasing arrows symbol on your products you will know that you are "closing the loop" on recycling and saving precious natural resources.

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Alternatives to Household Cleaners

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Alternatives to Using Household Cleaners

The following household cleaning products are less-toxic alternatives to commercial products, which have the potential to harm human health and the environment. Always read the product label before using, keep away from children, use gloves, and dispose of all chemicals properly. Do not mix chemicals together.

Baking Soda is a naturally occurring compound commonly used for baking, cleaning, and deodorizing. It can be used as a mild abrasive cleaner for kitchen and bathroom soil and microorganism removal. It's an alternative to chlorine or silica-based scouring products.

Borax laundry and cleaning products have been available in the consumer market for decades. Borax is a naturally occurring mineral found in the western United States, particularly the Mojave Desert in California.

d-Limonene is derived from citrus plants and is the active ingredient in citrus-based solvents and general household cleaners. It is an effective alternative to petroleum-based solvents and cleaners, which are slow to break down in the environment and pollute the air and water.

Hydrogen Peroxide is used as a general purpose cleaner, bleach, and to disinfect wounds. It is an alternative to chlorine-based compounds.

White Vinegar is used as a general purpose cleaner, hard surface cleaner, and glass cleaner. It is an alternative to ammonia-based cleaners and other corrosive products. Because of its acidity, vinegar dissolves alkaline materials like baking soda.

Recipe Ideas

All Purpose Cleaner

Mix 2 tsp. borax and 1 tsp. liquid dishwashing soap in 1 quart of water and store in spray bottle.

All Purpose Tile Cleaner

Add 2 tbsp. baking soda to 1 quart warm water to clean porcelain tile.

All Purpose Glass Cleaner

Mix 1/4 cup white vinegar (or 2 tbsp. lemon juice) in 1 quart warm water and store in spray bottle.

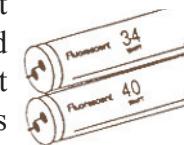
Oven Cleaner

Mix 2 tsp. borax, 2 tbsp. dishwashing soap and 1 quart warm water and spray in oven, wait 20 minutes and clean.



Did You Know that Fluorescent Lights are Household Hazardous Waste?

That means you may not put them in with your household trash for collection. Fluorescent lights contain mercury, which is toxic. When broken, compacted or disposed of incorrectly, the lights release mercury into the environment. That threatens both the environment and human health.



Finding a Household Hazardous Waste Disposal Site

Leftover paints, pesticides, automotive fluids, rechargeable batteries and other common items that we have in our household can be harmful and hazardous and are not allowed to be disposed of in your trash. The Alameda County Environmental Health Department currently operates three drop-off facilities. For more information on the proper disposal of household hazardous waste, facility locations, operating dates and hours, call the Alameda County Household Hazardous Waste Program at 800-606-6606 or visit www.stopwaste.org.

Household Hazardous Waste List

- Batteries – From the small household type to vehicle batteries
- Vehicle Fluids – Antifreeze, brake, oil and transmission fluids
- Paints, Varnish, Lacquer & Shellac
- Pesticides and Herbicides – weed killer, lawn treatments, ant and wasp killer, etc.
- Pool Chemicals
- Household Kitchen and Bathroom Cleaners