You are a Part of the Solution!

This Guide provides basic tips to make it easier to recycle and ideas on how to stop waste before it starts.

Every year Californians generate nearly 100 million tons of garbage!

California law, Assembly Bill 341, requires the State of California to reduce waste going to the landfill by at least 75% by the year 2020.

Each of us also have a stake in preserving resources for future generations by reducing the amount of material we send to landfills. By reducing waste and recycling, we can all save on disposal costs and help protect the environment.

Please contact the Amador County Community Development Agency’s Waste Management Department with any questions or comments at (209) 223-6429.
Also, visit our website at:
www.amadorgov.org

Keep Amador County Clean and Green!
Waste Reduction & Recycling Guide

Recycler Ricky

Amador County

Waste Management Department
(209) 223-6429
www.amadorgov.org
LOCAL OVERSIGHT OF WASTE MANAGEMENT (Regional Agency and Local Task Force)

Regional Agency:
- To decrease the amount of solid waste going into disposal facilities by establishing source reduction, recycling, and composting programs.
- To develop goals, policies, and procedures which are consistent with the guidelines and regulations of the California Integrated Waste Management Board.

Regional Agency Members include one elected official from each incorporated city and two County Supervisors:

- Amador City      (209) 267-0682   www.amador-city.com
- Amador County   (209) 223-6470   www.co.amadorgov.org
- Ione       (209) 274-2412   http://ione-ca.com
- Jackson      (209) 223-1646   http://ci.jackson.ca.us
- Plymouth      (209) 245-6941   www.ci.plymouth.ca.us
- Sutter Creek      (209) 267-5647   http://ci.sutter-creek.ca.us

Local Task Force:
Local Task Force Members are volunteers that represent the solid waste industry, environmental organizations, the general public, special districts, and affected governmental agencies.

Meetings:
The public is welcome to all meetings. For information on meeting times please call the Amador County Waste Management Department at (209) 223-6429 or the Board Clerk at (209) 223-6470.
MANDATORY COMMERCIAL RECYCLING

New California State law states that effective July 1, 2012, all businesses that generate 4 or more cubic yards of garbage per week [and] all multifamily complexes (apartments, etc.) with 5 or more units must recycle.

75% WASTE DIVERSION

A new law passed by the State legislature and signed by Governor Brown requires California to divert (recycle) 75% of it’s waste by January 1, 2020.

RECYCLE CENTER OPEN

Recycle & Scrap It! Is open on Academy Drive, Sutter Hill (209) 267-5710.

GREEN WASTE RECYCLING IN AMADOR COUNTY

Vicini Brothers Green Waste
Recycling Facility
15850 Willow Creek Road
Plymouth, CA 95669
(209) 245-3850
PHONE RESOURCES

ADOPT-A-ROAD
CalTrans Adopt-A-Highway Program 209-948-7462
www.adopt-a-highway.dot.ca.gov

COMPUTER MONITOR & TELEVISION RECYCLING
Please refer to page 13 for more information or contact:
ACES Pine Grove 209-296-2237
ACES Buena Vista 209-274-2455

HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS & UNIVERSAL WASTE
Please refer to page 13 for more information or contact:
Amador County Waste Management Department 209-223-6429

RECYCLING & WASTE HANDLING INFORMATION
Amador County Waste Management Department 209-223-6429
www.amadorgov.org

RECYCLE & SCRAP IT! 209-267-5710
ACES—Buena Vista 209-296-2237
www.aceswasteservices.com

ACES—Pine Grove 209-274-2237
www.aceswasteservices.com

TO REPORT ILLEGAL DUMPING OR LITTERING
Secret Witness 209-223-4900
Amador County Sheriff’s Office 209-223-6500
Amador County Code Enforcement 209-223-6565

USED OIL & FILTER RECYCLING CENTERS
Please refer to page 15 for more information.
ACES- Pine Grove
19801 Berry Street,
Pine Grove, CA 95665
(209) 296-2237
9 - 12 noon, 1 - 4 pm
Tuesday - Saturday
www.aceswasteservices.com

ACES- Buena Vista
6500 Buena Vista Road,
Ione, CA 95640
(209) 274-2455
9 - 5 pm, 7 days a week
www.aceswasteservices.com

For more information on these or other services, please contact the waste hauler for your area or the Amador County Waste Management Department at (209) 223-6429 or visit www.amadorgov.org
ACES Waste Services provides automated cart service for waste and recycling in designated service areas.

**For Non-designated Areas:**
ACES will provide you with orange bags for your curbside recyclables.
NO SORTING NECESSARY! Mix all your recyclables (cans, bottles, glass, paper, cardboard, etc.) together in the orange bags or the automated recycling cart.

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Additional Recycling & Waste Handling Information

Amador County Waste Management  
Department 223-6429  
www.amadorgov.org

Antifreeze  
Accepted daily at the Buena Vista Transfer Station in Ione.

Appliances (see pg. 4)  
Please bring your appliances to your nearest transfer station.  
Please call for cost information.

Asbestos  
Please contact a certified asbestos abatement company or call 1-800-72TOXIC.

Ashes  
DO NOT PLACE IN GARBAGE. Should be completely extinguished and then buried on your property.

Fluorescent Bulbs (CFL’s) (see pg. 12)  
Please bring your fluorescent light bulbs to the HHW Collection Event. For your convenience, the following retail stores are now accepting household batteries, fluorescent tubes and bulbs:  
ACE Hardware Ione & Meeks Lumber and Hardware

Beverage Containers (see pg. 16)  
CRV is now ($.05) for containers less than 24 oz. and ($.10) for containers larger than 24 oz.

Christmas Trees  
Amador County and ACES Waste Services collects Christmas trees at no charge during the month of January, please call (209) 223-6429

Clothes / Textiles / Fabrics  
These items are recyclable, please call a local Thrift Store to make a donation: Hospice of Amador (209) 223-4762, On A Mission Thrift Store (209) 223-4250, Hospital Auxiliary Thrift Shop (209) 223-5570

Cooking Oils / Thanksgiving Turkey  
Please call Amador County Waste Management Department at (209) 223-6429.
**Car Batteries** (see pg. 13)
Please bring your car batteries to the HHW Collection, a transfer station, or O’Reilly Auto Parts in Martell.

**Cell Phones** (see pg. 12)
Please bring your cell phones (usable or not) to your cell phone dealer, Radio Shack in Jackson, HHW Event or a local school with a cell phone recycling program.

**Computer Monitors** (see pg. 12)
Please bring your computer monitors to either transfer station free of charge.

*Limit of two per person per day*

**Conditionally Exempt Small Quantity Generator**
(Conditionally Exempt Small Quantity Generator)
(Dispensation options for businesses—Fees will apply)
Please call the Amador County Waste Management Department for an appointment (209) 223-6429

**Construction and Demolition (C & D) Waste**
If you have questions or qualify for self hauling of this material, please call:
ACES - Pine Grove (209) 296-2237
ACES - Buena Vista (209) 274-2455

Examples of C & D materials which can be diverted from the waste stream include: Asphalt, concrete, stone, brick, untreated wood materials, PVC pipe, trees, shrubs, stumps, logs, brush, roofing materials, and scrap metals.

**Find more information on C & D waste at:**
[www.calrecycle.ca.gov/ConDemo/](http://www.calrecycle.ca.gov/ConDemo/)

**Curbside Recycling** (see pg. 4-5)
ACES Waste Services, Inc. (209) 296-2237

**Diesel Oil** (see pg. 15)
For Residential Use Only
(same as Used Motor Oil and Oil Filters)
See page 15 for a complete list of used oil collection centers.
Electronic Waste (E-Waste) (see pg. 12)
E-Waste is accepted daily at Buena Vista Transfer Station in Ione and ACES in Pine Grove.

Greenwaste (Yard Waste) (see pg. 2)
Vicini Brothers Green Waste Recycling Facility at (209) 245-3850.

Household Batteries (see pg. 12)
Please bring household batteries to the HHW Collection Event or visit one of the following retail stores:
ACE Hardware Ione and Meeks Lumber and Hardware

Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) (see page 13)
Visit Buena Vista Transfer Station every other Saturday.

Medical Waste (Sharps) (see pg. 13)
California law prohibits the disposal of home-generated sharps in the waste disposal system. Please bring to HHW collection event.

Mercury thermometers and switches (see pg. 13)
Please bring to the HHW Collection Event.

Microwaves (see pg. 13)
Please bring to the HHW Collection Event held every other Saturday at the Buena Vista Transfer Station.

Pharmaceuticals & Expired and Unused Medicines
Please contact your doctor or pharmacy.

Plastic Bag Recycling
Please bring your plastic grocery bags to any major supermarket, pharmacy, or other retail outlet for recycling.
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Propane Tank: DO NOT PLACE IN GARBAGE. Call one of the following propane gas companies to dispose or reuse:
- Main Street Gas Company (209) 295-7087
- AmeriGas (209) 223-0706
- Kamps Propane (209) 223-5186 or (209) 296-5544
FOR EXCHANGE: Wal-Mart, Lowes, Raleys, and Mirastar

Rechargeable Batteries* (see pg. 12-13)
Please bring your old rechargeable batteries to the HHW Collection Event or Radio Shack in Jackson.
*Please tape the contact points on rechargeable batteries
The following retail stores are now accepting household batteries, fluorescent tubes and bulbs:
- ACE Hardware Ione
- Meeks Lumber and Hardware

Rubble, Concrete & Asphalt Please call Irish Hill Quarry at (209) 274-6396, or Cemex Quarry at (209) 274-4244,

Styrofoam (packing peanuts, blocks, etc.)
Please contact a local mail center for reuse of packaging peanuts.
For other Styrofoam materials contact the store where the items were purchased and ask for recycling options.

Television (see pg. 12)
Please bring your television sets to either transfer station free of charge during business hours.

Limit of two per person per day

Tires (see pg. 14)
DO NOT PLACE IN GARBAGE. Must be recycled through your tire dealer or transfer station.

Toner / Printer Cartridges please call Staples Office Store at (209) 257-0430, Or the Amador School District at (209) 257-5353

Treated Wood
DO NOT PLACE IN GARBAGE. Must be segregated for proper disposal at a transfer station.
“The Waste Management Department manages the safe and sanitary storage, collection, transportation, and disposal of solid waste in Amador County. The Department is also responsible for the design, development, implementation, and promotion of recycling, waste reduction, and waste diversion programs.”

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Special Collection Events at a Glance:
These events occur when funding is available.

Please contact Amador County Waste Management Department at 223-6429 for events that may be scheduled in your area.

E-Waste Collection
Collected daily at both transfer stations and at various fundraising collection events offered throughout county. Contact the Waste Management and Department for more information.

Household Hazardous Waste
Mobile collection events occur as funding becomes available. Accepted every other Saturday at the Buena Vista Transfer Station in Ione. For dates and times, contact the Waste Management Department.

Sharps Collection
Home-generated sharps may not be thrown in the trash. Hypodermic needles, syringes, lancets, and other medical devices used for self-injection or blood test, which may have a sharp tip or end must be sealed and clearly marked in an approved container and taken to the HHW collection facility.

Tire Recycling
Must be recycled through your tire dealer or transfer station. Free mobile collection events are offered by Amador County Waste Management and Recycling Department when funding becomes available.

Used Oil & Filter Recycling
Accepted daily at both transfer stations and several other retail locations (see page 15 for more information).
Amador County Waste Management
Department Sponsored Collection Events

**Collected Daily** at Buena Vista Transfer Station and ACES Waste Service Pine Grove

Cell Phones  Televisions  Computers  Electronic Devices

Electronic Waste is usually described as anything with:

- Cord
- Chip
- Plug
- Battery
- Circuit Board

**Mobile Household Hazardous Waste Collection Events**

Periodically the County Waste Management Department will sponsor collection events in selected areas of the County. These events are typically one-day events and allow individuals that live far from the HHW Facility to participate.

(Call the Waste Management Dept. for more info.)
HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE (HHW)
LIMIT OF 15 GALLONS / 125 POUNDS PER CUSTOMER PER DAY

This program is for residential use only
(Business waste by appointment only)

WHEN: Every other Saturday
WHERE: Buena Vista Transfer Station
TIME: 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. (every other Saturday)
PLEASE CALL FOR SCHEDULE
(209) 223-6429

COMMON HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE PRODUCTS INCLUDE:

- Antifreeze & Gasoline
- Brake Fluids
- Used oil & oil filters
- Pool Chemicals
- Sharps (injection needles)
- Paints & Thinners
- Household Batteries
- Pesticides & Insecticides
- Mercury Products
- (thermostats and switches)
- Fluorescent tubes & bulbs
- Computers and Televisions
- Car/ Truck Batteries
- Cell phones
- Non-empty aerosol cans
- Electronic devices
- Household cleaners

ITEMS NOT ACCEPTED:
Explosives, Ammunition, Pharmaceuticals, Radioactive Waste
Amador County

Tire Recycling Events

For the next scheduled event, please call the Waste Management Department at 223-6429

Only Amador County residents may drop off up to nine (9) personally-used, non-commercial, non-ag tires WITHOUT RIMS at these FREE Tire Disposal Events.

*Provided through a grant from CalRecycle

For more information, please call Amador County Waste Management Department at (209) 223-6429 or visit our website at www.amadorgov.org
USED OIL & FILTER RECYCLING CENTERS

CENTERS WILL ACCEPT USED OIL AND FILTERS
DURING THEIR BUSINESS HOURS
Limit of 15 gallons per person per day
FOR RESIDENTIAL USE ONLY

ACES - PINE GROVE
19801 Berry Street
Pine Grove
(209) 274-2237

ACES - BUENA VISTA
6500 Buena Vista Road
Ione
(209) 274-2237

A.T.I. AUTO PARTS
Hwy 88 & Pine Grove
Volcano Road, Pine Grove
(209) 296-7555

A.T.I. AUTO PARTS
Hwy 49 & Ridge Road,
Sutter Creek
(209) 267-5241

O’REILLY AUTO PARTS
12440 Jackson Gate Rd.
(209) 223-3256
(Oil filters not accepted)

LYNCH’S AUTOMOTIVE
12568 Jackson Gate Road, Mar-
tell
(209) 223-2520

TOMMY’S GARAGE
340 Preston Avenue, Ione
(209) 274-0605

RILEY’S EXPRESS
106 French Bar Rd.,
Jackson
(209) 223-9274

FOOTHILL GARAGE AND
WRECKING
9408 Pacific Street, Plymouth
(209) 245-3370

SPEEDEE OIL CHANGE
AND TUNE-UP
12470 Jackson Gate Rd.
(209) 223-1455

IT IS ILLEGAL TO ABANDON
USED OIL OR OTHER HAZARDOUS SUBSTANCES AT ANY TIME
Recycle & Scrap It!
100 Academy Dr. (Sutter Creek)

Claypool's Market (Ione)
313 Preston Ave
Items accepted: All CRV containers

Pokerville Market (Plymouth)
18170 Hwy 49
Item accepted: All CRV containers

Raley’s Supermarket (Jackson)
781 S. Hwy 49
Items accepted: All CRV containers

Pine Grove Market (Pine Grove)
19394 Hwy 88
Items accepted: All CRV containers

REDUCE, REUSE, RECYCLE EVERYDAY!!
THE 5R’S: What you can do now! (Don’t stop at just 3 R’s, try all 5!)

**REDUCE**
The first R is REDUCE. Prevent materials from becoming waste in the first place.
*For example:*
*Buy in bulk to eliminate packaging waste.*

**REUSE**
The second R is REUSE. Many items can be reused over and over again before they become waste.
*For example:*
*Utilize reusable containers to store left-over food.*

**RECYCLE**
The third R is RECYCLE. Recycling uses old materials to manufacture new products.
*For example:*
*Beverage containers, paper, magazines, plastic, glass, scrap metals, and even construction materials can be recycled.*

**REBUY**
The fourth R is REBUY. Buying products made from recycled material helps support markets for recycling.
*For example:*
*Buy a fleece jacket made from recycled plastic bottles!*
*For more information, visit: www.calrecycle.ca.gov*

**ROT**
The final R is ROT. Backyard and worm composting makes a rich soil amendment used to help grow healthy plants.
*For example:*
*Many Amador County residents are making compost from their own yard waste and food scraps.*
COMPOSTING: *Earth’s way of recycling!*

**Ingredients:**
- **Browns** (Carbon): leaves, twigs, sawdust, newspaper.
- **Greens** (Nitrogen): grass clippings, fruit & vegetable scraps, and coffee grounds. **NO MEAT OR DAIRY** (will attract pests)!
- **Air:** add air by using your larger twigs and sticks on the bottom and by turning the pile periodically.
- **Water:** add water as you build and turn your pile, until it is as damp as a wrung out sponge.

**Three Basic Steps:**
- **Chop:** materials to less than 6 inches.
- **Mix:** brown and greens to 50/50 by volume.
- **Moisture:** the pile should always be damp.

**Getting Started:**
1. Choose a bin that is right for your needs.
2. Pick a place without too much sun.
3. Use a pitch fork to mix pile periodically.
4. Chop and layer materials with the larger and bushy items on the bottom. Alternate layers with browns and greens and moisten each layer with water.
5. Watch it rot.
6. Finished compost will be dark and crumbly with an earthy smell, and you can no longer see individual materials.

For more information on composting:  
[www.calrecycle.ca.gov/FoodWaste/Compost/]
WORM COMPOSTING (vermiculture)

Vermiculture is the art of raising worms which includes a mixture of partially decomposed organic waste, bedding, and worm castings. There are many benefits to worm composting such as, diverting food scraps from the waste stream and producing a nutrient rich organic compost for your garden, lawn, or houseplants.

How to create your own worm composting box:

**Supplies**-
2. A piece of screen (same size as the lid of your box).
3. Bedding (newspaper ripped into strips or shredded paper).
4. Soil (just a handful or two from outside).
5. Food (vegetable, fruit, coffee grounds, coffee filters, and bread food scraps. NO MEAT OR DAIRY!)

**How to**-
1. Make holes in the lid of your box and glue the piece of screen over the lid so the worms do not escape.
2. Then put in bedding (shredded newspaper).
3. Add a couple handfuls of soil (adds beneficial bugs).
4. Add worms (call the Waste Management Department for more information).
5. Put food scraps in the middle of the box.
6. Cover with more bedding (shredded newspaper).
7. Sprinkle a little water over the bedding so that it is damp.
8. Keep your worms in a dark, dry place and feed them about once to twice a week, depending on the size of your box.
9. To harvest castings for garden or lawn see following website: www.mastercomposter.com/worm/

For more information on worm composting look for Mary Applehof’s book, *Worms Eat My Garbage* at www.wormwoman.com
ONLINE RESOURCES

COUNTY & GOVERNMENT LINKS:
Amador County
www.amadorgov.org

CalRecycle
www.calrecycle.ca.gov

Division of Recycling (DOR)
www.calrecycle.ca.gov/DOR/index.htm
www.calrecycle.ca.gov/BevContainer/Consumers/default.htm

Department of Toxic Substance Control (DTSC)
www.disc.ca.gov

Rural Counties Environmental Service Joint Powers Authority (ESJPA)
www.esjpa.org

U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)
www.epa.gov

INFORMATIONAL LINKS:
Buy Recycled:
www.calrecycle.ca.gov/RecycleStore
www.recycledproducts.com
www.freecycle.org
www.calrecycle.ca.gov/CalMAX

Compost:
www.composters.com/index.html
www.calrecycle.ca.gov/Organics/Worms/Bin-Suply.htm
www.calrecycle.ca.gov/Organics/HomeCompost/Bins/BinList.htm
LINKS FOR TEACHERS:
http://www.calrecycle.ca.gov/Education/
www.videoproject.com
www.jceckids.org
www.epa.gov/teachers
www.kab.org/kids/educators.htm
www.calrecycle.ca.gov/CalMAX/KidMAX.htm
www.americarecyclesday.org

Amador County Waste Management Department offers free classroom presentations for K-12 grades in Amador County. Please call (209) 223-6429 for more information.

LINKS FOR KIDS:
www.epa.gov/recyclecity
www.calrecycle.ca.gov/Kidstuff
www.epa.gov/kids
www.kidsface.org
www.seussville.com/games/lorax
www.epa.gov/students
www.eddytheeco-dog.com/recyclegame/recyclegame.html
www.calrecycle.ca.gov/publiced/quiz/default.asp
www.reclerex.com
www.ibuydifferent.org
www.greendollhouse.org
In April of 2004, the Amador County Regional Agency sponsored a drawing contest for K-12 graders to create a recycling mascot for Amador County. Out of over 200 entries received the Regional Agency selected nine nominees; three at each of the following levels: Elementary, Junior High, and High School.

In July (2004) the selected nominees were displayed at the Amador County Fair for the public to vote on their favorite mascot to represent the face of recycling in Amador County.

On November 4, 2004, the Regional Agency held a special ceremony to award the winners for their drawings. Gina Salvador, a senior student of Amador High School was awarded overall winner of the contest. Her drawing of “Recycler Ricky” is now Amador County’s Recycling Mascot!
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INTEGRATED SOLID WASTE
MANAGEMENT AGENCY (RA)
Represents:

City of Amador City
City of Ione
City of Jackson
City of Plymouth
City of Sutter Creek
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