



Holiday Pickup Schedule

Thanksgiving Day there will be No Interruption in garbage, recycling and greenwaste collection service on Thanksgiving Day. The Transfer Station, Recycling Center and main office will be closed Thursday, November 28.

Christmas Day & New Years Day both fall on a Wednesday this year, therefore, garbage, recycling and greenwaste collection service will be delayed by one day for the two weeks following the holidays.

In other words, Wednesday pickups will be on Thursday, Thursday pickups will be on Friday and Friday pickups will be on Saturday. Monday and Tuesday collection remain on their normal schedule both weeks.

The Transfer Station, Recycling Center and office will be closed on Christmas Day, Wednesday December 25th and New Years Day, January 1st.

Boy Scout Tree Recycling Day Boy Scout Troop 941 in Pleasanton will hold its annual Christmas Tree Pickup and Recycling Day on Saturday, January 4, 2020. Starting at 8am, an enthusiastic group of about 40 scouts, 10 box trucks and many parent volunteers will collect over 1000 trees, which will be converted into over 15 tons of mulch! For more information or to place a reservation online, please visit Boy Scout Troop 941 at www.Troop941.Org. Funds raised by the project are used by the Scouts to pay for new equipment, camp fees and other outdoor activities.

NEW PGS CHRISTMAS TREE COLLECTION GUIDELINES

Pleasanton Garbage Service will now be picking up clean, green Christmas trees for recycling on your regular collection day beginning on Monday, January 6 and ending on Friday, January 17.

Tree must be cut into four foot lengths and placed at the curb the night before pickup. Collection will **begin the week of Monday January 6, 2020 and end on Friday, January 17th on your regular collection day.**

Please remove stands, tinsel, ornaments and lights. Pleasanton Garbage Service is not responsible for any decorations that are left on the tree.

Flocked trees or trees with tinsel cannot be recycled. Please call 925-846-2042 to arrange for disposal of your flocked or tinsel tree. An additional fee will apply unless you use one of the three *Bulky Item Collections* available.

You may place your green Christmas tree cut into two foot sections inside your greenwaste container and it will be picked up on your regular service day.

Pleasanton residents may also bring Christmas trees to the Transfer Station at 3110 Busch Rd. free of charge until January 31, 2020. Please give our office a call at (925) 846-2042 or visit our Website at: www.pleasantongarbageservice.com if you have questions.

We want our service to be the best, and you can help

Garbage Carts 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 No plastic bags, wrapping film, wire and string, waxed paper containers, foam packaging, paper towels & napkins, food soiled paper & cardboard, aerosol cans and 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 plastic bags, wrapping film, no household garbage. **No dirt or rocks.**
No overloading — lid must be closed to prevent spills.



Recycling is Not Dead

Take That Extra Step! Please Rinse And Clean Your Recyclables

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Recently, some international headlines have proclaimed we're approaching an "end to recycling." While the recycling landscape has changed nationally due to China's decision last year to stop importing some mixed plastics and mixed paper, it is far from dead, especially in Alameda County and the Bay Area.

Although the new stricter contamination standards make it more challenging for recycling companies to find markets for some materials, much of the material in Alameda County recycling carts is still making its way to facilities where it can be processed and recycled into new products and packaging.

In fact, the recycling industry and the way that materials are processed varies dramatically across the county, and even city to city. In some areas, recycling facilities have altered their policies in terms of what is accepted, while others have not. Therefore, nationwide coverage of the industry can be confusing and does not necessarily depict the full story at the local level.

StopWaste and its partners continue to encourage residents to continue recycling, but with added attention to **proper sorting and keeping the streams clean**. Here are our recommendations to recycle right:

Use Less Paper and Plastic

- Reduce and reuse come before recycling. The less waste we generate in the first place, the less of it we need to manage.
- Visit www.StopWaste.org for tips on using less.

Keep It Clean

- Only put what's allowed in your recycling and organics (green) bins. Check with your city or waste hauler to see what's accepted.
- Recycling bin: Items going in the recycling bin should be empty, clean, dry, and free of food and liquids. Avoid "wishcycling" – just because an item has a chasing arrow symbol doesn't mean it's recyclable in your city. For a chasing arrow guide see: www.acmoplastics.com/content/your-guide-to-plastic-recycling-symbols/
- Organics (green) bin: No plastic, glass, or metal should ever go in the green bin—quality compost starts with yard trimmings and food scraps.

With your help, we can keep our recycling clean in Alameda County and ensure we continue to have strong markets for recyclables into the future.

Other Reasons to Keep Our Recycling Clean



For both recycling and greenwaste carts, please don't contaminate your load with plastic bags, wire, string or anything else that can jam up our equipment. It stops our processes and creates additional work for our employees.



Please never put hazardous waste in any cart. Chemicals, especially if they accidentally combine, cause fires, toxic fumes/gases and poison landfills. See StopWaste.org for disposal options.



As you have heard before, lithium batteries cause fires and are very dangerous. Please, never dispose of any electronic device that is "rechargeable." Any battery can leak caustic chemicals, please never put batteries in the trash or recycling carts.



Keep it clean.

Recycling works best when items are clean, empty, and dry.



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