



Holiday Pickup Schedule

Thanksgiving Day there will be No Interruption in garbage, recycling and greenwaste collection service on Thanksgiving Day. The Transfer Station and main office will be closed Thursday, November 24.

Christmas Day & New Years Day both fall on a Sunday this year, therefore, garbage, recycling and greenwaste collection service will not be delayed.

The Transfer Station and office will be closed on Christmas Day, Sunday 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 7, 2023. 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; registration begins December 1st, 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.

PGS CHRISTMAS TREE COLLECTION GUIDELINES

Pleasanton Garbage Service will be picking up clean, green Christmas trees for recycling on your regular collection day beginning on Monday, January 9 and ending on Friday, January 13, 2023.

Tree must be cut into four foot lengths and placed at the curb the night before pickup. Collection will **begin on your regular collection day the week of Monday January 9, 2023 and end on Friday, January 13 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, 2023. Please give our office a call at (925) 846-2042 or visit our Website at:

www.pleasantongarbage.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 and diapers.

Food/Green Waste 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.

Food/Green Waste 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.



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Recycle Cart Awareness During the Holidays

During the holiday season we generate 25% more waste than usual. But that means a higher percentage of waste ends up in the Recycle Cart over the holidays than during the rest of the year. Most people try to do the right thing, but some people are trying to put everything into the Recycling Cart. That increases the total volume of material we get, but more of that volume is actually trash. These non-recyclables such as: large plastic toys with metal parts, batteries, electronics, food soiled paper and plastic bags can contaminate the good recyclables and the whole load can end up in the landfill. Recycling streams that require more sorting are less likely to be able to be recycled economically – and more likely to be sent to the landfill. Here are some tips that can help:

1. Much of the glossy or laminated gift wrap that's popular around Christmas can't be recycled; neither can many of the ribbons, especially those with wire mesh. Please consider using recyclable gift wrap or get creative with newsprint, paper grocery bags or other natural-fiber paper. Gift bags that can be used several times are also a great alternative.
2. Reusable shopping bags or totes can cut down the use of plastic bags dramatically
3. As online shopping increases, so do the number of boxes being shipped. Most cardboard boxes are high-value recyclables, but the sheer volume of them means they often overflow the Recycling Carts and end up in the trash. Break down the cardboard boxes to save space and make sure they end up in the recycling.
4. Soiled paper cups, plates and napkins aren't recyclable. Throw disposable plates, napkins and paper towels in Greenwaste Cart because they are compostable. Most plastic food ware, which is usually made of mixed or low-grade plastics, with the exception of some plastic cups are not recyclable and have to be put in the trash. It's best to skip the disposables in favor of reusables when possible.



Bag Your Bags — Not Your Recyclables



Putting recyclables in a plastic bag tangles up the recycling equipment, so let your recyclables “loose” in your blue cart. Reuse bags and collect all clean, dry, loose plastic bags in one plastic bag and seal. Take your “bags in bag” and drop it off at a retail store near you. For a great Drop-Off Locator, go to the Plastic Film Recycling website, www.plasticfilmrecycling.org, to find a location near you. You will be surprised how many stores near you that have plastic bag recycling containers. *Please, keep unusable plastic bags, wires, string, old Christmas light strings out of the Recycle Cart and place them in the Garbage Cart.*

Also, it is *very important to keep plastic bags out of your Greenwaste Cart* because just a few misplaced bags can cause an entire semi-load of greenwaste to be deemed contaminated, therefore, that load can't go to a compost location but has to be sent to the landfill... such a big waste of good compost material.

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.



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.