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Pleasanton Garbage Service Inc.

Multi-Family News

Organics Reduction & Recycling Ordinance

For Businesses and Multi-family Properties – Citations start January 2023

On January 1st, 2022 California State law (SB 1383) went into effect and requires that compostable materials (food scraps, food-soiled paper products, paper towels, and plant debris) be kept out of landfills to prevent the production of methane, a potent greenhouse gas that contributes to climate change.

In Alameda County, the SB 1383 law is implemented and enforced under the Organics Reduction and Recycling Ordinance (ORRO). In Pleasanton the ORRO is implemented through a partnership between the City of Pleasanton, Pleasanton Garbage Service, StopWaste, and the Alameda County Environmental Health Department. Under State law SB 1383 and the ORRO, all businesses, nonprofits, institutions, schools, and multi-family properties (5+ units) are required to have compost (food/green waste) and recycling collection service or have an approved waiver.

The Alameda County public agency, StopWaste, will enforce the law and begin issuing citations in January 2023 to sites that haven't subscribed to food/green waste and recycling collection service with their franchised waste hauler.

How can my business or multi-family property comply with SB 1383 and ORRO?

1. Have Food/Green Waste and Recycling Service: All sites must set up adequate

food/green waste and recycling service. Please contact PGS if you don't have the required services. If you generate a minimal amount of compostable material per week then you may be able to qualify for a waiver which can be determined by a free PGS waste assessment.



2. Set up Indoor bins: Place colorcoded and labeled recycling and food/green waste bins next to all labeled garbage bins including inc

waste bins next to all labeled garbage bins, including indoors, except in restrooms.

3. Proper Waste Sorting: Educate and inform employees, tenants, and contractors to sort materials into the proper bins - food/green waste, recycling, and garbage. Tenants must be informed of the rules no later than 14 days after move-in and at least 14 days before move-out.

To order food/green waste and recycling service contact PGS at **925-846-2042** or email info@pleasantongarbageservice.com.

Watch out for Illegal Items

It is illegal to dispose of hazardous materials in garbage, recycling, or food/green waste containers. Improperly disposing of hazardous and toxic waste can result in serious harm to the health of people, pets, wildlife, and our environment.

Containers found to have these materials will NOT be collected until such materials are removed.

Alameda County offers many hazardous and/or universal waste drop off options. For information about local disposal options visit <u>StopWaste.org/at-home/household-hazard-ous-waste</u>.

Prohibited Items

- No fluorescent tubes or CFL light bulbs.
- No syringes or needles.
- No batteries of any kind or
- No chemical cleaners, paints, solvents, or other toxic chemicals.
- No appliances, computers, monitors, TV's, or electronics.



Recycling Tips

Keep the following tips in mind to keep costs down and reduce contamination throughout the year.

- Make sure all your employees, tenants, customers, and /or contractors know how to properly separate materials.
- Recyclables need to be empty and clean to be recycled.



- Do Not bag recyclables, plastic bags are a contaminant in both the recycling and the food/green waste containers.
- Focus on waste prevention, which helps eliminate waste at the source. This saves natural resources, energy, and cuts costs.



 Use the Re:source website to find out where to put unknown items,
<u>Resource.Stopwaste.org.</u>

Need Help?

PGS provides free waste assessments and outreach materials to educate multifamily tenants on how to use food/green waste and recycling services correctly and bring multi-family properties into compliance with local laws. Contact us if you have questions or need assistance.



For more information on collection services, please download our Service Guide at <u>PleasantonGarbageService.com/residential-services/multi-family-residential/garbage</u>.

Pleasanton Transfer Station

The Transfer Station is open seven days a week from 8:00 am to 4:00 pm and is located at 3110 Busch Rd., Pleasanton. The Transfer Station accepts all non-hazardous solid waste. Please visit pleasantongarbageservice.com/transfer-station/ for a list of fees. Hard to handle items may be charged at a higher rate. and heavy materials such as dirt, concrete, sod, rock, etc. will be weighed and charged by the ton.

Electronic waste such as televisions, computers, monitors, VCR, printers, fax machines are accepted for recycling at our Pleasanton Transfer Station. Fees are based on the item(s) brought to us.

Pleasanton's Reuse Trailer

Do you have furniture or other items that are in good condition that you would like to donate rather than throw away? Visit the Reuse Trailer at the Pleasanton Transfer Station. See the gate attendant and let them know that you have item(s) and they will direct you. Items in the Reuse Trailer are looking for a new home so if you see something you like feel free to take it at no charge.

Items okay to donate:

- Bikes
- Bed Frames
- Working Small Appliances
- Sporting Goods
- Art
- Furniture

Please NO:

- Clothes
- Bedding
- Pillows
- Tires
- · Liquids of any kind