

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.

Tips For Trimming Down Your Holiday Waste

Holiday Shopping

- Shop from home, either electronically or through catalogs.
- Plan ahead. Making a list will save time, money and last-minute shopping frenzies.
- Consolidate shopping trips. Less driving means less wasted on gas.
- Call the 800 number on the back of mail-order gift catalogs to cancel the ones you don't want.

Holiday Decorations

- Consider purchasing a potted tree to decorate and plant in your yard later, or buy an artificial and reusable tree.
- If you buy a cut tree, reuse it as habitat for birds in the back yard during the winter months. Hang feeders or suet balls on it, and mulch the tree in the spring.
- Get outdoor light strands that are wired in parallel. These have separate circuitry so that if one bulb goes out the rest will keep shining.
- Make decorations out of natural materials.
- Make homemade tree ornaments out of things you already have around the house.

Holiday Gifts, Gift Wrap, And Cards

- Look for gifts that are: durable, not over-packaged, energy efficient, made with recycled materials, recyclable and not made of tropical woods.
- Keep it simple. One thoughtful gift is better than six wrapped packages of unwanted gifts.
- Donate unwanted gifts to charity.
- Give gifts that reduce environmental impacts, such as household goods like reusable linen napkins or reusable canvas shopping bags, educational items, plants that reduce indoor air pollution.
- Use reusable or recyclable wrapping paper.
- Don't wrap oversized presents.
- Give gift certificates or gifts that don't need to be wrapped.
- For gifts that require batteries, purchase rechargeable ones.

Holiday Parties

- If you are planning a holiday party or open house, try not to use disposable utensils, plates, napkins, or tablecloths.
- If you have a lot of extra food, donate it to the shelter, and compost the smaller scraps.
- Prepare food in quantities minimizing oven use.
- Buy 36-exposure film rather than 12 or 24 exposure to reduce the amount of packaging and film containers.
- Walk to neighborhood parties or carpool with friends if too far to walk.

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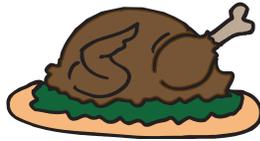
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Gosh, where has summer gone? Seems like this year has gone by fast with all the big events of the year. We hope that your year has been good for you so far. For those of you with friends and relatives affected by the recent storms in the Gulf Coast areas our thoughts and prayers are with you at this difficult time and hope for the best outcome for all the storm refugees.

Thanksgiving Day

There will be no interruption in garbage and greenwaste service for the Thanksgiving Day holiday. The Transfer Station, Recycling Center and main office will be closed Thursday, November 24.

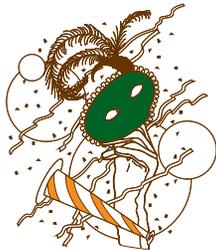


Christmas Day Since Christmas Day falls on a Sunday this year there will be no interruption in garbage and greenwaste service. The Transfer Station and

Recycling Center will be closed Sunday, December 25.

New Years Day

Since New Year's Day falls on a Sunday this year there will be no interruption in garbage and greenwaste service. The Transfer Station and Recycling Center will be closed Sunday, January 1.



Christmas Tree Pickup Pleasanton Garbage Service will pickup Christmas trees that are placed at the curb on **Saturday, January 14**. Trees must be **placed curbside**

the night before pickup and cut in four-foot sections. Please remove stands, tinsel, ornaments and lights. Pleasanton Garbage Service is not responsible for any decorations that are left on the tree.

Or, if you would like to enjoy your tree for a bit longer you may place your Christmas tree **cut in two foot sections** inside your greenwaste container and it will be picked up on your regular pickup day.

Pleasanton Residents may also bring your Christmas tree to the Transfer Station at 3110 Busch Rd. free of charge until February 1, 2006.

If you have any questions, please give our office a call at (925) 846-2042 or visit our website at: www.pleasantongarbage.com



Boy Scout Tree Recycling Day

Boy Scout Troop 941 & 943 in Pleasanton will hold it's annual Christmas Tree Pickup and Recycling Day on Saturday, January 7, 2006. For more information or to place a reservation online, please visit them at www.troop943.org.

Holiday Tree Fire Hazards

What's a holiday party or even the traditional Christmas morning scene itself without a beautifully decorated tree? If your household, as those of more than 33 million other American homes, includes a natural tree in its festivities, take to heart the sales person's suggestion, "Keep the tree watered." That's good advice and not just to create a fragrant indoor

winter wonderland atmosphere. Christmas trees account for 400 fires annually, resulting in 10 deaths, 80 injuries and more than \$15 million in property damage. Typically shorts in electrical lights or open flames from candles, lighters or matches start tree fires. Well-watered trees are not a problem. Dry and neglected trees can be.

The National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST) explains what happens when fire touches a dry tree. Within three seconds of ignition, a dry Scotch pine is completely ablaze. At five seconds, the fire extends up the tree and black smoke with searing gases streaks across the ceiling. Fresh air near the floor feeds the fire. A sofa, coffee table and carpet ignite prior to any flame contact. Within 40 seconds "flashover" occurs, that's when an entire room erupts into flames, oxygen is depleted and dense, deadly toxic smoke engulfs the scene.



Wet trees tell a different story. For comparative purposes, the NIST fire safety engineers selected a green Scotch pine, had an additional two inches cut from the trunk's bottom, and placed the tree in a stand with at least a 7.6 liter water capacity. The researchers maintained the Scotch pine's water on a daily basis. A single match could not ignite the tree. A second attempt in which an electric current ignited an entire matchbook failed to fire the tree. Finally they applied an open flame to the tree using a propane torch. The branches ignited briefly, but self-extinguished when the researchers removed the torch from the branches. As NIST fire safety engineers say:

"A WET TREE IS A SAFE TREE!"