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Pleasanton Garbage Service Inc.

# Commercial News

## SB 1383 Mandatory Requirements

Starting January 1st, 2022 California law SB 1383 requires all residents, multi-family properties with 5 or more units, businesses, schools, and government agencies to subscribe to garbage, recycling, and food/green waste service with their waste hauler.

### Business Responsibilities

- Must subscribe to garbage, recycling and food/green waste service.
- Place material into the correct collection containers. Ongoing contamination monitoring will be required and the county can impose fines on those who are not sorting properly.
- Business owners are required to train all employees, tenants, and contractors on the new collection requirements within 14 days of hiring or move-in and keep a record of training and on-site monitoring to assure compliance.



## PGS Recycling & Green/Food Waste Services

### Mixed Recycling

Acceptable materials include: clean dry paper, cardboard, empty glass containers, empty plastic bottles and containers, empty metal containers, and aluminum foil.



### Food/Green Waste

Acceptable materials include: food scraps, paper towels & napkins, food-soiled paper, uncoated paper products, green waste & plant debris, and untreated wood.



## Free Local Resources to Assure SB 1383 Compliance

PGS offers the following assistance and resources to help you set up and maintain an effective, convenient workplace recycling and food/green waste program.

- Free waste assessment to determine your trash, recycling & food / green waste needs.
- Free set-up & ongoing support to help you maintain your program.
- Free instructional materials (How-To-Guides, posters, decals, etc.).
- A variety of container size bins are available in sizes ranging from 1 - 7 cubic yards.
- Recycling and food/green waste carts are available in 96 gallons size. Garbage carts are available in 35 and 96 gallon sizes.

## Additional Zero Waste Resources!

StopWaste provides free assistance to all Alameda County businesses to help reduce waste and comply with State and local regulations. Visit [www.StopWaste.org/stopwaste-at-work](http://www.StopWaste.org/stopwaste-at-work) for more information.



# Proper Sorting

## The Importance of Avoiding Contamination

In order to keep costs down and avoid future fines it is imperative to ensure recycling and food/green waste containers are free of contaminants. **No plastic bags of any kind** are allowed in either the recycling or food/green waste bins. Only loose recyclable materials may be placed in recycling containers and only acceptable food/green waste may be placed in the food/green waste containers.. Visit [www.PleasantonGarbageService.com](http://www.PleasantonGarbageService.com) and [www.Resource.StopWaste.org](http://www.Resource.StopWaste.org) for sorting guides.



*Film Plastic, Plastic Bags and Polystyrene are frequent contamination items. These items are **NOT** allowed in the recycling or food / green waste carts / bins.*

## Small Business Hazardous Waste Service

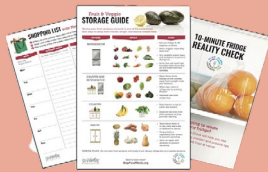
Business owners can learn more about how to dispose of HHW generated at their site at [www.StopWaste.org/at-work/business-hazardous-waste/small-business-hazardous-waste-service](http://www.StopWaste.org/at-work/business-hazardous-waste/small-business-hazardous-waste-service).



## Resource Guides

Utilizing PGS's & StopWaste's outreach/training

resources will help businesses establish ongoing monitoring and re-education practices to assure SB 1383 compliance. To avoid overloading and contamination fees make sure all employees, tenants, and contractors working on your property are properly informed on how to source separate and recycle correctly.



## Watch Out for Overloading

No overloading of bins or carts. Lids must close down completely. The driver will not empty overloaded bins or carts. If your waste container is overflowing on a regular basis, please call PGS to increase service.



## Waste Prevention

Waste prevention activities can range from reusing transport packaging (i.e. cardboard boxes and plastic film) to avoiding single-use carryout containers, other practices to consider putting to work in your business include:

- Developing an environmental purchasing policy.
- Setting up an internal centralized recycling station.
- Going paperless.
- Using water coolers.
- Providing real dishes and silverware.
- Encouraging sharing documents via the cloud instead of printing.

## Free Indoor Food Scrap Bins

Free indoor bins are available to qualifying Alameda County businesses for the collection of food/green waste. A variety of containers and lids are available—up to a value of \$500 per approved site including tax and delivery. Visit [www.portal.StopWaste.org/freebins](http://www.portal.StopWaste.org/freebins) to apply.

