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Pleasanton Garbage Service Inc.

Commercial News

SB 1383 Requirements

All Pleasanton businesses are required to subscribe to garbage, recycling, and food/green waste (compost) service, but they are also required to do the following:

- Supply and allow access to an adequate number, size, and location of recycling and food/green waste (compost) bins for all tenants, employees, contractors, and customers.
- **Place recycling and food/green waste (compost) bins next to all garbage bins provided for customer use.**
- Provide restrooms with an food/green waste (compost) bin to collect paper towels, if paper towels are present.
- **Ensure that all bins for customers, employees and contractors meet either the color OR labeling requirements listed below.**
 - **Color requirements:** Bins must be color-coded (garbage = grey, recycling = blue, food/green waste (compost) = green). Existing bins do not need to be replaced until January 1st, 2036, but all new bins purchased must be color-compliant.
 - **Labeling requirements:** Bins must be clearly labeled with what can and cannot go inside the bin.
- Prohibit employees from placing compostable and recyclable materials in the wrong bins.
- **Periodically inspect garbage, recycling and food/green waste (compost) bins for contamination.**



Items that Do NOT Belong in the Recycle or Food/Green Waste (Compost) Bin

These items are often mistakenly put in the food/green waste (compost) and/or recycling bin. Placing them in the food/green waste (compost) or recycling container is a contamination violation.

1. Chip Bags & Candy Wrappers

All plastic bags and packaging go into the garbage.



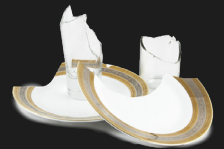
2. Plastic Lids, Straws, & Utensils.

All belong in the garbage container.



3. Broken Dishes

All glass and ceramic dishes go into the garbage. Only food and beverage glass containers can be recycled.



4. Cartons/ Aseptic Packs

Milk and juice cartons go into the garbage.



Business Resources



StopWaste Program

StopWaste.org provides a variety of free assistance to businesses including free waste prevention assistance, green purchasing resources, and grants for waste reduction and recycling activities.

Equipment and Signage Requests

Free green indoor bins for businesses and downloadable posters are available through StopWaste.org.

Hazardous Waste

Alameda County offers special programs for businesses generating small quantities of hazardous and/or universal waste. For drop-off locations and hours of operation call **800-606-6606** or visit StopWaste.org/at-work/business-hazardous-waste.



For a complete list of what can go into the garbage, recycling, and food/green waste (compost) containers visit the RE:source curbside guide at Resource.StopWaste.org/curbside.

Recycling in the Workplace

Recycling in the workplace can save a business money and also make for a happier team. It's just as important as recycling at home because nearly half of the waste generated in the U.S. happens at businesses and other non-residential locations. If you are interested in some help call PGS for a **Free Waste Assessment**.

Below are just a few of many steps you can take to reduce waste in the workplace:



1. Replace disposable cups with reusable mugs and glasses. If an employee has one beverage a day, switching to a reusable mug or glass can save more than 200 cups from being thrown away per person each year.



2. Purchase only 100 percent recycled paper and as many other recycled or green office supplies as possible. Even better, implement policies to reduce overall paper usage, through simple changes like defaulting to double-sided printing and reusing scrap paper.



3. Place recycling bins in prominent locations for printer cartridges, batteries, and e-waste. You can also order a free recycling bin for CRV beverage containers from CalRecycle.

Holiday Schedule

July 4th: No Interruption in collection service. The Transfer Station and the main office will be closed on Tuesday July 4th.

Labor Day: No Interruption in collection service. The Transfer Station and main office will be closed on Monday September 4th.