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Pleasanton Garbage Service Inc.

Commercial News

Proper Sorting Makes a Difference

Remember that business owners are required under SB 1383 and the Alameda County Organics Reduction and Recycling Ordinance to annually train all employees, tenants, and contractors on how to properly sort all materials into the 3-cart program. In order to avoid contamination fees, please make sure you and your employees know what is and isn't recyclable or compostable. Downloadable posters and guides are available at PleasantonGarbageService.com. Follow these tips to avoid contamination and service delays.



Keep it tidy

Collect food scraps in a bucket, kitchen pail, or paper bag for easy transport to the food/greenwaste bin.



Keep it clean

Remove stickers from produce. Do not put compostable plastic, plastic bags, glass or metal in the food/greenwaste bin.



Do Not Bag Recyclables or Food Scraps

Make sure all recyclables are clean, dry, and loose in your recycling cart/bin. Unlined paper bags and soiled paper are allowed in the food/greenwaste bin.



Set Up Disposal Areas

All disposal areas, both for staff and customers must be set up with the 3-cart system with proper labels and signage.

What to Put in Your Green Cart



Food soiled paper products including pizza boxes, paper towels, napkins and paper plates. Do not add plastic-coated paper.



All food scraps, including back of house food prep scraps, plate scraps from guests and coffee grounds.



Landscaping and plant trimmings including leaves, grass clippings, branches and weeds.

Business Assistance

StopWaste offers companies and institutions in Alameda County free help to lower operating costs, increase efficiency and protect the environment through waste prevention improvements.

Whether you are looking to switch to reusable transport packaging (see back), or need stickers to label indoor bins or help training staff to sort properly, StopWaste has resources to help. StopWaste.org/rules-resources.



Free Collection Containers

To make it easier to collect food scraps, food soiled paper and plant debris, StopWaste is offering free indoor green bins, up to a \$500 value per approved site. Choose from a variety of container and lid options in different sizes, provided by partner vendors. Funds are limited – apply online now at StopWaste.org/free-green-bins.





Holiday Service Schedule

Thanksgiving week:

There will be NO interruption in collection service on Thanksgiving Day. The Transfer Station and Office will be closed Thursday Nov. 23rd.

Christmas & New Year's weeks:

Christmas and New Year's both fall on Monday this year, thus all service will be delayed by one day. Friday service will occur on Saturday. The Transfer Station and Office will be closed on Monday Dec. 25th and Jan. 1st.

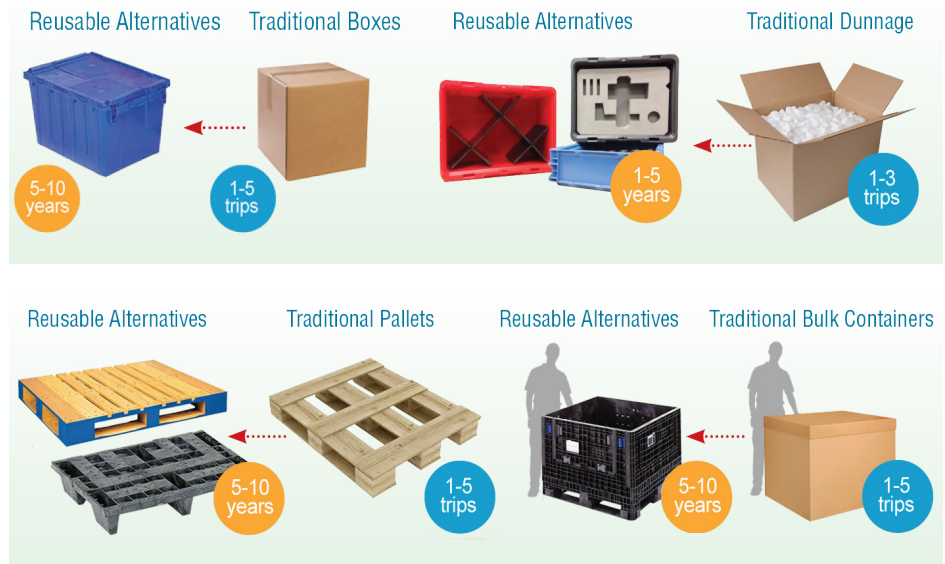


Extra Waste?

Remember not to overload your carts. If you have extra material call PGS to schedule an extra pickup or a special bulky item pickup if needed.

Reusable Shipping Containers

Reusable transport packaging prevents waste by replacing limited-life packaging used in manufacturing, transportation and/or distribution with durable alternatives, designed for many years of use; saving your business money and resources. Typical examples include the replacement of cardboard boxes with hand held containers, and switching to reusable pallets, pallet wraps and bands.



Reusable Transport Packaging Grants

StopWaste offers up an annual funding opportunity of up to \$10,000 for reusable transport packaging projects in Alameda County or to reduce packaging used to transport materials/products originating outside of Alameda County that are shipped with an end destination in Alameda County.

This grant is available to nonprofits, for-profit organizations, institutions, and school districts. The next round of funding is scheduled to open in January 2024. Applications are usually due in March and awarded in May.

Free grant assistance is available for interested applicants. You can request assistance with the Reusable Transport Packaging Grant Manager at swgrants@stopwaste.org.