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Pleasanton Garbage Service Inc. Multi-Family News

Proper Sorting Makes a Difference

Remember that property managers 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 educate your tenants to make sure they 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 recyclable 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 for tenants 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.

Resolutions for 2024

- ✓ Recycle correctly: Put what is allowed in your containers. Many common items like metallic wrapping paper and ribbons do not belong in the recycling bin.
- ✓ Reconsider before letting go. If it's time to part with some things, do so with intention: many items like clothing, furniture, and toys can either be repaired or donated for reuse.
- ✓ Shop at local stores. Shop local and support businesses that focus on sustainable, lasting goods, when possible.

Tips to Reduce Holiday Waste

• When shopping for gifts, bring your own bag.



• Reuse baskets, tins or boxes when wrapping gifts.

• Try to find tags and cards that are printed on recycled paper or make your own.



• Encourage waste reduction by giving reusable totes, food containers, water bottles and travel mugs as gifts.





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 or bins. If you have extra material call PGS to schedule an extra pickup or a special bulky item pickup if needed.

SB 1383 Mandatory Requirements

All Multi-family properties with 5 or more units are required to participate in Pleasanton's recycling and composting programs. This is required under California state law SB 1383 and the Alameda County Organics Reduction and Recycling Ordinance. Non-compliant multifamily properties will face enforcement action from their local jurisdiction.

What's Required from Property Owners Under SB 1383?

- Subscribe to compost, recycling and garbage service and ensure tenants have access to the service.
- In common areas, place color-coded and labeled recycling and compost bins next to all garbage bins. Compost and recycling must be equally as accessible as garbage collection.
- Materials must be properly sorted and placed into the proper bins.
- Educate tenants at least annually, and no more than two weeks after move-in of recycling and composting requirements. Sending out eblasts is a great way to educate tenants. You can download a free customizable eblast template from StopWaste. It can be downloaded at StopWaste.org/resource/multi-family-resident-notification-flyer.



Free Indoor Compost Bins

Free indoor bins, including kitchen countertop pails are available to qualifying Alameda County multi-family residential properties (5+ units) for the collection of food scraps/organics. A variety of containers and lids are available—up to a value of \$500 per approved site including tax and delivery.

Visit www.StopWaste.org/Free-Green-Bins to apply.

