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Pleasanton Garbage Service Inc.

Commercial News

Keeping your Compost/ Food Waste Containers Clean

Section 9.20.050 of the Pleasanton Municipal code requires business owners to keep all carts and bins in a sanitary condition. Bin lids must be kept completely closed at all times except when adding or removing material. Leaving bins open is prohibited. Open bins create unpleasant odors, flies and windblown litter.



During warmer weather, it is important to take proper care to minimize odors and flies in food waste bins. PGS has some tips to help your business adhere to municipal code requirements.

1. Schedule regular cleanings for your food waste bin

Scheduling regular cleanings of your food waste bin can go a long way to help minimize odors. Residue left over in food waste bins decomposes over time which creates odors. PGS offers bin steam cleaning service. Call today to schedule your cleaning. Please note, this service is not available for carts.

2. Neutralize odor inside your bin

Coffee grounds contain nitrogen, which neutralizes odors. We accept both your coffee grounds and paper coffee filters. Paper coffee cups are lined with plastic and belong in the garbage. Baking soda absorbs odors. Try sprinkling baking soda in your bin on hot days.

3. Temporarily increase the pickup frequency on your food waste bin

The longer food scraps sit in a bin, the more odors will develop. Consider temporarily increasing your service during the warmer weather. This will minimize the amount of time that food scraps sit in your bin. PGS offers food scraps collection 5 days a week, Monday to Friday.

4. Donate edible food to food recovery organizations

Under California State law SB 1383, commercial edible food generators must recover surplus edible food that would otherwise be disposed of and donate it. Donating edible food to food recovery organizations keeps it out of bins where it would normally create odors.

Fly Prevention Tips

Flies are a nuisance, but they can also transmit diseases. Flies are attracted to putrefying materials including manure, which often contains pathogens. When flies consume material containing pathogens they can transmit those pathogens to other areas.


Fly prevention starts by depriving flies of the resources that they need to breed. Flies are attracted to food waste bins and will lay their eggs in food waste material. Having bins emptied regularly prevents fly eggs from hatching. In warmer weather, 1x/week pickup may not be sufficient to prevent fly eggs from hatching, but 2x/week pickup will inhibit the fly reproductive cycle.

Keep bins closed at all times to help prevent flies from accessing the waste in them. Setting up fly traps in disposal areas can also be helpful.



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The Importance of Recycling Food and Beverage Cans

Recycling helps conserve landfill space by keeping materials out of the landfill. But did you know how much energy recycling can save?

Using recycled aluminum to make new aluminum cans reduces energy use and greenhouse gas emissions by over 80% compared to manufacturing aluminum cans from raw material.

This is because mining for bauxite ore, the raw material that aluminum is made from, is a highly energy intensive process. Similarly, manufacturing steel and tin cans from raw material is a highly energy-intensive process.

Using recycled steel to make new food cans reduces energy use and greenhouse gas emissions by 78% compared to manufacturing food cans from virgin steel.

Please do your part to keep food and beverage cans out of the garbage /landfill and place them in your blue-lidded recycling cart so PGS can recycle them.



What is the Impact of Recycling Paper?

Sending paper to the landfill wastes natural resources, consumes landfill space, and creates greenhouse gas emissions.

Because paper is made from trees, it is organic matter. When organic matter breaks down in a landfill, it creates methane emissions. Methane is a greenhouse gas that is much more potent than carbon dioxide.



If you don't recycle paper, start today! Want to go beyond recycling? Try going paperless whenever possible. Preventing waste in the first place is the most environmentally sustainable option.

One way you can go paperless today is by switching to paperless billing with PGS. Don't want to miss out on receiving our newsletter? Rest assured – our newsletters are available on our website at www.pleasantongarbage.com/newsletter.

Paper Recycling Facts

- Americans use 85 million tons of paper per year which is about 680 pounds per person.
- Recycling one ton of paper saves 7,000 gallons of water and saves 3.3 cubic yards of landfill space.
- Each ton of recycled paper can save 17 mature trees.
- Recycling a stack of newspaper just 3 feet high saves one tree.
- Approximately 1 billion trees worth of paper are thrown away every year in the U.S.



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