



Pleasanton Garbage Service Inc. Commercial News

Recycling Guidelines

- **No bagged recycling or food/green waste:** Material must be placed loose into the cart and/or bin. Paper bags are okay in the recycling cart.
- **Label all interior containers:** Make sure there is signage on how to sort food/green waste and recyclables near both inside and outside containers.
- **Sort materials into the proper bins:** Owners/managers must ensure materials are sorted correctly into food/green waste, recycling, and garbage.
- **Inform staff and residents about proper sorting at least annually:** Check bins regularly, e.g. monthly, and provide feedback if materials are found in the wrong bin.



Note: PGS offers up to 3 internal 23 gallon organic containers to help source separate materials at the source.

Questions: contact recycle@pleasantongarbageservice.com.

Fun Facts: Pizza Boxes

Pizza boxes can go into the organic containers with your leftover fruits and vegetables to minimize your holiday food waste. This will help put nutrients back into the soil.

Once transferred to an organic facility, the pizza boxes break down through a process called decomposition where it is then turned to rich compost soil! Let's be environmental mindful and put our pizza boxes in the organic container!



Business Assistance

PGS offers owners and managers in Alameda County free help to lower operating costs, increase efficiency and protect the environment through waste prevention improvements.

Whether you are looking to increase services or need stickers to label indoor bins or help training your tenants to sort properly, PGS has resources to help. Contact us at **925-846-2042** or email recycle@pleasantongarbageservice.com to set up a site.

Free Collection Containers

Free indoor bins are available to qualifying Alameda County businesses, institutions, and multi-family residential properties (5+ units) for the collection of food scraps, compostable paper and plant debris ("organics"). A variety of containers and lids are available—up to a value of \$500 per approved site including tax and delivery. Funds are limited – apply online now at StopWaste.org/free-green-bins.





Holiday Service Schedule

Thanksgiving

Our office and the Transfer Station will be closed on Nov. 28th. There will be NO interruption in garbage, recycling and food/green waste collection.

Christmas & New Year's

Our office and the Transfer Station will be closed on Dec. 25th and Jan. 1st. Christmas and New Year's. If your regular pickup day is Wednesday, Thursday, or Friday your service will be delayed one day.



Extra Waste?

Remember not to overload your carts or bins. All material must fit inside the carts and/or bins with the lid closed, If you have extra material call PGS to schedule an extra pickup or a special bulky item pickup if needed.

SB 1383 Food Donation Requirements

Specific businesses are required to start donating surplus food to food recovery organizations (e.g. food banks, food pantries, soup kitchens, etc.) The food donation requirements apply to select industries only, which are categorized into a tier system. **Click here** for additional information on food donation.

Tier One Generators* Effective 1/2022, includes supermarkets, grocery stores, food service providers food service distributors,wholesalers.

Tier Two Generators* Effective 1/2024, includes restaurants, hotels, health facilities, large venues, state, and local education agencies.

* See CalRecycle's website (www.calrecycle.ca.gov/organics/slep).

If your organization is a Tier One or Tier Two Generator, you are required to:

- ✓ Donate the maximum amount of edible food that would otherwise be disposed to a food recovery organization or service (e.g. food banks, food pantries, soup kitchens, etc.)
- ✓ Establish contracts or written agreements with food recovery organizations that will collect your excess edible food.
- ✓ Maintain records of food donation activities; includes schedules for food donation delivers/collection, quantity of food donated per month, and types of food that can be received by food recovery organizations.

How to Donate Edible Food

The Alameda County Food Bank is the main contact for all local surplus donations, businesses can contact them by email at foodrecovery@accfb.org or call 510-635-3663 ext. 366.



Senate Bill 1383 Enforcement & Violations

Senate Bill 1383 requires jurisdictions to annually inspect businesses to ensure they are separating garbage, recycling, and food/green waste correctly and providing the required on-site training and signage. Warnings (a "Notice of Violation") are given before a citation is issued. Fines are issued every 60 days and range from \$50 to \$500. If you receive a letter visit StopWaste.org/rules/enforcement-and-violations to correct your violation and prevent future fines. StopWaste will start NOV/citations at the end of the year for generators that are not in compliance.