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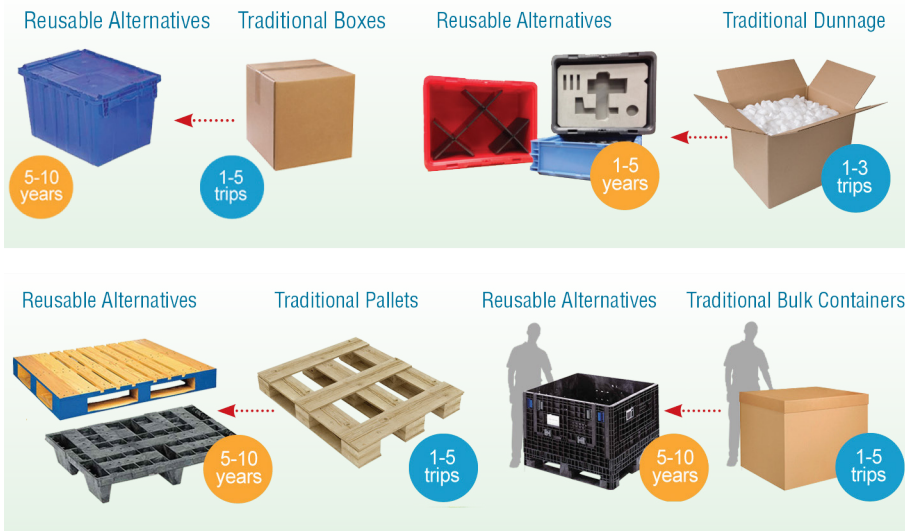
Pleasanton Garbage Service Inc. Commercial News

Earth Day/Month

Discover the significance of protecting our environment this Earth Day. Earth Day is crucial because it brings people together to advocate for sustainable practices and policies.

By promoting environmental awareness and activism, Earth Day plays a vital role in inspiring positive change and fostering a deeper connection between humanity and the planet. Here are a few tips that your business can look into to help:

- Switch to digital receipts / online billing for clients
- Utilize reusable pallets and transport packaging
- Switch to Reusable Foodware
 - For a limited time, StopWaste is offering up to \$2,500 and free, hands-on technical support from their nonprofit partner, ReThink Disposable, to set you up with reusable foodware. Visit Stopwaste.org/reusables for more information.
 - For a list of reusable foodware service providers visit Stopwaste.org/reusable-foodware-service-providers.



Annual Audits & Route Reviews



Notice someone in a neon safety vest rummaging through your waste bins? It could be PGS staff conducting a required annual inspection of trash, recycling, and food/green waste.

SB 1383 requires that we annually inspect and audit commercial carts and bins to ensure that each location is separating garbage, recycling, and food/green waste correctly and providing the required on-site training and signage.

During our inspections we will evaluate containers for unacceptable items and leave a "Service" tag with information about what went wrong and needs corrective action.

For more information please contact PGS at 925-846-2042 or info@pleasantongarbage.com.



SB 1383 Food Donation

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 deliveries/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.



Watch out for Illegal Items

It is illegal to dispose of hazardous materials in garbage, recycling, or food/green waste containers. Improperly disposing of hazardous and toxic waste can result in serious harm to the health of people, pets, wildlife, and our environment.

Containers found to have these materials will **NOT** be collected until such materials are removed.

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 www.stopwaste.org/at-work/business-hazardous-waste.

Prohibited Items

- No fluorescent tubes or CFL light bulbs.
- No syringes or needles.
- No batteries of any kind or size.
- No chemical cleaners, paints, solvents, or other toxic chemicals.
- No appliances, computers, monitors, TVs, or electronics.



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 compost bins for businesses and downloadable posters are available through StopWaste.org.

Free Assistance and Resources

PGS offers free technical assistance and resources to help you set up and maintain a convenient and effective recycling and food/green waste program. Contact us today for free on-site training, indoor collection bins, and signage.

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