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Pleasanton Garbage Service Inc.

Commercial News

Tips to Maintain Your Organics Cart

How to reduce the “ick” factor during hotter days

- Mix food scraps with materials that are dry and absorbent (and also organic) such as plant debris, shredded paper, cardboard, and paper napkins or towels.
- Sprinkling baking soda in the cart can help for smaller amounts of food scraps too.
- Store your cart in a cool, shady area so the heat doesn't increase the decomposition (and smell) of the contents of the cart.
- **Schedule regular cleanings for your food waste bin**

Ensuring your food waste bin is sanitary can go a long way to help minimize odors. PGS offers bin steam cleaning service. Call today to schedule your cleaning. Please note, this service is not available for carts.

- **Temporarily increase your pickup frequency**

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 through Friday.

- **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.



Please Keep Cart Lids Closed

All material must fit inside your cart with the lid closed for regular service. Make sure all cardboard is broken down when placing it in the recycling container.



Avoiding Contamination

Make it Easy for Customers and Staff to Compost & Recycle

- ✓ All recycle and food/green waste containers are clearly labeled.
- ✓ Have internal color-coded recycling and organics containers anywhere there is a garbage container.
- ✓ All staff receive food/green waste & recycling training on a regular basis.
- ✓ Containers are periodically inspected for contamination, and staff are regularly reminded on proper sorting procedures.

PGS Technical Assistance

Summer means new employees. If you need assistance with training staff on all SB 1383 requirements, PGS is here to help. We offer the following free of charge:

- **Free Waste Assessments**

To help you determine your organization's garbage, recycling, and food/green waste (compost) service needs.

- **Free Set-up & Ongoing Support**

To help keep your program running smoothly.

- **Free Resources**

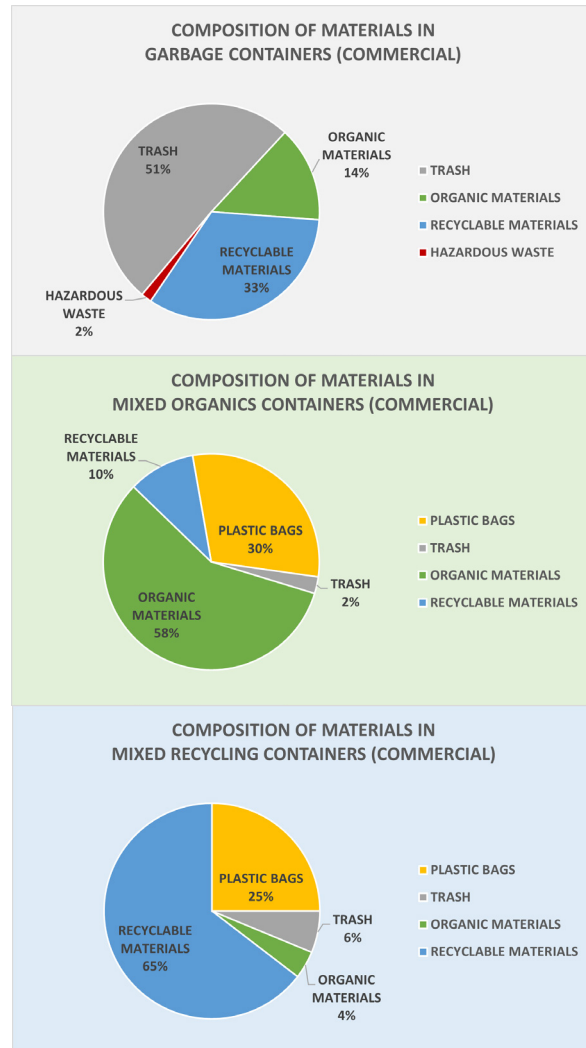
- Indoor food/green waste (compost) containers (supplies limited).
- Posters & instructional materials.
- Annual waste sorting training by PGS staff (by request only) for employees, tenants, and/or contractors at your business to comply with SB 1383/ORRO.



Available in various sizes and shapes.

Pleasanton's Route Review Results

The annual route reviews results are in. PGS inspected over 800 waste containers in an effort to monitor and address contamination across the city. For commercial businesses, the garbage containers were the most contaminated, containing a significant amount of recyclable materials. Plastic bags, including bio-plastic bags, were the largest contaminant in both the mixed recycling and organics containers.



Common Contaminants to Avoid

- **Garbage** = NO recyclables or organics
- **Recycling** = NO plastic bags, food-soiled paper products, polystyrene (a.k.a Styrofoam).
- **Organics** = NO plastic bags, BPI bags, plastic-lined paper products, and treated wood.



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