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Pleasanton Garbage Service Inc.

Multi-Family 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 cooler, shady area so the heat doesn't increase the decomposition (and smell) of the contents of the cart.

Preventing Cart Fires

It is dangerous and illegal to dispose of any type of battery in your garbage, recycling, or compost container. Dry cell batteries, including alkaline and lithium-ion batteries, are considered hazardous waste and can start fires when crushed and contribute to water and air pollution



Please visit the Alameda County Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) Facility to safely dispose of lithium-ion batteries, or check out www.call2recycle.org/locator/ to find additional drop-off locations.

How to Dispose of Charcoal/Ashes

- Allow ashes and coals to cool inside your grill for several days.
- When it is time to dispose of the materials, transfer them to a metal container and wet them down.
- Keep the metal container outside your home and away from any combustibles until disposal day.
- Bag the wetted materials and dispose of them in the garbage..

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 Residents 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 residents and staff have received food/green waste & recycling information in the past 12 months.
- ✓ Containers are periodically inspected for contamination, and residents are regularly reminded on proper sorting procedures.

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Plastic Free July provides resources and ideas to help you (and millions of others around the world) reduce single-use plastic waste everyday at home, work, school, and even at your local café. The goal is to say no to all single-use plastics products like straws, coffee cups, and produce bags and switch to reusable bags, cutlery, water bottles, etc.

To participate, check out resources and ideas at www.plasticfreejuly.org and get inspired to help reduce plastic waste everyday at home.



Holiday Service Schedule

4th of July

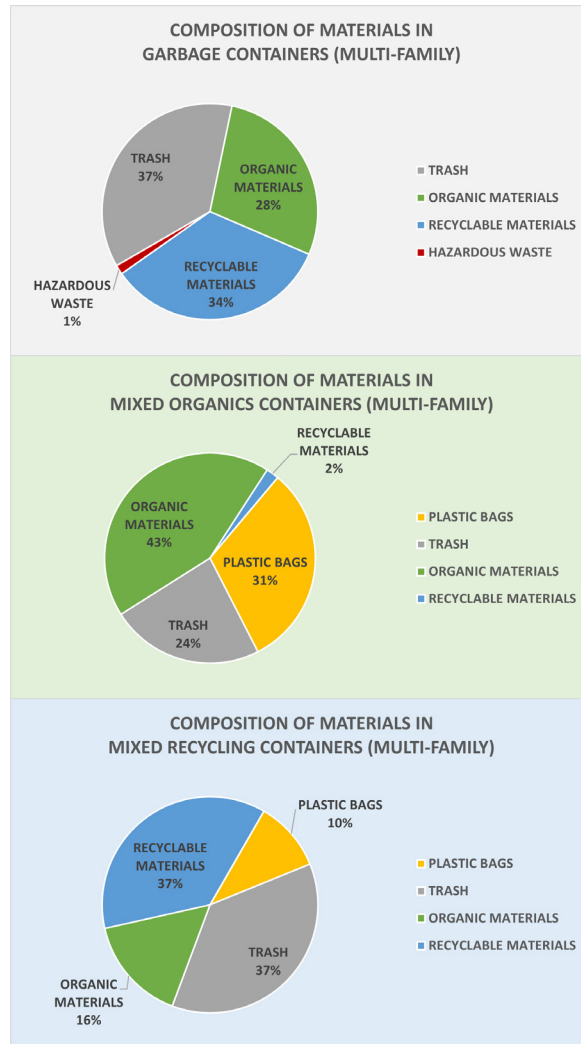
Our office and the Transfer Station will be closed on July 4th. There will be NO interruption in garbage, recycling and food/green waste collection.

Labor Day

Our office and the Transfer Station will be closed on September 1st. There will be NO interruption in garbage, recycling and food/green waste collection.

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 multi-family properties, there was significant contamination across all containers. The garbage was heavily contaminated with recyclable and organics, and the mixed recycling and organics containers were heavily contaminated with garbage.



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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