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Pleasanton Garbage Service Inc.

Residential 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.

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.

Single Family Residential customers may recycle their household batteries and cell phones by placing them in a sealed heavy duty zip type plastic bag (NO lithium-ion batteries). Place the sealed plastic bag ON TOP of your recycling cart on your regular collection day.



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.




Proper Cart Spacing

Please leave at least 3 feet between each cart and between other objects so that PGS automated trucks can properly service your carts. Carts should be facing the street and out at the curb by 6 a.m. on your service day. Remember to pull your carts back in within 24 hours.



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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

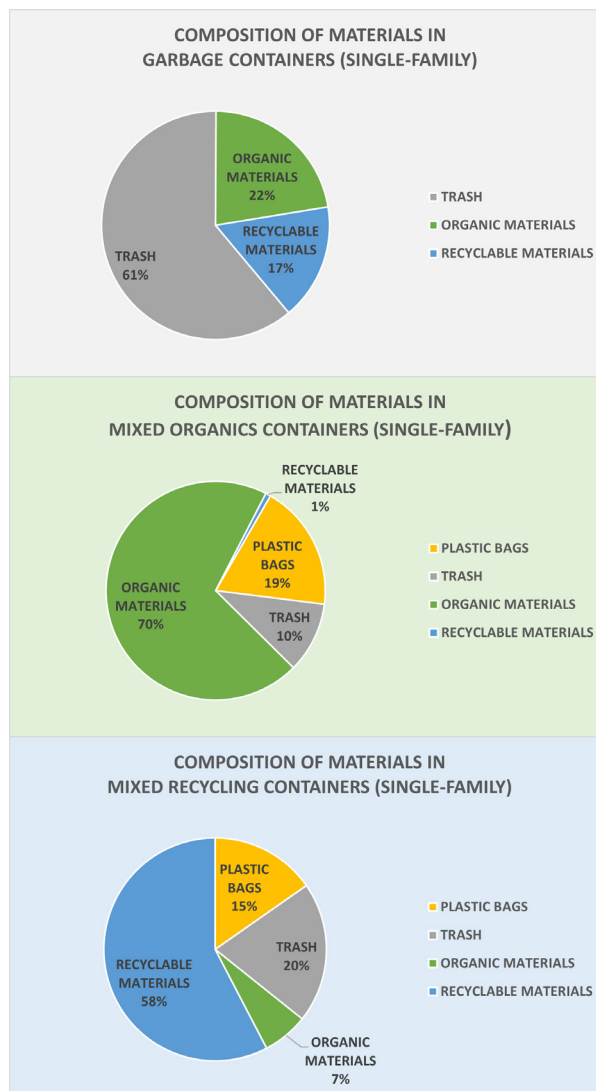
Our office and the Transfer Station will be closed on July 4th. There will be NO interruption in garbage, recycling and food/green waste collection.

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 single family homes, the mixed organics was the least contaminated, followed by the garbage. The most contaminated carts were the mixed recycling.



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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