



Pleasanton Garbage Service Inc.

Commercial News

Organic Contaminants: Soft & Stretchy Plastics

Soft & stretchy plastic items are **NOT** accepted in PGS's recycling programs. Common soft and stretchy items that go into the garbage container include:

- Bio-plastics (ex: compostable bags or containers)
- Cleaning wipes
- Face masks
- Plastic gloves
- Plastic packaging
- Plastic shopping bags
- Film or stretch wrap
- Bubble wrap/envelopes
- Plastic-lined paper products
- Food packaging - such as polystyrene, foil bags, cereal/cracker box liners, chips/candy wrapper.



Remember that the  symbol does **NOT** always indicate that an item is recyclable. Make sure your staff knows how to properly sort garbage from recycling and organics containers.

Lithium-ion battery disposal

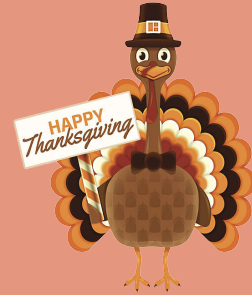
New gadgets during the holidays mean old gadgets get disposed of, some of which contain lithium-ion batteries (old laptops, smartphones, smart watches, power tools, etc). Remember that lithium-ion batteries **CANNOT** be disposed of in any of the curbside waste containers.



Example of types of lithium batteries.

Alameda County businesses can use drop in service to dispose of lithium-ion batteries at any of the Alameda County Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) Facilities in Oakland, Hayward, Fremont, or Livermore.

Holiday Service Schedule



Thanksgiving Day
(Thursday, 11/27):

- NO service interruption.
- Office and transfer station closed.



Christmas Day (Thursday, 12/25)
& New Years Day (Thursday, 1/1):

- Office and transfer station closed.
- **SERVICE INTERRUPTION.**
- **Monday-Wednesday** service is the same.
- **Thursday** service areas will be picked up on **Friday**.
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8 Ways to Give Back This Holiday Season

Donate Products, Services, or a Portion of Sales:

A retailer could donate clothing, a restaurant could provide meals, or a company could give a percentage of its holiday sales to a meaningful cause.

Sponsor a Family or Charity:

Partner with a local nonprofit to sponsor a family, providing them with holiday gifts, food, and essential items.

Offer Pro Bono Services:

If your business provides a service, offer it for free to local nonprofits or individuals in need.

Host a Donation Drive:

Set up a collection point at your business for food, clothing, or toys to be donated to local shelters or nonprofits.

Volunteer as a Team:

Organize a day for your team to volunteer together at a soup kitchen, animal shelter, or community center.

Host a Community Event:

Host a festive event like a holiday open house with treats and gifts, or a charity event that combines fundraising with holiday fun.

Holiday Tree Disposal Options

Recycle Holiday Trees in the Organics Cart

- Tree branches and stumps can be a max of 2 feet sections.
- Lid needs to securely close.
- Clean trees only (no decorations and no flocked or plastic trees).



Non-Recyclable Flocked Trees or Trees with Tinsel

PGS can pick up your non-recyclable holiday tree. Please call **(925) 846-2042** to arrange for the disposal of your flocked or tinsel tree. An additional fee may apply unless you use one of the three (3) Large Item Collections available to you per year at no cost.

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**.

