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Pleasanton Garbage Service Inc.

Multi-Family News

How to Prepare Food Scraps for Collection

1. Collect food scraps while preparing meals, scraping plates, and/or cleaning out the refrigerator of spoiled food. Include paper towels, napkins, paper plates, and pizza boxes.



2. Empty your kitchen compost pail, including soiled paper, and any vegetative waste into your food/green compost cart. **No plastic** bags are allowed in the green compost cart.



3. We'll take it from here! We haul your compost to a local facility and within 60 days, it is made into rich compost that is used throughout the community and beyond to help regenerate the soil.



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 residents can drop-off these lithium-ion batteries for free at any of the Alameda County Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) Facilities in Oakland, Hayward, Fremont, or Livermore. Visit StopWaste.org/HHW or call (800)-606-6606 for more details and hours of operation.

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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Preventing Waste

Food waste:

- Plan meals with guest count in mind.
- Check fridge/pantry before shopping to avoid buying duplicates.
- Ask guests to bring containers for leftovers.
- Become friends with your freezer- made too much cookie dough? Freeze it and bake cookies later.
- Look up recipes to bring new life to leftovers.

General waste:

- BYO bags for holiday shopping.
- Gift reusable or consumable items (ex: travel cutlery, reusable sandwich bags, gift certificates, sweet treats).
- Opt for recyclable gift wraps/cards (i.e. those that do not contain glitter and foil).
- During get-togethers, set out separate containers for guests to scrape food into or throw recyclable bottles.
- For additional tips, check out StopWaste's Sustainable Holiday Guide here: www.stopwaste.org/sustainable-holiday-guide.



Holiday Organics Disposal



Reminder that all holiday food waste and/or decorative organics like pumpkins, poinsettias, and wreaths must all go into your organics container. Composting your organics keeps costs down and reduces greenhouse gas emissions.

Please note: that putting organics or recyclables in the garbage is against State law and local ordinance and can result in fees.

Holiday Tree Disposal Options

PGS Special Holiday Tree Pickup

Property managers can order a drop box for clean Christmas trees (no decorations and no flocked or plastic trees). Drop boxes range in size from 15-40 cubic yards and service is provided Monday - Friday. Please contact PGS at (925) 846-2042 for information and to schedule.



Non-Recyclable Flocked Trees or Trees with Tinsel

PGS can pick up non-recyclable holiday trees. Please call (925) 846-2042 to arrange for the disposal of your tenants' flocked or tinsel trees. These trees are not compostable and cannot go into a drop box with regular Christmas trees.