

### Pleasanton Garbage Service Inc.

## Residential News

# Closet Clean Out Weeks Coming to Pleasanton in 2026

Pleasanton Garbage Service (PGS) is pleased to announce a new partnership with EkoLinq to give residents a free and convenient way to ensure unwanted clothing and textiles are reused or recycled.

Beginning in 2026, PGS will host quarterly "Closet Clean Out Weeks" during the second full week of January, April, July, and October. Residents can schedule a free pick-up for those weeks by visiting <a href="ekoling.com">ekoling.com</a>—scheduling is quick and easy.

Gently used items will be reused, while worn textiles will be responsibly recycled. Please note that wet, moldy, or contaminated clothing cannot be accepted - place items in tied plastic bags to protect them from rain or sprinklers. For a full list of accepted and non-accepted items, visit <a href="ekoling.com">ekoling.com</a>. To receive the latest updates on this and all PGS programs, follow us on <a href="Facebook">Facebook</a>.



## 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 <a href="StopWaste.org/HHW">StopWaste.org/HHW</a> 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.
- **Friday** service areas will be picked up on **Saturday**.

## **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: <a href="www.stopwaste.org/sustainable-holiday-guide">www.stopwaste.org/sustainable-holiday-guide</a>.

## **Holiday Tree Disposal Options**

#### **Boy Scout Tree Recycling Fundraiser**

- Starts at 8 a.m. on Saturday, January 3rd, 2026.
- The funds will help the Scouts pay for camp, equipment, and outdoor activities to learn first aid, CPR, leadership, and other life skills.
- Visit <u>www.Troop941.org</u> to register for your tree pickup. Registration begins on December 1st.

#### **PGS Special Holiday Tree Pickup**

- Monday, January 5th- Friday, January 9th.
- Place tree(s) at the curb by 5:30 a.m. on your regular service day.
- Clean trees only (no decorations and no flocked or plastic trees).
- Please cut trees down to 4-feet or less in height.
- Please remove bases or stands.

#### 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).

Pleasanton residents may also bring Holiday trees to the Transfer station at 3110 Busch Rd. free of charge until January 31st, 2026.

#### 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 tinseled tree. An additional fee may apply unless you use one of the three (3) Bulky Item Pick-ups available to you per year at no cost.

