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Pleasanton Garbage Service Inc.

Commercial News

Fee Announcement

Beginning July 1, 2026, a new StopWaste Regulatory Fee will appear on your garbage bill. This is a StopWaste fee – it is not a City of Pleasanton or PGS rate increase.

California law requires local governments to keep compostable and recyclable materials out of landfills, reduce food waste, recover surplus edible food, and prevent plastic bag pollution.

These programs help protect the environment, reduce climate pollution, and support the health of our communities.

However, the state provides very limited funding to carry out this work. StopWaste implements these state-mandated programs on behalf of all 17 jurisdictions in Alameda County. The Regulatory Fee allows StopWaste to recover the costs associated with meeting these requirements.

The fee will appear as a separate line item on your garbage bill and will be collected by PGS on StopWaste's behalf. Keeping the fee separate from regular service rates ensures transparency and does not change your local garbage rates.

For commercial customers the fee will depend on frequency and level of weekly garbage service. The fee is based on \$1.10 per month per cubic yard (i.e. 1yd with 1 x week service will incur a \$1.10 fee per month) To learn more, please visit: StopWaste.org/regulatory-fee.

Thank you for your continued efforts to reduce waste and support a cleaner, more sustainable community.



Earth Month: Take Action

Simple ways your business can participate:

- Switch to digital receipts / online billing for clients
- Utilize reusable pallets and transport packaging
- Switch to Reusable Foodware
- For a list of reusable foodware service providers visit Stopwaste.org/reusable-foodware-service-providers.

Earth month is crucial because it brings people together to advocate for sustainable practices and policies.

By promoting environmental awareness and activism, Earth month plays a vital role in inspiring positive change and fostering a deeper connection between humanity and the planet.



Food Donation Info

If your organization is a food generating business you are required to:

- ✓ **Have a written agreement** with at least one food recovery organization or service to pick up or receive your surplus edible food.
- ✓ **Maintain monthly records** of the type, frequency, and pounds of food donated.
- ✓ **Donate the maximum amount** of edible food that would otherwise be discarded - or document a strategy to minimize surplus.

Food Recovery Requirements can be found at www.stopwaste.org/rules/food-donation-rules.

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.



Annual Route Reviews

Pleasanton Garbage Service is conducting container audits during March and April 2026.

- **Staff will wear high-visibility safety vests**
- **Quick visual inspections of collection containers**
- **Focus on education and proper sorting**
- **If prohibited materials are observed, customers may receive a Courtesy Notice with guidance on proper sorting**



The goal of this program is education and compliance, helping residents better understand proper sorting and improving overall waste diversion.

Why Proper Sorting Matters?

Improper sorting can:

- Increase service costs
- Lead to contamination penalties
- Reduce the effectiveness of recycling programs

By sorting correctly, your business helps:

- Divert waste from landfills
- Reduce greenhouse gas emissions
- Support local sustainability goals



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