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Pleasanton Garbage Service Inc. Multi-Family 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.

Coming Soon: Textile Recycling

PGS is partnering with EkoLinq to provide:

- Free curbside pickup for clothing, shoes and linens
- Convenient textile recycling options



PGS is currently working with **EkoLinq** to bring this service to the Multi-family community soon. Stay tuned for more details!

The average U.S. resident throws away over 70 pounds of textiles each year-help keep them out of landfills!



Earth Month Events

Celebrate Earth Month with us!



Compost Giveaway – April 18

Pleasanton residents are invited to pick up one free bag of compost per household at 3110 Busch Road from 8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. (while supplies last).



Earth Day Celebration – April 25

Join us from 10 a.m. – 1 p.m. at the Pleasanton Public Library to learn about recycling, composting, and waste reduction.

Reduce, Reuse, Repair

Repairing items is even better than recycling! Fixing instead of replacing:



- Conserves resources
- Reduces energy use
- Lowers emissions

Explore local repair workshops at StopWaste.org.

Eco Tip: The Milk Carton Conundrum

Once lined with wax, milk cartons are now coated with a thin layer of polyethylene film plastic.

Other “poly-lined” paper products include to-go coffee cups, coated paper plates, ice cream cartons, and some paper take-out containers.

Because of variations in back-end processing, poly-lined paper packaging is managed inconsistently in Alameda County. Poly-lined paper products belong in the garbage in Pleasanton.

Placing them in the recycling cart contaminates the stream.

www.stopwaste.org/sites/default/files/TopicBrief-2019-3-MilkCartonConundrum.pdf



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.

Spring Cleaning Tips

Spring is a time for fresh beginnings!

Residents with furniture or other items in good condition are encouraged to donate rather than throw away with free drop off at the **Pleasanton Reuse Trailer**.

Located at the Pleasanton Transfer Station at 3110 Busch Rd., open daily 8 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Items okay to Donate:

- Bikes
- Bed Frames
- Working Small Appliances
- Sporting Goods
- Art
- Furniture

Please No:

- Clothes
- Bedding
- Pillows
- Tires
- Liquids of Any Kind



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