



April - June 2026

Pleasanton Garbage Service Inc.

Residential 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.

The fee will add \$0.30 per month for residential customers. 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.



Textile Collection Week

PGS hosts quarterly 'Closet Clean Out Weeks' during the second full week of January, April, July, and October. PGS partners with Ekolinq to offer free curbside textile collection.

Pickup dates for this Spring:

- **Wednesday, April 15th**
- **Saturday, April 18th**

Schedule your pickup at EkoLinq.com.



place your items in a bag and set curbside for pickup.

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



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 by 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:

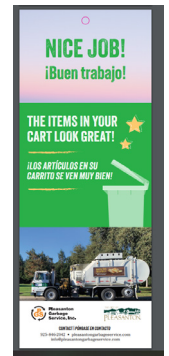
- Clothes
- Bedding
- Pillows
- Tires
- Liquids of Any Kind



Residential Route Review Recap

Under Senate Bill 1383, PGS staff began conducting annual residential container audits, also known as ‘route reviews’ or ‘lid flips’ in February 2026.

These audits help reduce contamination and ensure waste is sorted properly. PGS completed audits in March, and overall, we were encouraged to see many residents doing a great job. A few common reminders came up during the reviews:



Garbage: We found recyclable paper, mail, cardboard, and food waste in the garbage. Clean paper and cardboard should go in the recycling cart, while all food waste and food-soiled paper belongs in the organics cart.

Recycling: The most common contaminants were plastic bags and other flexible plastic packaging. Please keep all flexible plastics out of recycling. Recyclables should be placed loosely in the cart.

Organics: The most common contaminants were plastic packaging and ‘compostable’ BPI bags. PGS does not accept plastic bags of any kind in the organics cart. Food waste should be placed loosely in the cart or in a brown paper bag.

Overall, Overall, residents are making great progress. With just a few small adjustments, Pleasanton households can continue improving waste diversion and helping reduce landfill emissions.

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