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Pleasanton Garbage Service Inc.

Commercial News

Important Billing Notice

StopWaste Regulatory Fee Begins July 1

Beginning July 1, 2026, a StopWaste Regulatory Fee will appear as a separate line item on garbage bills. This countywide fee helps fund state-required recycling, composting, food recovery, and waste reduction programs.

The fee will be \$1.10 per month for each yard of weekly garbage service. Learn more at StopWaste.org/regulatory-fee or scan the QR code.



Customer Signage Resources

Clear signage makes it easier for employees and customers to sort waste correctly and helps reduce contamination in your recycling and organics containers.

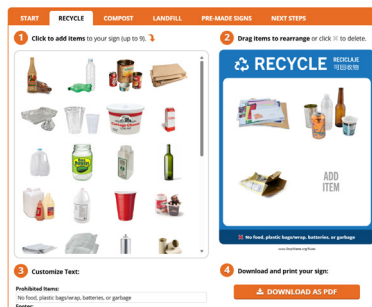
Create Customized Waste Sorting Signs

StopWaste's free Signmaker tool allows businesses to create customized:

- Recycling signs
- Compost signs
- Garbage signs

Features include:

- Images of common waste items
- Multilingual options
- Customizable layouts
- Print-ready downloads



Using clear, item-specific signage can improve sorting accuracy and help businesses stay compliant with California recycling requirements. Create signs online at: www.stopwaste.org/signmaker.

Holiday Service Schedule

There are NO collection delays for the July 4th or Labor Day holidays.



Free Technical Assistance

Pleasanton Garbage Service offers FREE support services to help businesses improve recycling and organics programs.

Available Services

- Waste assessments
- Recycling and organics program support
- Staff training
- Educational materials and posters
- Assistance reducing contamination
- Service level reviews

Need assistance? Contact Pleasanton Garbage Service to schedule support for your business.

Not Sure What Goes Where?

Use the free RE:Source tool from StopWaste to quickly search how to properly recycle, compost, reuse, or dispose of almost anything.

Search common items like:

- Food containers
- Packaging
- Electronics
- Batteries
- Paper products

Visit: resource.stopwaste.org



Did You Know?

California law SB 1383 requires businesses to keep recyclable and compostable materials out of landfills.

Proper sorting helps:

- Reduce greenhouse gas emissions
- Recover valuable recyclable materials
- Turn food scraps into compost
- Keep businesses compliant with state regulations

Route Review Findings

Top Recycling Mistakes We're Seeing

Recent route reviews found several common contamination issues that make recycling and composting more difficult and costly.

Most Common Recycling Cart Contaminants

- Plastic bags
- Plastic packaging and wrapping
- Expanded Polystyrene foam
- Food-soiled paper
- Pizza boxes



Most Common Organic Cart Contaminants

- Plastic food containers
- Compostable/BPI bags
- Plastic bags

Most Common Garbage Cart Contaminants

- Cardboard boxes
- Food-soiled paper and paper towels
- Bottles and cans

35% of the contamination we found was compostable

Simple Ways to Improve Sorting

- Place recyclables loose in recycling containers
- Keep food waste and food-soiled paper in organics
- Do not place plastic or compostable bags in organics
- Flatten cardboard boxes before recycling

Small improvements can significantly reduce contamination and improve compliance with California recycling requirements.

Overall, businesses are making positive progress. With a few small adjustments, we can continue improving diversion rates, reducing contamination, and keeping valuable materials out of the landfill.

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