



October - December 2026

Pleasanton Garbage Service Inc.

Multi-Family News

SB 1383 Reminder

Reminder that multifamily complex property owner or the manager must:

- Provide organic waste collection services for:
 - Employees
 - Tenants
- Give access to an adequate number, size, and location of containers with correct labels or colors.
- Annually educate employees and tenants on how to properly sort organic waste into the correct bins AND
- Provide new tenants with information within 14 days of occupation of the premises.

*Residents of multifamily complexes must properly sort their organic waste into the correct containers or self-haul organic waste according to local program rules.

What Date Labels Really Mean

California food date labels are changing. As of July 1, 2026, “**BEST IF USED BY**” tells you about food quality, while “**USE BY**” relates to food safety. Understanding the difference can help you avoid throwing away food unnecessarily, save money, and know when a date should be followed for safety.

Best By	This label is an estimation of the product’s quality, not food safety. The food may still be safe and nutritious after this date, it just may not be at its absolute peak freshness or flavor.
Use By	“Use By” label is related to food safety and is reserved for highly perishable foods. Food should generally not be consumed after this date.
Freeze By	This indicates when a product should be frozen to maintain peak quality. Freezing food before this date extends its usable life significantly.

Source: [Stopwaste.org/food/reducing-food-waste/at-home/date-labels](https://stopwaste.org/food/reducing-food-waste/at-home/date-labels)

What about “**Sell By**”? California no longer allows manufacturers to use “**Sell By**” as a consumer-facing date label. It was primarily intended for store inventory management.

Important Billing Notice

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.

Learn more at StopWaste.org/regulatory-fee or scan the QR code.



WHAT GOES WHERE?

Pleasanton Multi-Family Sorting Guide



BLUE — RECYCLING

- Clean paper & cardboard
- Empty bottles & jars
- Metal cans



GREEN — ORGANICS

- Food scraps
- Food-soiled paper
- Coffee grounds
- Plant debris



GRAY/BLACK — GARBAGE

- Plastic bags & wrap
- Foam containers
- Diapers
- Pet waste



Keep batteries, electronics & hazardous waste out of all bins.

Ask your property manager for the full sorting guide.

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Holiday Service Schedule

Thanksgiving Day: NO service interruption.

Christmas Day and New Years Day:
If your regular collection day is Friday, your containers will be serviced on Saturday.

December 21 - 26, 2026					
If your collection day is:	Mon 21	Tue 22	Wed 23	Thu 24	Fri 25
Your holiday collection day will be:	Mon 21	Tue 22	Wed 23	Thu 24	Sat 26

Dec 28, 2026 - Jan 2, 2027					
If your collection day is:	Mon 28	Tue 29	Wed 30	Thu 31	Fri 1
Your holiday collection day will be:	Mon 28	Tue 29	Wed 30	Thu 31	Sat 2

Holiday Batteries & Electronics

Never put batteries or electronics in your garbage, recycling, or organics containers. Batteries, electronics, paint and household chemicals require special disposal.



FREE for Alameda County residents.
Find free drop-off locations at StopWaste.org.

Holiday Organics Disposal

Reminder that all holiday food waste and/or decorative organics like pumpkins, poinsettias, and wreaths must all go into your organics container. Composting your organics keeps costs down and reduces greenhouse gas emissions.

YES — Organics: food scraps, meat & bones, fruit and vegetable scraps, coffee grounds, food-soiled paper, paper napkins and plant material

NO — Organics: plastic bags, plastic wrap, glass, metal or decorations



Holiday Tree Disposal Options

PGS Special Holiday Tree Pickup

Property managers can order a drop box for clean Christmas trees (no decorations and no flocked or plastic trees).

Drop boxes range in size from 15-40 cubic yards and service is provided Monday - Friday.

Please contact PGS at (925) 846-2042 for information and to schedule a pickup.



Non-Recyclable Flocked Trees or Trees with Tinsel

PGS can pick up non-recyclable holiday trees. Please call (925) 846-2042 to arrange for the disposal of your tenants' flocked or tinsel trees.

These trees are not compostable and cannot go into a drop box with regular Christmas trees.