



Pleasanton Garbage Service Inc.

Residential News

Time to Take Down the Tree? We've Got Options!

Boy Scout Tree Recycling Fundraiser

Saturday, January 9, starting at 8 a.m. Register beginning December 1 at Troop941.org. Proceeds support Scout programs and activities.

PGS Special Holiday Tree Pickup

January 11-15. Place clean trees at the curb by 5:30 a.m. on your regular service day. Remove decorations, stands and bases, and cut trees to 4 feet or less. No flocked or plastic trees.

Use Your Organics Cart

Cut clean tree branches and sections to 2 feet or less and make sure the cart lid closes completely.

Free Transfer Station Drop-Off

Pleasanton residents may bring clean holiday trees to 3110 Busch Road at no charge through January 31, 2027.

Flocked or Tinsel-Covered Trees

These trees are not compostable. Call PGS at (925) 846-2042 to arrange pickup. A fee may apply unless you use one of your three annual Bulky Item Pickups.

Real vs. Fake: Which Holiday Tree Is Better for the Environment?

Real trees are renewable and can often be composted or turned into mulch after the holidays. Artificial trees are typically made from mixed materials that are difficult to recycle and may eventually go to landfill.

If you choose a real tree, make sure it gets a second life after the holidays by using one of Pleasanton's tree-recycling options.



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.



Holiday Service Schedule

Thanksgiving Day: NO service interruption.

Christmas Day and New Year's 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

Free Yard Clippings Drop-Off

Saturday, December 12, 2026
8 a.m.—4 p.m.

Pleasanton Transfer Station
3110 Busch Road

Yard clippings only. Tree trimmings must be 3 inches in diameter or less.

No dirt, bricks, cement, rocks or household garbage.

Pleasanton residents only — bring a driver's license for ID.

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.

Keep Storm Drains Clear Properly Dispose of Fall Leaves

Property owners are responsible for leaves and yard debris from their property.

Place leaves and yard trimmings in your green organics cart and do not sweep or pile them into the street or gutter.

Keeping leaves out of storm drains helps reduce flooding and keeps Pleasanton streets clean.

Need help with extra yard waste? Contact Pleasanton Garbage Service at (925) 846-2042.



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

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.