

Pleasant Hill Residential Community Newsletter

Recycling & Waste Solutions



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Composting Starts October

Beginning this October, residents can now place food scraps in the yard waste bin. All types of food are accepted, including meat and bones, bread, pasta, fruits and vegetables. Please do not place any plastic items or other trash in the green bin. The material is hauled to an industrial compost facility and turns into a rich soil amendment. Once a year, the compost will be available for residents. You will be notified when the giveaway is scheduled.

Kitchen Compost Pails

Pleasant Hill residents will receive a free kitchen compost pail in October*. Use the pail to store food scraps, and empty often into your green yard waste bin. To keep your pail clean, line with newspaper or a paper bag, or purchase compostable bags. Only two brands of compostable bags are accepted- BioBag and Biomass. BioBag's compostable bags are available at Target, select Safeway stores, and Bed Bath & Beyond. To fit your kitchen pail, look for bags that are 2.5 or 3 gallons.

**If you do not have yard waste service, you will not receive a pail.*



Backyard Compost Classes and Bins

Want to create your own fertile soil out of kitchen scraps and yard waste? The City of Pleasant Hill can help! Sign up for a backyard composting class and receive a heavily discounted compost bin! Call Annette Kaufmann at [925-671-5265](tel:925-671-5265) to sign up for a class, and receive a compost bin for \$40. Compost bins are available to all residents for \$75.



Recycle Where?

Do you have items you no longer want, but aren't sure how to properly recycle or dispose of it? Find the highest and best use for any item by visiting www.RecycleWhere.org. Just enter your zip code and the item, and a menu of options will appear. The website is a collaborative effort of Bay Area communities and will provide you with local reuse, recycling and disposal resources.



Can It Be Recycled?

Recycling in Pleasant Hill is single stream, meaning all recyclables can go together into your recycling cart. So what can you put in there? Cardboard, all types of paper and paperboard (like cereal boxes), plastics with a #1-7 on the bottom, metal like tin cans and aluminum foil, and glass bottles. Computer peripherals like speakers, keyboards and mice are ok, however larger electronics are not. All items going into the recycling should be clean- no food or liquids please. Items that should not go into the recycling include wood, clothing, furniture, or hazardous waste.



Reuse: Always Better Than Recycling!

Before recycling or throwing something away, ask yourself if it might have more use or another life in it! It's easy to donate items in decent condition to local thrift stores, and while you're there- consider giving the planet a break and do your shopping there! There are several thrift stores conveniently located in Pleasant Hill and other surrounding cities. Here are some options to consider:

- **Déjà vu Boutique**
1630 Contra Costa Blvd.
[925-808-8765](tel:925-808-8765)
- **Estates Consignments**
1500 Contra Costa Blvd.
[925-682-6800](tel:925-682-6800)
- **Goodwill**
1699 Contra Costa Blvd.
[925-676-7217](tel:925-676-7217)
- **Salvation Army**
1806 Linda Dr.
[925-685-6900](tel:925-685-6900)
- **St. Vincent De Paul Society**
2825 Contra Costa Blvd.
[925-934-5063](tel:925-934-5063)
- **Youth Homes Auxiliary Thrift Shop**
15 Vivian Dr.