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**To:** Mayor and City Council

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**Subject:** Fall Storm Drain Maintenance and Property Owner Responsibility

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With the fall season here, the City staff are taking steps to remind the community about changes to the City's fall leaf pickup program and how residents can help keep streets and storm drains clear.

Property owners are responsible for properly managing leaves and yard debris from their property. To keep storm drains clear, they should not sweep or pile leaves into the street or gutter. Leaves and debris can block storm drains and cause localized flooding during rain events.

As part of the FY 2025/26 – 2026/27 budget reductions approved by the City Council in May 2025, funding for the City's former fall leaf pickup and disposal service was eliminated. Since then, staff has updated the City's website to provide clear information on property owners' responsibilities for managing yard debris and keeping streets clean. City staff will continue to pick up leaves that fall naturally (not in piles) in the street from City trees.

Pleasanton Garbage Service (PGS) is offering a free yard waste drop off at the PGS transfer station on Busch Road on Saturday, December 13, 2025. Residents can dispose of their yard waste at no charge at the PGS facility at the event.

This information can be found on the [Street Sweeping - City of Pleasanton](#) webpage. PGS and the City will include information about this change in their respective newsletters to the community.

### **What's Changing**

Beginning November 3, 2025, when City street sweeping crews observe piles of leaves or yard debris placed in the street, they will leave a door tag as a friendly reminder of the City's leaf management guidelines. Property owners will also receive a letter explaining their responsibilities and asking them to remove any leaves or debris that have been placed in the roadway.

If repeated violations occur, property owners may receive a Notice of Violation, and continued noncompliance could result in a citation and fine for littering. However, our goal is to achieve voluntary compliance and to work together with the community to keep Pleasanton clean, safe, and storm-ready this fall. The letter to residents is attached for your reference.

Attachment: Resident Letter regarding Fall Leaf Disposal



Dear Pleasanton Resident,

As we move into the fall and winter months, more leaves naturally fall from trees and can accumulate along our streets. When leaves and debris build up in gutters, they can block storm drains and increase the risk of localized flooding during wet weather. To help reduce these impacts, the City of Pleasanton conducts seasonal leaf pickup from **November through February**.

During this period, Public Works crews collect leaves from public streets that have fallen from **City-owned** street trees before street sweeping occurs. This helps keep our storm drains clear and supports more effective street sweeping along City streets.

### **A Reminder About Yard Waste Disposal**

The City's Fall Storm Drain Maintenance program is not a residential curbside leaf pile collection service. This program is intended to address naturally fallen leaves from City street trees on public streets – not leaves or landscape material from private property. As City trees leaves may fall onto private property, the homeowner is responsible to manage all the leaves fall on the private property while the City manage the leaves on public right-of-way only.

To help keep storm drains clear and our neighborhoods clean, residents are asked to:

- Place all yard waste and tree trimmings in your green organics cart
- Ensure your landscaper follows proper disposal practices
- Avoid placing or blowing leaves and debris into the street or gutter

Per **City of Pleasanton Municipal Code §9.08**, placing leaves or yard waste in the public right-of-way is littering. Starting this year, the City is conducting enforcement and may issue **Notices of Violation (NOVs)** as a warning to properties that dispose of organic material in the street or gutter. After a Notice of Violation, residents who continue to improperly dispose of yard waste may receive a **citation and fine**.

### **Need Help with Extra Yard Waste?**

If you have more material than will fit in your organics cart, Pleasanton Garbage Service (PGS) can assist. Residents may schedule up to **three (3) free bulky item pickups per year** or may contact PGS for information on seasonal yard waste drop-off options: **(925) 846-2042**.

We appreciate your support in keeping Pleasanton's streets clean and storm drains clear throughout the season. By properly disposing of yard waste, we can work together to reduce flooding risks and maintain our community.

Scan the QR code for additional information about the Fall Storm Drain Maintenance Program. For questions about how to dispose of your yard waste, please email: [wasteandrecycling@cityofpleasantonca.gov](mailto:wasteandrecycling@cityofpleasantonca.gov)



Sincerely,

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