

## Flashing Yellow Arrow

When you encounter a flashing yellow arrow you are permitted to make a left turn after yielding to oncoming traffic.



A red arrow means STOP. Drivers turning left must stop.



A steady yellow arrow means left turning traffic should stop if it is safe to do so.



A **flashing yellow arrow** means drivers may turn left but must first yield to oncoming traffic and any pedestrians



A green arrow means left turns are protected. Drivers may turn left.

If you need further information please call the Traffic Engineering Division at:

925-931-5677

or visit our website at:

[www.PleasantonTraffic.com](http://www.PleasantonTraffic.com)



## Flashing Yellow Arrow



Traffic Engineering  
Division

PO Box 520  
200 Old Bernal Avenue  
Pleasanton, CA 94566

# Flashing Yellow Arrow

## Why Use a Flashing Yellow Arrow?

The use of a flashing yellow arrow reduces driver delay by providing more left turn opportunities than a traditional left turn signal, this reduces wait times and keeps traffic moving. The flashing yellow arrow also provides a direct message to drivers to cautiously enter the intersection. Studies have shown a flashing yellow arrow is less confusing than the green ball used in the past, thereby increasing vehicle safety at the intersection.



## Signal Explained



A **red arrow means STOP**. Drivers turning left must stop and wait.

A **steady yellow arrow** indicates the left turn signal is about to turn red. Do not enter the intersection if you can stop safely. Vehicles in the intersection should complete their turn.

A **flashing yellow arrow** indicates left turning vehicles are allowed to turn left after yielding to oncoming traffic and any pedestrians. (Oncoming traffic has a green light and pedestrians may have a walk indication).

A **green arrow** indicates left turning vehicles have the right of way. No conflicting traffic or pedestrians should be in the intersection. (Oncoming traffic and pedestrians have a red light).

## Protected and Unprotected Turns

A protected turn is indicated by a green arrow. When the green arrow is illuminated there are no conflicting pedestrians or vehicles that have a green light. An unprotected turn is indicated by either a green ball or a flashing yellow arrow. When a turn is unprotected oncoming traffic has a green light and pedestrians may have a walk indication. When you are making an unprotected turn you must yield to opposing vehicles and any pedestrians.

