Food Too Good to Waste

It is important to reduce food waste, as it impacts the environment, and the economy. Here are some helpful tips in reducing food waste in your home. We recommend good meal planning. Get organized before you go shopping: plan your meals, shop in your cupboard/kitchen before you go to the store, use a shopping list, and prepare only enough food to be eaten during a meal.

CONSIDER THE TOMATO...

31% of fresh tomatoes bought by U.S. households are thrown out—that’s 21 tomatoes a year per person!

Throwing out that many tomatoes costs us a bundle—
over $2.3 billion a year.

If only it was just tomatoes...
the cost of all U.S. household food waste = $166 BILLION!

WASTED FOOD = WASTED RESOURCES

Avoid Blue Barrel Contamination!

Contamination happens when non-recyclable items are mixed in with recyclables. Paper smeared with food or grease cannot be processed with clean paper and can ruin a newly made product if it is not caught before it goes to the factory. Too much contamination is the reason manufacturers reject tons of recyclable paper each year. Help Highland keep their recycling clean and free from trash and contamination. Doing so improves rates, quality of recyclables and lessens the amount of material going to the landfill. Recyclable items include...

PLASTICS NO. 1-7
• Clean garden pots or flats
• Dairy and margarine tubs, yogurt
• Detergent and fabric softener bottles
• Juice, milk, soda and water bottles
• Shampoo and conditioner bottles
• Styrofoam food containers

ALUMINUM & TIN (labels may stay on)
• Aluminum foil
• Aluminum food & soda cans
• Pin tins
• Steel or tin cans (e.g. tuna cans)

GLASS (remove lids from jar, labels may stay on)
• Glass bottle / jars (any color)
• Mason jars (any color)

MIXED PAPER & NEWSPAPER
• Brown paper bags
• Envelopes with plastic window
• Junk mail (remove free samples)
• Magazines / Catalogs
• Newspaper (with Inserts)
• White & colored paper
• Wrapping paper

CARDBOARD
• Binboard (e.g. cereal boxes)
• Cardboard
• Cardboard (soda / beverage carriers)
• Milk cartons

Seniors Wanted!

Are you a Highland resident and sixty (60) years of age or older? If so then you could qualify for the Senior citizen rate if you meet the following criteria:

• Over sixty (60) years of age.
• Residing as head of household
• Single family residence only

For more information on the senior discount please contact Burrtec Customer Service at (909) 889-1969.
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Labor Day Holiday Trash Pickup Schedule

Burrtce Waste Industries, Inc. will be closed on Monday, September 7, 2020 in observance of Labor Day. Therefore, trash, green waste and recycling collection will be delayed by one day. Your regularly scheduled collection services will resume the following week. Please keep in mind that street sweeping will also be delayed by one day as well.

If regular pickup day falls on: Monday, September 7
Trash will be picked up on: Tuesday, September 8

If regular pickup day falls on: Wednesday, September 9
Trash will be picked up on: Thursday, September 10

If regular pickup day falls on: Friday, September 11
Trash will be picked up on: Saturday, September 12

Should you have any questions regarding the holiday delay with collection services, please contact Burrtce Customer Service at (909) 889-1969 or City of Highland, Public Services Division at (800) 782-4264.

Put Sharps Waste In Its Place!

Home-generated sharps are syringes and needles used in your home to administer medication or to test blood sugar. It is illegal to dispose of sharps in your trash. The City of Highland and San Bernardino County Household Hazardous Waste have partnered to provide a safe method to dispose of home-generated sharps from Highland residents. To participate:

1. Go to the HHW Facility located at the San Bernardino International Airport 2824 East W Street, San Bernardino, CA 92408 Monday through Friday, 9 A.M. to 9 P.M., to pick up a free sharps approved container. Please let County HHW personnel know if you need additional collection containers to accommodate all of your sharps. Do not bring your sharps with you if they are not in a sharps-approved container.

2. Fill your container to the marked fill limit line (usually three quarters of its capacity). Lock the lid to seal the container in order to prevent spills and accidental sticks.

3. Exchange your full container of used sharps for an empty one by returning it to HHW, Monday through Friday, 9 A.M. to 4 P.M. Never leave sharps or full collection containers unattended if the crew is out of the station.

Sharps disposal for County residents only. Proof of residency required. For more information, call the San Bernardino County HHW at (909) 382-5401 or 1-800-Oily Cat (645-9228).

Note: Sharps from businesses are not accepted in this program.

Code Enforcement Helpful Fact:

Pool maintenance is particularly important during the Summer months in California due to the increased presence of vectors such as mosquitoes. Green pools that have fallen out of maintenance are a public nuisance and a violation of Highland Municipal Code 8.32.020B.

To report green pools that have become an attractive nuisance to vector hazards, contact San Bernardino County Vector Control at (800) 782-4264.