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# BURRTEC NEWS

## WASTE AND RECYCLING NEWSLETTER

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for the City of Duarte Commercial, Roll Off and Multifamily Customers

### Help Keep Food Waste Recycling Clean!

Senate Bill 1383 requires a **75% reduction in organic waste disposal**. All residences and commercial businesses are required to participate and **recycle organic waste including food and landscape waste**. Food waste is collected, recycled and made into new products such as compost, mulch and renewable gas. **During the sorting process workers must remove non-acceptable material such as trash, plastic containers, glass and other contaminants.**

Keeping your containers free of contaminants will help sustain recycling costs and keep material clean to create new products.

Spread the message, "Help keep your food waste recycling clean!"

## YOUR SORTING GUIDE - WHAT GOES WHERE?

Black Bin/Barrel is for trash



BAG ALL TRASH - DO NOT ADD HAZARDOUS WASTE

### BLACK CONTAINER GUIDE

YES	NO
✓ Birds of Paradise	✗ Batteries
✓ Clothing	✗ Electronic waste
✓ Diapers	✗ Hazardous waste
✓ Dishware	✗ Hot ashes
✓ Flower pots	✗ Infectious waste
✓ Hoses	✗ Flammables
✓ Palm fronds	✗ Fluorescent bulbs
✓ Plastic bags	✗ Machinery
✓ Pet waste	✗ Paint
✓ Pizza boxes	✗ Pesticides
✓ Plastic toys	✗ Oil
✓ Plastic utensils	✗ Sharps
✓ Shrink wrap	✗ Tires
✓ Straws	
✓ Wipes	

Blue Bin/Barrel is for recyclables



DO NOT BAG RECYCLABLES

### BLUE CONTAINER GUIDE

YES	NO
✓ Aerosol cans	✗ Bubble wrap
✓ Aluminum cans	✗ Carpet
✓ Brochures	✗ Clothing
✓ Cardboard	✗ Diapers
✓ Carbons	✗ Dishware
✓ Catalogs	✗ Electronic waste
✓ Computer paper	✗ Furniture
✓ Envelopes	✗ Hoses
✓ Glass bottles & jars	✗ Mirrors
✓ Junk mail	✗ Pet food bags
✓ Newspaper	✗ Pizza boxes
✓ Paper products	✗ Plastic toys
✓ #1 - #7 Plastics	✗ Soiled paper products
✓ Tin cans	✗ Stuffed animals
✓ Tissue boxes	✗ Wax paper
✓ Wrapping paper	

## Make Your Recycling Program a Success!

Ensuring the success of your recycling program depends on a few key elements; most importantly assistance from employees and/or residents.

Here are a few pointers to get you started in the right direction:



Post signage to remind employees and/or residents to recycle specific items (cardboard, paper, etc.). Communication is essential! Newsletters and flyers also reinforce the message.



Placement of recycling containers next to trash containers increases the chances of getting more recyclables into the correct container.



Emptying recycling containers into the proper recycling bin will ensure that your business or multi-family residential dwelling is doing their part to lower costs and reduce landfill waste.

Green Bin/Barrel is for green waste



DO NOT BAG GREEN WASTE

### GREEN CONTAINER GUIDE

YES	NO
✓ Dead plants	✗ Animal waste
✓ Flowers	✗ Batteries
✓ Grass	✗ Cactus
✓ Grass clippings	✗ Concrete
✓ Leaves	✗ Dirt
✓ Prunings & twigs	✗ Electronic waste
✓ Shrub trimmings	✗ Flammables
✓ Small branches	✗ Glass
✓ Untreated wood	✗ Hazardous waste
✓ Weeds	✗ Liquids
	✗ Metal
	✗ Plastic
	✗ Rocks

Brown Bin/Barrel is for food waste



DO NOT BAG FOOD WASTE

### BROWN CONTAINER GUIDE

YES	NO
✓ Bread	✗ Aluminum foil
✓ Coffee grounds	✗ Bottles and cans
✓ Cooked meat and bones	✗ Cooking oil
✓ Dairy	✗ Electronics
✓ Eggshells	✗ Glass
✓ Fish	✗ Green waste
✓ Food soiled Paper	✗ Hazardous waste
✓ Food waste and scraps	✗ Liquids
✓ Fruit	✗ Plastic
✓ Moldy or spoiled food	✗ Raw meat & poultry
✓ Vegetables	✗ Raw seafood
	✗ Trash

## Holiday Schedule

Please note that services are interrupted on the following holidays:

Memorial Day | Independence Day | Labor Day  
Thanksgiving Day | Christmas Day | New Year's Day

When the holiday falls on a weekday, service will be delayed by one day.

## State Required Contamination Monitoring of Recyclables

California state law SB 1383 requires jurisdictions to monitor trash, recycling, and organics barrels to minimize contamination. Trash and other contaminants in the recycling or organics collection container(s) could result in a fee and non-collection due to contamination. If contamination is found, contamination tags (as shown to the right) will be affixed to the container lid. After the first notice, customers may be charged a contamination fee and the container will not be serviced as recyclable; it will be subsequently serviced as trash. Please note: the contamination fee will be automatically assessed if hazardous or bio-hazardous materials are placed in any collection container. Not sure about what goes in each container? Contact our Burrtec Customer Service at (800) 325-9417 for assistance. As always, thank you for your continued support and cooperation!



**IMPORTANT!**

We recently observed contamination in your container checked below.

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We found the following contamination:

☐ **1. Trash**  
Such as animal waste, plastic bags, wrappers, diapers  
→ GRAY/BLACK CONTAINER ONLY

☐ **2. Recyclables**  
Rigid plastics, glass, metal, paper and cardboard  
→ BLUE CONTAINER ONLY

☐ **3. Food Waste**  
Includes food soiled paper  
→ BROWN CONTAINER ONLY

☐ **4. Green Waste**  
Must be unbagged  
→ GREEN CONTAINER ONLY

☐ **5. Electronics or Hazardous Waste**  
Batteries, paint, electronics are not allowed in any container  
→ NOT ALLOWED IN ANY CONTAINER

Future contamination may lead to the container not being serviced and/or extra fees on your account. Please call our office if you have any questions. Thank you.

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☐ GRAY/BLACK ☐ BLUE ☐ GREEN ☐ BROWN

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## Attention Food Service Providers

Existing state law requires certain businesses to implement a recycling and organics program. The law which went into effect July 1, 2020, requires food establishments that provide trash containers for products purchased and consumed on the premises to also provide properly labeled containers for recyclables and organic waste (food waste). These containers must be placed adjacent to trash containers.

AB 827 applies to limited-service restaurants such as those restaurants where customers order and pay at the counter and bus their own tables after eating. The law will affect restaurants, malls, and other businesses that serve food. Full-service food establishments that do not provide access to trash containers for products consumed on the premises will be exempt, as food workers will likely separate post-consumer food waste and recyclables in the dish washing areas.

### Highlights:

- AB 827 requires collection containers at the front-of-house to be visible, accessible and labeled.
- This law affects businesses that sell products that are meant for immediate consumption.
- Full-service restaurants where employees bus and clean tables are exempt but must provide labeled collection containers adjacent to trash containers for employees/staff to separate post-consumer recyclables and organics.

For further information regarding this law, please visit  
<https://www.calrecycle.ca.gov>

## Edible Food Recovery Requirement

Certain businesses have requirements and responsibilities as it relates to edible food recovery, such as:

- Not intentionally spoiling edible food that is capable of being recovered by a food recovery organization or service
- Making arrangements via contract with a food recovery organization or service to recover edible food that would be redistributed for human consumption

### Is Your Business Affected?

#### TIER 1 Businesses - Effective January 1, 2022

- Food distributors
- Wholesale food vendors
- Food service providers
- Grocery stores and supermarkets (10,000 square feet or greater)

#### TIER 2 Businesses - Effective January 1, 2024

- Hotels with at least 200 rooms and an on-site food facility
- Restaurant facilities (5,000 square feet or larger, or seating more than 250)
- Local education agencies with an on-site food facility
- Healthcare facilities with an on-site food facility and 100+ beds
- Large venues (including shopping centers and malls) and events with 2,000+ daily visitors

**The City of Duarte is a member of the San Gabriel Valley Regional Food Recovery Program which will conduct inspections of Tier 1 and Tier 2 businesses on behalf of the City. Learn more at [sgvcog.org/regional-food-recovery-program](http://sgvcog.org/regional-food-recovery-program).**

#### Food Rescue Resources:

**California Association of Food Banks**  
([cafoodbanks.org](http://cafoodbanks.org))

**Community Action Partnership  
of San Bernardino County Food Bank**  
([capsbc.org](http://capsbc.org))

**Feeding America (Inland Empire)**  
([feedingamericaie.org](http://feedingamericaie.org))

**Food Finder**  
([Foodfinders.us](http://Foodfinders.us))

**Los Angeles Regional Food Bank**  
([lafoodbank.org](http://lafoodbank.org))

**Additional Food Rescue Resource:**  
**Burrtec Edible Food Rescue Resource Map**  
(<https://bit.ly/FoodRescueMap>)

**For more information about SB 1383 details and requirements, please visit [calrecycle.ca.gov](http://calrecycle.ca.gov)**

