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WASTE AND RECYCLING NEWSLETTER

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SENATE BILL 1383 ORGANICS DIVERSION AND RECYCLING ARE YOU IN COMPLIANCE?



WHY IS ORGANIC WASTE A PROBLEM?

- The state agency CalRecycle reports that organic waste in landfills accounts for 20 percent of the methane gas generated in California which contributes to public health and safety concerns such as asthma. Methane emission reduction helps in combating climate change.

HOW DOES THIS AFFECT ALL BUSINESSES OR PROPERTIES?

Businesses and multifamily properties are required to:

- Subscribe to trash collection service and recycling and/or organic waste collection services provided by Burrtec, unless approved for a self-haul exemption or de minimis or space constraint waiver. (Solid waste collection containers must be provided by Burrtec. If lost or stolen, customers are responsible for container replacement cost).
- Annually provide information to employees, contractors, tenants, and customers about recycling, organic waste collection requirements and proper sorting of materials.
- Ensure employees, contractors, tenants, and customers have access to an adequate number, size, and location of containers with appropriate labels and container color.
- Provide containers for the collection of all waste streams including trash, food waste and recyclables in all areas where disposal containers are provided for customers, except for restrooms.
- Provide information to new tenants before or within 14 days of occupation of the premises.
- Prohibit employees from placing recycling and organic waste in a container not designated to receive those material types.

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!"



EDIBLE FOOD GENERATOR TIPS TO REDUCE FOOD WASTE

Here are some ways businesses can reduce food waste:

- **Plan and track:** Plan meals based on demand and track waste to identify areas for improvement.
- **Menu design:** Create menu specials that use ingredients that are close to their expiration date. Remove items that don't sell well.
- **Staff training:** Train staff on how to minimize food waste, including proper temperature management and stock rotation.
- **Store food properly:** Store food in the refrigerator and use airtight containers for grains.
- **Reduce packaging:** Use reusable items and reduce packaging.
- **Compost and recycle:** Compost and recycle food waste.
- **Monitor production:** Weigh food at each stage of production to identify and correct production loss.

For more information about edible food requirements, please visit calrecycle.ca.gov

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.

Enclosure Maintenance

Follow these simple tips to keep your business enclosures clean:

- Break down all cardboard. This helps prevent overflow that causes the wheels to get stuck and helps save room in the recycle bin for more recyclables.
- Pick up litter in and around your enclosure and parking lot. Ensure that no litter enters the streets or the storm drain system.
- If your bin is full before your next scheduled pickup, you can call Burrtec and request an additional pickup for an extra fee.
- Do not fill dumpster bins or compactors with liquid waste or hose it out. Keeping liquids out helps reduce leakage into the surroundings as well as reduces odor.
- Sweeping instead of hosing the enclosure with water not only conserves water, it also prevents any material from entering the storm drain system.



YOUR SORTING GUIDE - WHAT GOES WHERE?

Black Bin/Barrel is for trash



BAG ALL TRASH - DO NOT ADD HAZARDOUS WASTE

BLACK CONTAINER GUIDE

YES

- ✓ Birds of Paradise
- ✓ Cactus
- ✓ Clothing
- ✓ Diapers
- ✓ Dishware
- ✓ Flower pots
- ✓ Hoses
- ✓ Palm fronds
- ✓ Pet food bags
- ✓ Plastic bags or wrap
- ✓ Pet waste
- ✓ Plastic toys
- ✓ Plastic utensils
- ✓ Shrink wrap
- ✓ Soiled paper products
- ✓ Straws
- ✓ Wipes

NO

- ✗ Batteries
- ✗ Electronic waste
- ✗ Hazardous waste
- ✗ Hot ashes
- ✗ Flammables
- ✗ Fluorescent bulbs
- ✗ Food waste
- ✗ Landscape waste
- ✗ Machinery
- ✗ Paint
- ✗ Pesticides
- ✗ Oil
- ✗ Recyclables
- ✗ Sharps
- ✗ Tires

Green Bin/Barrel is for green waste



DO NOT BAG GREEN WASTE

GREEN CONTAINER GUIDE

YES

- ✓ Dead plants
- ✓ Flowers
- ✓ Grass clippings
- ✓ Leaves
- ✓ Prunings & twigs
- ✓ Shrub trimmings
- ✓ Small branches
- ✓ Untreated wood
- ✓ Weeds

NO

- ✗ Animal waste
- ✗ Batteries
- ✗ Cactus
- ✗ Concrete
- ✗ Dirt
- ✗ Electronic waste
- ✗ Flammables
- ✗ Glass
- ✗ Hazardous waste
- ✗ Liquids
- ✗ Metal
- ✗ Plastic
- ✗ Rocks

Blue Bin/Barrel is for recyclables



DO NOT BAG RECYCLABLES

BLUE CONTAINER GUIDE

YES

- ✓ Aerosol cans (empty)
- ✓ Aluminum cans
- ✓ Brochures
- ✓ Cardboard
- ✓ Cartons
- ✓ Catalogs
- ✓ Computer paper
- ✓ Envelopes
- ✓ Glass bottles & jars
- ✓ Junk mail
- ✓ Newspaper
- ✓ Paper products
- ✓ #1 - #7 Plastics
- ✓ Tin cans
- ✓ Tissue boxes
- ✓ Wrapping paper

NO

- ✗ Batteries
- ✗ Bubble wrap
- ✗ Carpet
- ✗ Clothing
- ✗ Diapers
- ✗ Dishware
- ✗ Electronic waste
- ✗ Furniture
- ✗ Hoses
- ✗ Mirrors
- ✗ Pet food bags
- ✗ Plastic bags or wrap
- ✗ Plastic toys
- ✗ Soiled paper products
- ✗ Stuffed animals
- ✗ Wax paper

Brown Bin/Barrel is for food waste



DO NOT BAG FOOD WASTE

BROWN CONTAINER GUIDE

YES

- ✓ Bread
- ✓ Coffee grounds
- ✓ Cooked meat and bones
- ✓ Dairy
- ✓ Eggshells
- ✓ Fish
- ✓ Food soiled paper & cardboard*
- ✓ Food waste and scraps
- ✓ Fruit
- ✓ Moldy or spoiled food
- ✓ Vegetables

NO

- ✗ Aluminum foil
- ✗ Bottles and cans
- ✗ Cooking oil
- ✗ Electronics
- ✗ Glass
- ✗ Hazardous waste
- ✗ Landscape waste
- ✗ Liquids
- ✗ Plastic
- ✗ Raw meat & poultry
- ✗ Raw seafood
- ✗ Trash

*Such as fast food wrappers and pizza boxes