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# **BURRTEC NEWS** WASTE AND RECYCLING NEWSLETTER

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U.S. food waste is estimated to be 30-40% of the food supply and Californians throw away approximately 6 million tons of food waste annually.

- Source: cdfa.ca.gov

#### Organic Materials





#### Organics Recycling Are You In Compliance?

Effective 2020, California Assembly Bill 1826 mandates that businesses, public entities, and multifamily residential dwellings (five or more units) generating 2-cubic yards or more of solid waste per week establish and maintain commercial organics recycling service. Organic waste means food waste, green waste, landscape and pruning waste, and non-hazardous wood waste.

## The State requirements specify that applicable business waste generators:

- Separate organic waste from other waste and participate in a waste recycling service that includes collection and recycling of organic waste; or
- Recycle its organic waste on site, or self-haul its organic waste off-site for recycling, or;
- Donate to an eligible recipient.

Call our Customer Service office today to schedule a complimentary waste, recycling, and organics assessment. To report your compliance visit Burrtec.com/NEED WEBSITE and complete the digital compliance form.

### Scavenging is Against the Law

Scavenging is the removal of solid waste materials placed at a designated location for the purpose of collection and recycling by an authorized agent.

- For your safety, do not confront the scavenger.
- Get a description of the person and a vehicle description including license plate.
- Report the crime by contacting local Law Enforcement.

## **Holiday Schedule**

Please note that services are interrupted on the following holidays:

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

\*Due to the 2022 Christmas and 2023 New Year's Day holidays on Sunday, there will be no service interruptions or delays during the holiday weeks.

When the holiday falls on a weekday, collections for the remainder of the week will be delayed by one day. There is no service interruption or delay when the holiday falls on a Saturday or Sunday.

### Are You Ready to Recycle your Food Waste?

California passed a law, Senate Bill 1383, with a goal to improve air quality by reducing negative emissions from food waste and landscape waste being delivered to landfills. This law will require businesses and multi-family complexes to recycle their food waste and landscape waste. It will also require edible food generating businesses such as grocery stores, food service distributors, supermarkets and restaurants to provide the edible food (that would otherwise be disposed) to organizations that will redistribute it. These programs will be in effect in 2022. For more information, please visit: https://www.calrecycle.ca.gov/climate/slcp



Mandatory Commercial Recycling -Is Your Business in Compliance?

Assembly Bill 341 mandates businesses and public entities, generating 4-cubic yards of trash or more and multifamily residential dwellings with five or more units, to establish and maintain recycling service. Recycling helps to conserve our natural resources and landfill space. Burrtec Recycling Coordinators can assist in selecting the appropriate recycling service level, along with the necessary education and outreach to managerial staff. Call our Customer Service office today to schedule a complimentary waste and recycling assessment.

#### What is organic waste?

Organic waste is any material that is biodegradable and comes from either a plant or an animal.

Examples of organic waste include the following material types:

- Food waste
- Food scraps
- Non-edible food
- Food soiled paper
- Non-hazardous wood waste
- Green waste (known as landscape or pruning waste)



#### Attention Food Service Providers

Existing state law requires certain qualifying businesses to implement a recycling or organics recycling program. Effective July 1, 2020, Assembly Bill 827 now requires food establishments that provide trash containers for products purchased and consumed on the premises to also provide properly labeled containers for recyclables and food waste for materials purchased on the premises for immediate consumption. These containers must be placed adjacent to trash containers.

The new law 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 food waste and recyclables in the dish washing areas.



#### Requirements

- 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 recyclables and food waste.

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