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# **BURRTEC NEWS** WASTE AND RECYCLING NEWSLETTER

Sponsored by Burrtec Waste Industries for Town of Apple Valley Commercial, Industrial, and Multifamily Customers

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

### HOW DOES THIS AFFECT MY BUSINESS OR PROPERTY?

#### Businesses and multifamily properties are required to:

- Subscribe to recycling and/or organic waste collection service provided by Burrtec. (Customer must secure containers 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 materials types.

#### WHAT ARE THE ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS?

Supermarkets, grocery stores, food service providers, distributors, or wholesale food vendors have additional edible food recovery requirements 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.

### 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 and that methane emissions reductions help in combating climate change.

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

## **Holiday Schedule**

Please note that services are interrupted on the following holidays:

Thanksgiving Day

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New Year's Day\*

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.



Trash service will not be delayed on Christmas or New Year's day this year because the holidays fall on a Sunday!

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## **Contact Information**

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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

## **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 (AB) 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. 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

## Mandatory Commercial Recycling - Is Your Business in Compliance?

California 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 arrange and maintain a recycling program. Recycling conserves 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 residents and managerial staff. Call our Customer Service Department today to schedule a complimentary waste and recycling assessment.



## Contamination of Recyclables Could Result in a Fee

Burrtec is working in partnership with The Town of Apple Valley to raise awareness of the importance of recycling, increase recycling participation and eliminate contamination from recycling and organics collection containers. This initiative is pertinent to the joint efforts of your community and Burrtec's continued recycling success as the state of California mandates become more critical. Please review details regarding the contamination fee.

#### **Contamination Fee**

Trash and other contaminants in the recycling or organics collection container(s) could result in a fee and non-collection due to contamination. A Red Tag sticker will be left as a warning (sample is shown below). After the first warning, customers will 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 biohazardous materials are placed in any collection container.

Not sure about what goes in each container? Call Customer Service at (760) 245-8607 for assistance. As always, thank you for your continued support and cooperation!



FOR TRASH OR OTHER CONTAMINATION FOUND IN YOUR CONTAINER, PLEASE CONTACT CUSTOMER SERVICE.





