



Spring 2024

# BURRTEC NEWS

## WASTE AND RECYCLING NEWSLETTER

Sponsored by Burrtec Waste Industries for County of San Bernardino  
Commercial, Industrial, and Multifamily Customers

### Contact Information

**Burrtec Waste Industries**  
250 Elks Lane  
Barstow, CA 92311

**Automated Payment Service**  
(888) 298-5161

**Customer Service**  
(760) 256-2730

**Hours of Operation**  
Monday-Friday  
8:00 am to 5:00 pm

**Website**  
Burrtec.com

**Follow us on**

### SB 1383 Container Requirements

Labeling requirements for containers call for decals, imprinted text, and/or graphics to include the primary acceptable items allowed inside each container in addition to the primary prohibited items not authorized to be collected in the container.

**Trash containers must be gray/black**



**Recycling containers must be Blue**



**Green waste containers must be Green**



**Food waste containers must be Brown**



Effective January 1, 2022, existing containers not conforming to label or color requirements will be replaced at the end of their useful life but no later than January 1, 2036.

\*Please note, commodity types vary per County Franchise Area



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

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

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 by the County.
- 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. The County of San Bernardino Solid Waste Management Division (SWMD) can provide your business with indoor recycling and/or food waste collection containers at no additional charge. Call SWMD at (909) 386-8701 and ask to speak to a Recycling Specialist for more information.
- 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?

Certain businesses 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.

**For more information about edible food requirements, please visit [calrecycle.ca.gov](http://calrecycle.ca.gov)**

### Holiday Schedule - No service on these holidays

Memorial Day		Independence Day		Labor Day
Thanksgiving Day		Christmas Day		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.

## Contamination of Recyclables Could Result in Additional Fees

Trash and other contaminants in the recycling or organics collection container(s) could result in non-collection due to contamination. If contamination is found, contamination tags (as shown below) will be affixed to the container lid. After the first two warnings, the container will not be serviced as recyclable, unless the container contaminants are removed. Once contaminants are removed, or if you want the container serviced as trash, you can contact our customer service office to arrange for and pay for an extra pick-up. There will be no charge if you want to remove contaminants and wait to have your container serviced on your next scheduled collection day. Please note: There will be no warnings for hazardous or biohazardous materials placed in any collection container; the container will not be collected until these items are removed and subsequent extra pick-up fees may apply. Not sure about what goes in each container? Information is on the Burrtec website Burrtec.com or call Burrtec Customer Service at (760) 256-2730 for assistance. As always, thank you for your continued support and cooperation!





### IMPORTANT!

We recently observed contamination in your container checked below.



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.

GRAY/BLACK   
  BLUE   
  GREEN   
  BROWN

1 2 3 4 5    DATE \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

## Edible Food Donation Requirements

To comply with SB 1383, commercial edible food generators are required to divert organics from the landfill by recovering the maximum amount of their edible food that would otherwise go to landfills. To reduce food waste and address food insecurity, businesses are now required to arrange via contract to donate edible food to food banks, soup kitchens, and other food recovery organizations and services to help feed Californians in need. Recovery of edible food applies only to commercial food waste generators listed below. Inspections have begun and will occur annually.

### How does my location become compliant?

#### Step 1:



**Secure written agreements or contacts with food recovery organizations that receive your donation.**

#### Step 2:



**Begin donating excess edible food.**

#### Step 3:



**Maintain donation records at business location to be submitted to the County Environmental Health Services Division.**

### Are you a Tier 1 or Tier 2 generator?

Tier 1	Tier 2
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Supermarkets</li> <li>Grocery Stores: total facility size equal to or greater than 10,000 sq. ft.</li> <li>Food Service Providers</li> <li>Food Distributors</li> <li>Wholesale Food Vendors</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Restaurants 250+ seats, or a total facility size equal to or greater than 5,000 sq. ft.</li> <li>Hotels with on-site food facility and 200+ rooms</li> <li>Health facility with an on-site food facility and 100+ beds</li> <li>Large venue</li> <li>Large event</li> <li>State agency with cafeteria with 250+ seats or total facility size equal to or greater than 5,000 sq. ft.</li> <li>Local education agency with on-site food facility</li> </ul>
Deadline to fullfill SB 1383 requirements: <b>January 1, 2022</b>	Deadline to fullfill SB 1383 requirements: <b>January 1, 2024</b>

**For more information about SB 1383 edible food donation requirements, visit the County Environmental Health Services website at <https://ehs.sbcounty.gov/programs/food-facilities/#charitable-feeding>.**



## Did You Know?

Californians have recycled more than 450 billion bottles and cans since 1988.

- Source: [cdfa.ca.gov](http://cdfa.ca.gov)

## Food Waste Container Acceptable Items

- |  |   |
|--|---|
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Bones</li> <li>✓ Bread &amp; grains</li> <li>✓ Coffee grounds</li> <li>✓ Cooked meat &amp; poultry</li> <li>✓ Cooked seafood</li> <li>✓ Dairy products</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Eggshells</li> <li>✓ Food soiled paper</li> <li>✓ Fruits</li> <li>✓ Plate scrapings</li> <li>✓ Tea bags</li> <li>✓ Vegetables</li> </ul> |
|--|---|

