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# BURRTEC NEWS

## WASTE AND RECYCLING NEWSLETTER

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

### Contact Information

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#### Hours of Operation

Monday-Friday  
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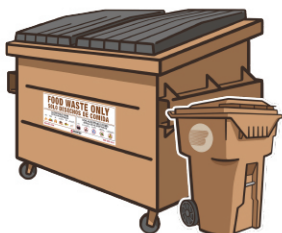


## Help Keep Food Waste Recycling Clean!

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!"**



## 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. 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.

### 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.



California produces nearly half of the nation's fruit and vegetables, yet 1 in 8 Californians struggle with food insecurity, or lack of access to food that one needs to live a healthy lifestyle.

**With the passing of Senate Bill 1383 (SB 1383), the State of California has mandated surplus food recovery to help combat the effects of methane gas on the environment. The bill requires commercial edible food generators to:**

1. Arrange to recover the maximum amount of excess edible food that would otherwise go to landfills.
2. Establish a written agreement with any/all partnering organizations/services that accept edible food from your business.
3. Maintain records of all edible food recovery activities and receipts.
4. Provide copies of written agreement(s) with food recovery organization(s) each year.

### FOOD RESCUE RESOURCES

- California Association of Food Banks (cafoodbanks.org)
- Community Action Partnership of San Bernardino County Food Bank (capsbc.org)
- Feeding America (Inland Empire) (feedingamericaie.org)
- Food Finder (foodfinder.us)



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

# YOUR SORTING GUIDE - WHAT GOES WHERE?

**Black Bin/Barrel** is for trash



**BAG ALL TRASH - DO NOT ADD HAZARDOUS WASTE**

## BLACK CONTAINER GUIDE

### YES

- ✓ Cactus
- ✓ Clothing
- ✓ Diapers
- ✓ Dishware
- ✓ Flower pots
- ✓ Hoses
- ✓ 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

**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

**Green Bin/Barrel** is for green waste



**DO NOT BAG GREEN WASTE**

## GREEN CONTAINER GUIDE

### YES

- ✓ Birds of paradise
- ✓ Dead plants
- ✓ Flowers
- ✓ Grass clippings
- ✓ Leaves
- ✓ Palm fronds
- ✓ Prunings & twigs
- ✓ Shrub trimmings
- ✓ Small branches
- ✓ Untreated wood
- ✓ Weeds

### NO

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

*Note: Multifamily locations may be eligible for a 3-container system for bagged food waste and small amounts of green waste. These materials can be disposed in a green organics container.*

**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 paper towels and napkins.

## Choosing the Right Bin Size

Having the right bin size can make a big difference in keeping your service running smoothly. Whether you generate a small amount of waste or need extra capacity, we provide multiple options to meet your needs:

- 1.5 Yard – (6'L x 2'5"W x 3'H)
- 2 Yard – (6'L x 3'W x 4'H)
- 3 Yard – (6'L x 3'5"W x 4'H)
- 4 Yard – (6'L x 4'5"W x 4'5"H)



Burrtec is available to assess and recommend the most appropriate bin size for your property. Please contact Customer Service at (760) 256-2730 if you have questions or would like to schedule a complimentary assessment of waste, recycling, and organics.

## 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 pick up 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.

## Missed a Pickup or Need Extra Service?

We understand that schedules can change and that occasional service interruptions may occur. If you miss your scheduled day pickup or your bin is not serviced, please contact Customer Service.

Here are a few tips to help avoid missed service:

- Place containers out by 6:00 am on your scheduled service day
- Ensure containers are accessible and not blocked
- Avoid overfilling
- Ensure recycling and organic waste containers are free of contamination.

Extra service day pickups are available for an additional fee. For more information, please contact Burrtec Customer Service at (760) 256-2730.