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Sustainability Update

The 2022 FOOD WASTE Recycling Program and YOU!

The California Senate passed a bill to **improve air quality and reduce greenhouse gas emissions**. CalRecycle reports that landfilled organic waste (including green waste and food waste) decomposes in landfills and generates greenhouse gases contributing to global climate change. Starting in 2022, all California residents may be required to participate in a Food Waste Recycling Program in order to comply with **Senate Bill 1383**.

Senate Bill 1383 requires a **75% reduction in organic waste disposal statewide by 2025**.



SCAN TO LEARN MORE

All residences and commercial businesses may be required to participate in this program to **recycle organic waste, including green waste and food waste**.

Stay tuned for more information about when these new programs will start in your neighborhood.

What Can You Do Right Now to Help Reduce Greenhouse Gas Emissions?

Tips and tricks to help prevent creating green waste and food waste:

- Grasscycling- learn more at CalRecycle.ca.gov/Organics/GrassCycling
- Food Waste prevention tips- learn more at savethefood.com

Additional steps you can take to manage your green waste and food waste:

- Taking green waste and food waste to nearby community composting sites
- At-home composting. Did you know that the San Bernardino County Solid Waste Management Division (SWMD) sells backyard compost bins at a reduced rate to unincorporated County residents? Contact the SWMD Main line at (909) 386-8701 for more information.

Did You Know?



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

Cleaning Up Stormwater Runoff

What is stormwater runoff? It is the rain and melting snow that flows off streets, rooftops, lawns, and farmland. The flowing water carries salt, sand, soil, pesticides, fertilizers, leaves and grass clippings, oil, litter, and many other pollutants into nearby waterways. Since these pollutants are washed off a wide area and cannot be traced to a single source, they are called nonpoint source or runoff pollutants.

Each of us contributes to stormwater pollution and each of us can help stop it. Here are some ways you can help:

- ✓ Keep pesticides, oil, leaves and other pollutants off streets and out of storm drains.
- ✓ Divert roof water to lawns or gardens where it can safely soak in.
- ✓ Clean up pet waste – place in a bag and into your trash barrel.
- ✓ Keep cars tuned up and repair leaks – or use alternative transportation, walk, bike or take the bus.

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*



***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.

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.



Appliance Bulky Item Pick Up IMPORTANT INFORMATION

The proper way to dispose of refrigerators and certain appliances involves either taping the door shut or completely removing the door or the latching mechanism before placing the bulky item out for pick up.

Before disposing of large appliances, tape doors or remove doors and/or hinges on all large appliances to prevent entrance and entrapment by small children.



It's Cool to Reuse for School

With the school year upon us, reusing materials is good for your wallet and the environment. Here are a few ways to reuse and collect items throughout the year.

School Supplies: Many students leave school supplies in their lockers at the end of the year or dispose of them at home. Instead of throwing these items away, regularly collect them for a community sale or donation drive. Some of these materials can be very useful to others.

Books: Instead of tossing your old books, consider establishing a book exchange in your school or community. You may also consider donating used books to a library, nursing home, or other organization that might want them.

Art Supplies: Organize a collection of art supplies to use at school, to exchange among interested students, or to donate to a needy organization such as a homeless shelter for families and children.

Sports Equipment: You can collect unwanted or unused sports equipment to exchange within a school, for reuse in different schools, or to raise money for charities.

Special Occasion Items: Consider an annual prom dress exchange or donation drive. Collect once-worn dresses and donate them to interested schools and organizations.



Collection Day Reminder

On collection day, please place your containers on the street, at the curb, or near the corner of your driveway. Barrels should have the handles toward your home. Barrels should be placed 1 foot apart from each other. The barrels need to be placed at least 3 feet away from any obstruction such as a fence, mailbox, or vehicle.

All barrels must be curbside by 6:00 a.m. on your service day.

Temporary Containers for Special Clean-Ups Available

Burrtec offers large and small containers for residential clean-ups and special projects. Containers are available for 7-day rentals and include delivery and removal. All unwanted materials can be placed directly into the container with the exception of hazardous waste, tires or large amounts of dirt, rock, concrete, or asphalt. Please call our Customer Service Department to order one today!

