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THE COUNTY QUARTERLY

WASTE AND RECYCLING NEWSLETTER

Sponsored by Burrtec Waste Industries for San Bernardino County Residents

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Hours of Operation
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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.

Moving? Need to Close Your Burrtec Account?

Please follow the steps below to ensure your account is properly closed and billing is reflected accurately:

- Contact Burrtec Customer Service at (760) 256-2730 to notify them of your move and your requested final service date.
- Provide Burrtec with a forwarding address for final statement.
- If large/bulky items need to be collected, be sure to schedule a bulky item collection early to ensure the service is completed in time.
- Follow up to confirm account is paid in full.

The Holidays are Soon Approaching

Burrtec will collect and recycle Christmas trees from single-family residences. Please place your tree at curbside after Christmas on your collection day. Burrtec will provide this service for approximately 3 weeks after Christmas Day. Trees 6' and over need to be cut in half. Please take all ornaments, lights, and metal stands off of the tree. Flocked and Non-Flocked trees will be collected and recycled.

Extra Holiday Waste

Approximately 80% of your holiday trash is recyclable. All gift boxes, wrapping paper, greeting cards, and cardboard packaging are items that may be placed in your recycling barrel. Burrtec will collect your excess holiday trash and recyclables. Beginning the day after Christmas for approximately 1 week, place excess holiday trash/recyclables in bags alongside your containers on your collection day.

How to Safely Dispose of Sharps at HHW County Facilities

SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY RESIDENTS can safely dispose of their used SHARPS in a 2 gallon or smaller, heavy-duty, plastic container as an alternative to plastic bio-hazard sharps containers at participating Household Hazardous Waste Collection facilities. Containers should only contain needles, lancets, and syringes with a needle attached that must be completely spent (no liquid remaining, including EpiPens).

HOW TO CREATE YOUR OWN CONTAINER:

- Place sharps into an Approved Sharps Container or 2 gallon or smaller heavy-duty plastic container
- Do not use food product containers
- Must have a screw-top and puncture resistant lid
- Made of thick plastic
- 2 gallons or less
- Leak-resistant
- Remain upright when standing
- Place printed Bio-Hazard Label on both sides
- When ¾ filled, secure lid, and tape the container closed

DO NOT USE FOR SHARPS:

Print FREE labels by visiting sbcfire.org/hhw Preprinted labels are available at HHW collection facilities

For more information and locations, call 1-800-Oily Cat (645-9228) or visit sbcfire.org/hhw

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)**

YOUR BARREL GUIDE WHAT GOES WHERE?

Black Barrel is for **trash**

DO NOT ADD HAZARDOUS WASTE

BLACK BARREL GUIDE

YES	NO
✓ Cactus	✕ Batteries
✓ Clothing	✕ Electronic waste
✓ Diapers	✕ Hazardous waste
✓ Dishware	✕ Hot ashes
✓ Flower pots	✕ Flammables
✓ Hoses	✕ Food waste
✓ Plastic bags or wrap	✕ Fluorescent bulbs
✓ Pet food bags	✕ Infectious waste
✓ Pet waste	✕ Landscape waste
✓ Pizza boxes	✕ Machinery
✓ Plastic toys	✕ Paint
✓ Plastic utensils	✕ Pesticides
✓ Shrink wrap	✕ Oil
✓ Straws	✕ Recyclables
✓ Wipes	✕ Sharps
	✕ Tires

Blue Barrel is for **recyclables**

DO NOT BAG RECYCLABLES

BLUE BARREL GUIDE

YES	NO
✓ Aerosol cans (empty)	✕ Batteries
✓ Aluminum cans	✕ Bubble wrap
✓ Brochures	✕ Carpet
✓ Cardboard	✕ Clothing
✓ Cartons	✕ Diapers
✓ Catalogs	✕ Dishware
✓ Computer paper	✕ Electronic waste
✓ Envelopes	✕ Furniture
✓ Glass bottles & jars	✕ Hoses
✓ Junk mail	✕ Mirrors
✓ Newspaper	✕ Pet food bags
✓ Paper products	✕ Pizza boxes
✓ #1 - #7 Plastics	✕ Plastic bags or wrap
✓ Styrofoam	✕ Plastic toys
✓ Tin cans	✕ Soiled paper products
✓ Tissue boxes	✕ Stuffed animals
✓ Wrapping paper	✕ Wax paper

Green Barrel is for **green waste & food waste**

REMINDER!
Bag your food waste and place in your green barrel!

BAG FOOD WASTE - DO NOT BAG GREEN WASTE

GREEN BARREL GUIDE

YES	NO
✓ Bagged food soiled paper & cardboard*	✕ Batteries
✓ Bagged food waste	✕ Cactus
✓ Birds of Paradise	✕ Concrete
✓ Dead plants	✕ Dirt
✓ Flowers	✕ Electronic waste
✓ Grass clippings	✕ Flammables
✓ Leaves	✕ Glass
✓ Palm fronds	✕ Hazardous waste
✓ Prunings & twigs	✕ Liquids
✓ Shrub trimmings	✕ Metal
✓ Small branches	✕ Pet waste
✓ Untreated wood	✕ Plastic
✓ Weeds	✕ Rocks

*Such as paper towels and napkins

HOLIDAY DISPOSAL QUICK GUIDE

TRASH

Ribbon & Bows

Tape + Dispenser

Glitter/Metallic Wrapping Paper

RECYCLING

Paper Cards

Paper Bags & Gift Tissue

Plain Wrapping Paper & Tubes

ORGANICS

Undecorated Greenery

Food and Candy

HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE

NOT ALLOWED IN ANY BARREL

Collection Day Reminder

On collection day, please place your containers on the street, at the curb, or near the corner of your driveway. Handles of your containers should be facing your home. Containers should be placed one foot apart from each other and placed at least three feet away from any obstruction such as a fence, mailbox, or vehicle.

Pro Tips:

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

Visit our Kids Corner at

https://www.burrtec.com/kids-corner for free kids activity sheets to download