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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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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.

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.

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.



Tear off here, save and place on your fridge!

YOUR BARREL GUIDE - WHAT GOES WHERE?

Black Barrel is for trash



Blue Barrel is for recyclables



Green Barrel is for green waste & food waste



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

DO NOT ADD HAZARDOUS WASTE

BLACK BARREL GUIDE

YES

- ✓ Cactus
- ✓ Clothing
- ✓ Diapers
- ✓ Dishware
- ✓ Flower pots
- ✓ Hoses
- ✓ Plastic bags or wrap
- ✓ Pet food bags
- ✓ Pet waste
- ✓ Pizza boxes
- ✓ Plastic toys
- ✓ Plastic utensils
- ✓ Shrink wrap
- ✓ Straws
- ✓ Wipes

NO

- ✗ Batteries
- ✗ Electronic waste
- ✗ Hazardous waste
- ✗ Hot ashes
- ✗ Flammables
- ✗ Food waste
- ✗ Fluorescent bulbs
- ✗ Infectious waste
- ✗ Landscape waste
- ✗ Machinery
- ✗ Paint
- ✗ Pesticides
- ✗ Oil
- ✗ Recyclables
- ✗ Sharps
- ✗ Tires

DO NOT BAG RECYCLABLES

BLUE BARREL 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
- ✓ Styrofoam
- ✓ Tin cans
- ✓ Tissue boxes
- ✓ Wrapping paper

NO

- ✗ Batteries
- ✗ Bubble wrap
- ✗ Carpet
- ✗ Clothing
- ✗ Diapers
- ✗ Dishware
- ✗ Electronic waste
- ✗ Furniture
- ✗ Hoses
- ✗ Mirrors
- ✗ Pet food bags
- ✗ Pizza boxes
- ✗ Plastic bags or wrap
- ✗ Plastic toys
- ✗ Soiled paper products
- ✗ Stuffed animals
- ✗ Wax paper

BAG FOOD WASTE - DO NOT BAG GREEN WASTE

GREEN BARREL GUIDE

YES

- ✓ Bagged food soiled paper & cardboard*
- ✓ Bagged food waste
- ✓ Birds of Paradise
- ✓ Dead plants
- ✓ Flowers
- ✓ Grass clippings
- ✓ Leaves
- ✓ Palm fronds
- ✓ Prunings & twigs
- ✓ Shrub trimmings
- ✓ Small branches
- ✓ Untreated wood
- ✓ Weeds

NO

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

*Such as paper towels and napkins

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 $\frac{3}{4}$ 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)



Visit our Kids Corner at

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



Get a Free Doggie Waste Bag for You and a Friend

Step 1: Visit FreeDoggieBags.com

Step 2: Request a **FREE** canister

Step 3: Send a **FREE** canister to a friend

Step 4: Use your canister to pick up after your dog anytime, anyplace!

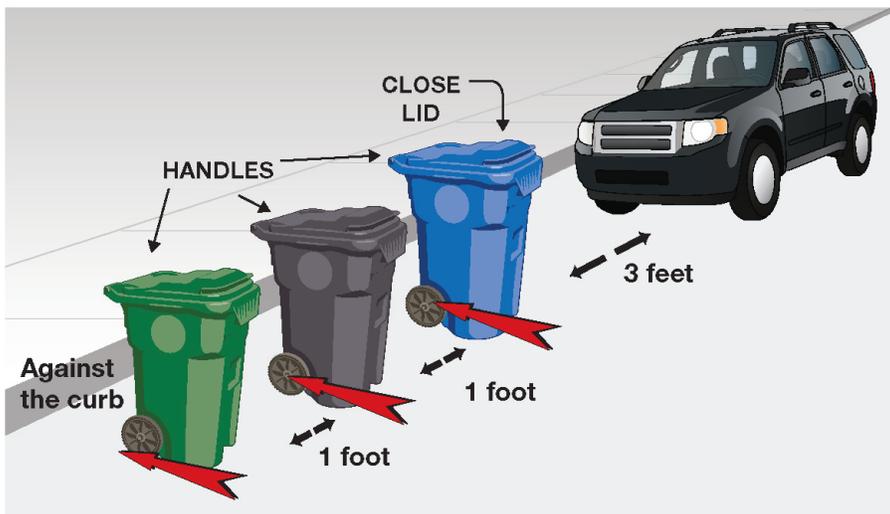


Thanks for being a responsible pet owner and contributing to a beautiful San Bernardino County.

Collection Day Reminder

On collection day, please place your containers in 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 1 foot apart from each other and need to be placed at least 3 feet away from any obstruction such as a fence, mailbox, or vehicle.

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



How to Collect Food Waste at Home

1. **Collect-** Begin collecting food waste separate from your trash and recycling. This includes: fruits, vegetables, meats, seafood, bread, dairy, eggshells, coffee, plate scrapings, peels, rinds, and food soiled paper such as napkins and coffee filters.
2. **Add & Secure-** Collect food waste & food soiled paper in its own separate plastic lined container. Store it in a convenient place, such as on your counter top, in your refrigerator or under your sink. Secure plastic bag by tying it off. Remember bags do not have to be compostable or biodegradable. They can be any color. We encourage you to re-use bags you may already have such as bread bags and produce bags.
3. **Discard-** Place your bagged food waste & food soiled paper into your green barrel, along with your green waste. Continue using your green waste barrel as usual. Remember, food waste no longer belongs in your trash barrel.