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WASTE AND RECYCLING NEWSLETTER

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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.

Collection Day Reminder

On collection day, please place your containers in the street, at the curb, or near the corner of your driveway. Barrels should have the handles facing towards 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.

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

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.

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

Electronic Waste (E-waste)

Electronic waste may contain potentially toxic substances such as lead, copper, and other heavy metals. This is why they must be disposed of properly! Electronic waste, or E-waste, may include computers, monitors and televisions. Residents may place E-waste items out as bulky items for pickup. Please do not place E-waste in any of the barrels.

Please call our Customer Service Department one week prior to your scheduled collection day to arrange pick-up.

Visit sbcfire.org/collectionfacilities/ to view all sites throughout the County that are available for proper disposal.



Recycle Right!

Place these types of materials in your recycling container.

- ✓ Aerosol cans (completely empty)
- ✓ Aluminum cans
- ✓ Brochures
- ✓ Cardboard
- ✓ Cartons
- ✓ Cereal boxes (no wax paper lining)
- ✓ Coupons
- ✓ Envelopes
- ✓ Glass bottles & jars
- ✓ Junk mail
- ✓ Magazines/catalogs
- ✓ Newspaper
- ✓ Paper
- ✓ Paper tubes
- ✓ Phone books
- ✓ Plastic containers
- ✓ Plastic milk jugs
- ✓ Styrofoam products
- ✓ Tin cans
- ✓ Wrapping paper



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!

Clean the Green

Adhering to the green waste program requirements by placing the proper material in your container is critical to creating a long-term sustainable solution for green waste.

Acceptable Green Waste Materials (put in your green waste barrel)

- Brush
- Cactus
- Grass clippings
- Leaves
- Prunings
- Shrub trimmings
- Tree trimmings
- Twigs & small branches
- Weeds



Non-Acceptable Materials (put in your trash barrel)

- Birds of Paradise
- Food waste
- Glass
- Household trash
- Palm fronds
- Pet waste
- Plastics



Scavenging is Against the Law

Scavenging is the removal of recyclable 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.



Three R's of Reusable Bags

You can play an important role in making San Bernardino County a greener, healthier community by reducing the litter and waste generated from single-use carry-out bags by using reusable bags. Here are three new R's to help you:



Remind: Place your reusable bags by the door, near your car keys, or write it down on your shopping list to remind you.

Ready: Keep a ready supply of them in your car and at the office so that you can grab one when you need it.

Rethink: Stop and rethink about using your reusable bags just for grocery store shopping. Consider all of the places where you go shopping or buy take-out food, and try using them there.