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THE COUNTY QUARTERLY

WASTE AND RECYCLING NEWSLETTER

Sponsored by Burrtec Waste Industries for San Bernardino County Residents

FAQs

Residential Food Waste Recycling Program

Contact Information

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Hours of Operation

Monday-Friday
8:00 am to 5:00 pm

Website

Burrtec.com

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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.

Tear off here, save and place on your fridge!

Am I required to participate?

Yes. This is a California law that requires all residents, multi-family tenants, and commercial businesses to participate in food waste recycling in order to comply with Senate Bill 1383.

Will plastic bags be supplied?

Customers will be required to use their own bags. Bags do not need to be compostable or biodegradable.

What is the benefit of recycling food waste?

Your recycling efforts contribute to the reduction of greenhouse gas emissions from landfilled organic waste. This includes methane, a greenhouse gas 80 times more potent than carbon dioxide.

I already backyard compost, do I have to participate?

We encourage you to continue backyard composting. Organic items not suitable for backyard compost can be recycled through this program.

Can I use my garbage disposal instead?

No need to change your current garbage disposal use. Food currently being discarded in your trash barrel should now be bagged and placed in your green waste barrel.

What items are acceptable?

Fruits, vegetables, meats, seafood, dairy, eggshells, bread, food scraps, food soiled paper, plate scrapings, and expired food.

What items are not acceptable?

Trash, styrofoam, liquids, glass, plastic, metal, diapers, pet waste, electronic waste, and hazardous waste.

REMINDER: RECYCLE RIGHT!

Tear off and keep handy to recycle right!

YOUR BARREL GUIDE - WHAT GOES WHERE?

Black Barrel is for trash



DO NOT ADD HAZARDOUS WASTE

BLACK BARREL GUIDE

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

Blue Barrel is for recyclables



DO NOT BAG RECYCLABLES

BLUE BARREL GUIDE

YES	NO
✓ Aerosol cans	✗ Bubble wrap
✓ Aluminum cans	✗ Carpet
✓ Brochures	✗ Clothing
✓ Cardboard	✗ Diapers
✓ Cartons	✗ Dishware
✓ Catalogs	✗ Electronic waste
✓ Computer paper	✗ Furniture
✓ Envelopes	✗ Hoses
✓ Glass bottles & jars	✗ Mirrors
✓ Junk mail	✗ Pet food bags
✓ Newspaper	✗ Pizza boxes
✓ Paper products	✗ Plastic toys
✓ #1 - #7 Plastics	✗ Stuffed animals
✓ Tin cans	✗ Used paper products
✓ Tissue boxes	✗ Wax paper
✓ Wrapping 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 waste	✗ Animal waste
✓ Birds of Paradise	✗ Batteries
✓ Dead plants	✗ Cactus
✓ Flowers	✗ Concrete
✓ Food soiled paper	✗ Dirt
✓ Grass clippings	✗ Electronic waste
✓ Leaves	✗ Flammables
✓ Palm fronds	✗ Glass
✓ Prunings & twigs	✗ Hazardous waste
✓ Shrub trimmings	✗ Liquids
✓ Small branches	✗ Metal
✓ Untreated wood	✗ Plastic
✓ Weeds	✗ Rocks

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 a 2 week period 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.



Holiday Waste Reduction

This holiday season choose to reduce your waste! Donate unwanted and usable toys, clothing, bikes and electronic items to local charities. The Salvation Army and Goodwill are a few of the many local thrift stores and donation stores that are in need of your gently used items. Go to SalvationArmy-SoCal.org or GoodwillSoCal.org for your nearest donation location.



Get a Free Doggie Waste Bag for You and a Friend

Step 1: Visit FreeDoggieBags.com

Step 2: Request a **FREE** canister from us

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 bag. 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.



Happy Holidays