

# Spring 2023

## THE COUNTY QUARTERLY WASTE AND RECYCLING NEWSLETTER

Sponsored by Burrtec Waste Industries for San Bernardino County Residents

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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.

### Food Waste Recycling May Be Coming to Your Neighborhood Soon...

California passed a law requiring organics recycling in an effort to improve air quality and reduce greenhouse gas emissions. The State reports that organic waste (including food waste) that is placed in trash containers, collected and landfilled, decomposes in landfills and generates greenhouse gases contributing to global climate change.

In order to comply with this new law, the County has implemented a mandatory residential organic waste recycling collection program, that will require residents to separate and bag their food waste, then place it in their existing green waste container or in a new container that will be provided. Residents will no longer be allowed to place food waste or other types of organic waste in their trash barrels for collection.

Residents living within the San Bernardino County Unincorporated areas may be required to participate in this program.

Additional information will follow, including program start dates and participating areas.



## YOUR BARREL GUIDE - WHAT GOES WHERE?

**Black Barrel** is for trash



DO NOT ADD HAZARDOUS WASTE

### BLACK BARREL GUIDE

#### YES

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

#### NO

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

**Blue Barrel** is for recyclables



DO NOT BAG RECYCLABLES

### BLUE BARREL GUIDE

#### YES

- ✓ Aerosol cans
- ✓ Aluminum cans
- ✓ Brochures
- ✓ Cardboard
- ✓ Cartons
- ✓ Catalogs
- ✓ Computer paper
- ✓ Envelopes
- ✓ Glass bottles & jars
- ✓ Junk mail
- ✓ Newspaper
- ✓ Paper products
- ✓ #1 - #7 Plastics
- ✓ Tin cans
- ✓ Tissue boxes
- ✓ Wrapping paper

#### NO

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

**Green Barrel** is for green waste



DO NOT BAG GREEN WASTE

### GREEN BARREL GUIDE

#### YES

- ✓ Birds of Paradise
- ✓ Dead plants
- ✓ Flowers
- ✓ Grass clippings
- ✓ Leaves
- ✓ Palm fronds
- ✓ Prunings & twigs
- ✓ Shrub trimmings
- ✓ Small branches
- ✓ Untreated wood
- ✓ Weeds

#### NO

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

## Earth Day Everyday!

We can make Earth Day everyday through small changes that have a big impact. Make sure you are recycling correctly. Keep the Recycling List on your refrigerator for reference. Use reusable bags, instead of single use. Donate used clothes, home goods and small appliances to thrift stores or other charitable organizations that can reuse them. Start a backyard composting pile; this is an inexpensive way to make your own soil amendments for gardening and cuts down on the amount of food waste that goes into your trash barrel. Celebrate Earth by making a commitment to reduce waste, reuse materials and recycle all that can be recycled.



## 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)
- ✓ Computer paper
- ✓ Coupons
- ✓ Envelopes
- ✓ Glass bottles & jars
- ✓ Glass cosmetic bottles
- ✓ Junk mail
- ✓ Laundry bottles
- ✓ Magazines/catalogs
- ✓ Newspaper
- ✓ Paper
- ✓ Paper tubes
- ✓ Phone books
- ✓ Plastic containers
- ✓ Plastic milk jugs
- ✓ Tin cans
- ✓ Tissue boxes
- ✓ Wrapping paper



## Sustainability Update

The 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**.

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



SCAN TO LEARN MORE

**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](http://CalRecycle.ca.gov/Organics/GrassCycling)
- Food Waste prevention tips- learn more at [savethefood.com](http://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.

GET A  
**FREE DOGGIE WASTE BAG**  
FOR YOU AND YOUR FRIEND

Step 1

 Visit [FreeDoggieBags.com](http://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.