



# Spring 2025

## BURRTEC NEWS

### WASTE AND RECYCLING NEWSLETTER

Sponsored by Burrtec Waste Industries  
for the Rubidoux Community Services District Residents

#### Billing/Service

questions can be directed to:

**Rubidoux Community Services District**

3590 Rubidoux Boulevard  
Jurupa Valley, CA 92509

**Customer Service**

(951) 684-7580

**Hours of Operation**

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

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#### Need a dumpster for a special clean up?

Contact Burrtec's Customer Service office.

**Burrtec Waste Industries, Inc.**

1850 Agua Mansa Road  
Jurupa Valley, CA 92509

**Customer Service**

(951) 786-0639

**Hours of Operation**

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

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#### How to Collect Food Waste at Home

1. **Collect-** Begin collecting food waste separate from your other trash and recycling. This includes: fruits, vegetables, meats, seafood, bread, dairy, eggshells, coffee, plate scrapings, peels, rinds, food soiled paper, and expired food.
2. **Add & Secure-** Collect food waste & food soiled paper in a separate plastic bag. Store it in a convenient place, such as on your countertop, in your refrigerator or under your sink. Secure your 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 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.



#### Spring Cleaning Tips

- ✓ Flatten cardboard boxes to create more room in your recycling barrel.
- ✓ Do not bag recyclable items.
- ✓ Utilize your bulky item pick-up services for e-waste and large items that do not fit in your trash barrel.
- ✓ No wipes down the pipes! Do not flush wipes or paper towels.
- ✓ Donate any unwanted items that are still in good condition. Remember that leaving donations outside of a closed center is illegal, and illegally dumped items could ultimately end up in the trash.

#### Top 5 Items to Keep **OUT** of Your Recycling Cart

Here are the 5 top items that should never be placed in your recycling cart:

1. **No Garden Hoses.** Despite being made from rubber, vinyl or a combination of both, this item still belongs in the garbage container.
2. **No Diapers.** Diapers should be placed in your garbage container.
3. **No Hazardous Waste.** This means no paint, motor oil, batteries, syringes, needles, etc. Hazardous Waste puts our trucks and facility at risk and should not be placed in your garbage cart either. Visit [www.rcsd.org](http://www.rcsd.org) to locate your nearest hazardous waste collection center.
4. **No Pet Food Bags.** The wax coating prevents the bags from breaking down in the recycling process, so pet food bags go into the garbage container.
5. **No Electronic Waste.** These items are best recycled through bulky item drop-off or a collection event.

#### Holiday Schedule - No service on these holidays.

Christmas Day		Independence Day		Labor Day
Memorial Day		New Year's Day		Thanksgiving 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?

**502.5 Billion  
bottles and  
cans have  
been collected  
for recycling!**

Source: CalRecycle.org

# SENATE BILL 1383

The California Senate passed a bill requiring a **75% reduction in organic waste disposal by 2025**. All residences and commercial businesses will be required to participate in this program to **recycle organic waste, including food waste**.



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**Organic waste** that decomposes in a landfill releases a significant amount of **greenhouse gas emissions** that contribute to public health and safety concerns such as **asthma, global climate change, extreme weather, and natural disasters**. By **composting organic waste**, instead of sending it to landfills, we can **close the loop on sustainability** while creating a **nutrient-rich soil amendment** that's ready for use in farms and gardens.

## TIPS TO PREVENT FOOD WASTE AT HOME

- **Plan ahead:** Before you go to the grocery store or order out, check the fridge and pantry for food items that need to be cooked or that you already have and do not need to purchase.
- **Serve smart:** Aim to cook and serve the right portions for the number of people you are feeding.
- **Store food wisely:** Different foods require different conditions.
- **Check your fridge often:** Keep track of what you have and what needs to be used. Eat or freeze items before you need to throw them away.
- **Use your freezer:** Your freezer can help save your food and time.



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

Tear off here, save and place on your fridge!

## REMINDER: RECYCLE RIGHT!

## 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	✗ Landscape waste
✓ Pet waste	✗ Machinery
✓ Plastic toys	✗ Paint
✓ Plastic utensils	✗ Pesticides
✓ Shrink wrap	✗ Oil
✓ Soiled paper products	✗ Recyclables
✓ Straws	✗ Sharps
✓ Wipes	✗ 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	✗ Plastic bags or wrap
✓ #1 - #7 Plastics	✗ Plastic toys
✓ Styrofoam	✗ Soiled paper products
✓ Tin cans	✗ Stuffed animals
✓ 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 soiled paper*	✗ 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