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THE COUNTY QUARTERLY WASTE AND RECYCLING NEWSLETTER

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Food Waste Recycling is 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.



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!

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

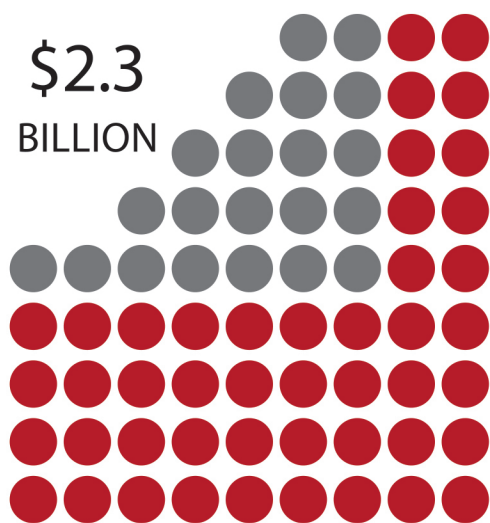
YES	NO
✓ Bagged food waste	✗ Animal waste
✓ Birds of Paradise	✗ Batteries
✓ Dead plants	✗ Cactus
✓ Flowers	✗ Concrete
✓ Food soiled paper	✗ Dirt
✓ Grass clippings	✗ Electronic waste
✓ Leaves	✗ Flammables
✓ Palm fronds	✗ Glass
✓ Prunings & twigs	✗ Hazardous waste
✓ Shrub trimmings	✗ Liquids
✓ Small branches	✗ Metal
✓ Untreated wood	✗ Plastic
✓ Weeds	✗ Rocks

CONSIDER THE TOMATO...

31% of fresh tomatoes bought by U.S. households are thrown out—that's 21 tomatoes a year per person!

Throwing out that many tomatoes costs us a bundle—
over \$2.3 billion a year.

If only it was just tomatoes... the cost of all U.S. household food waste = \$166 BILLION!



WASTED FOOD = WASTED RESOURCES

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.



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**.

Stay tuned for more information about when these new programs will start in your neighborhood.



SCAN TO LEARN MORE

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.

FAQs

Residential Food Waste Recycling Program

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.