



# Winter 2025/2026

## THE COUNTY QUARTERLY

### WASTE AND RECYCLING NEWSLETTER

Sponsored by Burrtec Waste Industries for San Bernardino County Residents

#### Contact Information

##### Burrtec Waste Industries

250 Elks Lane  
Barstow, CA 92311

##### Automated Payment Service

(888) 298-5161

##### Customer Service

(760) 256-2730

##### 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.*

#### Windy Day Advisory

Weather conditions cause problems with the collection of trash and recyclables. Containers frequently tip over, causing spillage and materials to get strewn throughout streets and neighborhoods. In an effort to assist in the prevention of these situations, the following are suggestions:

- Bag and tie trash and/or recyclables before placing in barrels – This will make clean-up efforts easier should the barrels blow over.
- Avoid placing trash and/or recycling out on windy days – If possible, do not set your trash or recyclables out for collection on windy days. Bag any excessive trash and recyclables that will not fit in your barrel and Burrtec will collect all accumulated bags along with your containers on your next scheduled collection day.

Thank you for your assistance in keeping your neighborhoods clean.



## KEEP THE GREEN CLEAN!



**Remember, your green container should only have loose green waste and bagged food waste.**





## Holiday Tree Collection

Burrtec will pick up and recycle your Christmas tree. Please place it at the curb on your regular collection day, starting after Christmas. This service will be available for about three weeks following the holiday.

- ✓ Make sure your tree stand is removed, as well as all lights, ornaments, tinsel and other decorations.
- ✓ Do not place them inside or on top of any barrel.
- ✓ Do not block sidewalks, driveways, cars or mailboxes.
- ✓ Please cut large trees (over 6 feet) in half.
- ✓ Artificial trees are not accepted.
- ✓ We will accept trees with flocking decoration.



## 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.



## 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.



**NO  
SCAVENGING**

## Can't Stand the Smell?

Below are some tips to help you reduce barrel odors:

- Place your green barrels on your lawn and rinse with soap and water to prevent any foods from sticking to the inside.
- Place food waste in a bag before disposing in green organics barrel.
- Place your trash in a plastic garbage bag and make sure that it's securely tied before placing into barrels.

**Good barrel hygiene is the secret to maintaining an odor-free barrel and an easy way to keep away unwanted insects.**

## 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.

# FREE CHRISTMAS TREE MULCH

**Available mid-January to mid-February or while supplies last.**

Burrtec's Material Recovery Facilities (MRF) offer Christmas tree mulch at NO ADDITIONAL CHARGE. The Christmas tree mulch is provided on a first come, first serve basis. Mulch is available while supplies last. New stock is replenished daily. Other landscape products such as compost and wood chips are also available for purchase.

### VICTOR VALLEY COMPOST

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Monday - Friday, 8am - 5pm | Closed weekends