



# Fall 2023

# THE COUNTY QUARTERLY WASTE AND RECYCLING NEWSLETTER

Sponsored by Burrtec Waste Industries for San Bernardino County Residents

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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!

## 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.

## 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

## It's Cool to Reuse for School

With the school year upon us, reusing materials is good for your wallet and the environment. Here are a few ways to reuse and collect items throughout the year.

**School Supplies:** Many students leave school supplies in their lockers at the end of the year or dispose of them at home. Instead of throwing these items away, regularly collect them for a community sale or donation drive. Some of these materials can be very useful to others.

**Books:** Instead of tossing your old books, consider establishing a book exchange in your school or community. You may also consider donating used books to a library, nursing home, or other organization that might want them.

**Art Supplies:** Organize a collection of art supplies to use at school, to exchange among interested students, or to donate to a needy organization such as a homeless shelter for families and children.

**Sports Equipment:** You can collect unwanted or unused sports equipment to exchange within a school, for reuse in different schools, or to raise money for charities.

**Special Occasion Items:** Consider an annual prom dress exchange or donation drive. Collect once-worn dresses and donate them to interested schools and organizations.



## What is organic waste?

Organic waste is any material that is biodegradable and comes from either a plant or an animal.

*Examples of organic waste include the following material types:*

- Food waste
- Food scraps
- Non-edible food
- Food soiled paper
- Non-hazardous wood waste
- Green waste  
(known as landscape or pruning waste)



## Got Cooking Oil? Recycle It!

**Recycle your leftover liquid cooking oil to avoid the hassle of dealing with clogged pipes and other sewer problems.**

**Step 1** - Cool oil to a safe temperature & filter to remove food particles.

**Step 2** - Pour oil into jar or plastic container with a tight fitting lid.

**Step 3** - Take oil to your nearest toxic waste collection center.

For a list of collection centers near you, visit [TooToxicToTrash.com](http://TooToxicToTrash.com)

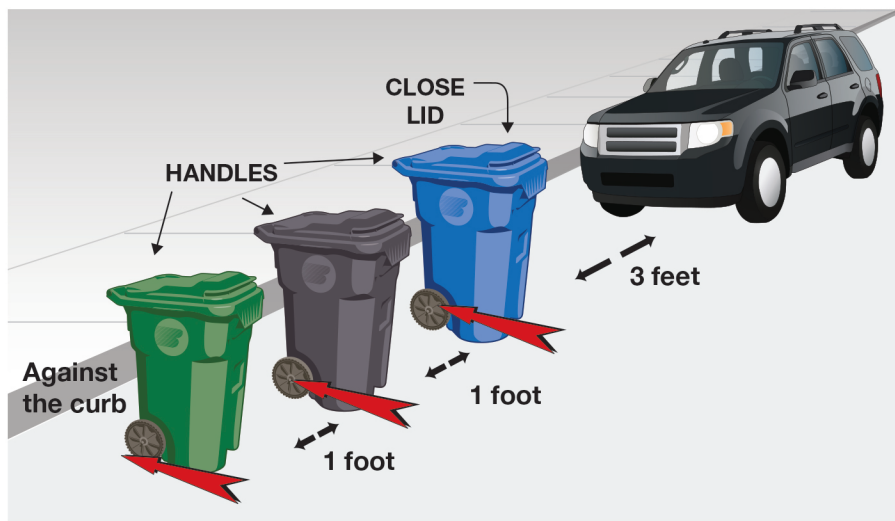
*\*No business waste accepted. Must be a San Bernardino County resident.*



## 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 lined container. 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.