

Spring 2025

THE COUNTY QUARTERLY

WASTE AND RECYCLING NEWSLETTER



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Hours of Operation

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

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Bulky Item Pick-Up

Are you replacing an old sofa, water heater or refrigerator and don't know what to do with it? We'll take care of it. Residents can request up to two curbside collections of large or bulky items during a calendar year. Limit of five items per collection. This program also includes electronic waste. This program is at no additional cost and designed for your convenience. Please call our Customer Service Department one week prior to your scheduled collection day to arrange pick-up. This collection does not include concrete, rock, dirt or construction/demolition materials.

How to Safely Dispose of Sharps at HHW County Facilities

SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY RESIDENTS can safely dispose of their used SHARPS in a 2 gallon or smaller, heavy-duty, plastic container as an alternative to plastic bio-hazard sharps containers at participating Household Hazardous Waste Collection facilities. Containers should only contain needles, lancets, and syringes with a needle attached that must be completely spent (no liquid remaining, including EpiPens).

HOW TO CREATE YOUR OWN CONTAINER:

- Place sharps into an Approved Sharps Container or 2 gallon or smaller heavy-duty plastic container
- Do not use food product containers
- Must have a screw-top and puncture resistant lid
- Made of thick plastic
- 2 gallons or less
- Leak-resistant
- Remain upright when standing
- Place printed Bio-Hazard Label on both sides
- When $\frac{3}{4}$ filled, secure lid, and tape the container closed



DO NOT USE FOR SHARPS:



Print **FREE** labels by visiting sbcfire.org/hhw Preprinted labels are available at HHW collection facilities

For more information and locations,
call 1-800-Oily Cat (645-9228)
or visit sbcfire.org/hhw

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.



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.



Did You Know?

2.2 Billion gallons of used oil have been collected for recycling.

Source: CalRecycle.org

Household Hazardous Waste

Many households generate hazardous waste that is dangerous or illegal to dispose of in the trash and can also be harmful to the environment. Here is a list of the following items that are considered hazardous waste and should be disposed at a HHW location. These services are FREE for San Bernardino County residents only.

- Collection Facilities **Will Accept** Household Generated:
- Weed Killers, Cleaners, Gasoline, Antifreeze
 - Wood Preservatives, Paints & Paint Products, Paint Thinner
 - Auto & Furniture Polish, Chemical Drain Cleaners
 - Pesticides & Fertilizers, Pool & Hobby Supplies
 - Auto & Household Batteries
 - Motor Oil, Oil Filters
 - Electronic Waste Collection available throughout San Bernardino County. Call 1-800-Oily Cat for nearest location.
 - Outdated Medications
 - Sharps/Needles in approved container (not accepted at all locations)
 - Mercury Thermostats



- Collection Facilities **Will Not Accept:**
- Business Wastes
 - Wastes from Non-Profit Organizations
 - Radioactives
 - Explosives
 - Medical Waste
 - Asbestos
 - Refrigerant cylinders
 - Treated wood waste
 - Auto injectors
 - Reactive waste
 - High watt-hour Li-Ion batteries
 - Large compressed gas cylinders
 - Remediation, construction, and demolition waste
 - Large appliances (A/C, refrigerators, stoves, washers, dryers, etc.)



Collection Facilities - Call 909.382.5401 or 1.800.OILY CAT (645.9228) to verify operating hours prior to visiting a collection center.

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 anything that needs 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 |
| ✓ Food waste | ✗ Fluorescent bulbs |
| ✓ Hoses | ✗ Infectious waste |
| ✓ Plastic bags or wrap | ✗ Landscape waste |
| ✓ Pet food bags | ✗ Machinery |
| ✓ Pet waste | ✗ Paint |
| ✓ Pizza boxes | ✗ Pesticides |
| ✓ Plastic toys | ✗ Oil |
| ✓ Plastic utensils | ✗ Recyclables |
| ✓ Shrink wrap | ✗ Sharps |
| ✓ Soiled paper products | ✗ Tires |
| ✓ Straws | |
| ✓ Wipes | |

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 | ✗ Pizza boxes |
| ✓ #1 - #7 Plastics | ✗ Plastic bags or wrap |
| ✓ Styrofoam | ✗ Plastic toys |
| ✓ Tin cans | ✗ Soiled paper products |
| ✓ Tissue boxes | ✗ Stuffed animals |
| ✓ Wrapping paper | ✗ Wax paper |

Green Barrel is for green waste



DO NOT BAG GREEN WASTE

GREEN BARREL GUIDE

- | YES | NO |
|---------------------|--------------------|
| ✓ Birds of paradise | ✗ Batteries |
| ✓ Dead plants | ✗ Cactus |
| ✓ Flowers | ✗ Concrete |
| ✓ Grass clippings | ✗ Dirt |
| ✓ Leaves | ✗ Electronic waste |
| ✓ Palm fronds | ✗ Flammables |
| ✓ Prunings & twigs | ✗ Glass |
| ✓ Shrub trimmings | ✗ Hazardous waste |
| ✓ Small branches | ✗ Liquids |
| ✓ Untreated wood | ✗ Metal |
| ✓ Weeds | ✗ Pet waste |
| | ✗ Plastic |
| | ✗ Rocks |