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THE COUNTY QUARTERLY

WASTE AND RECYCLING NEWSLETTER

Sponsored by Burrtec Waste Industries for San Bernardino County Residents

Contact Information

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Automated Payment Service

(888) 298-5161

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(909) 889-1969

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.

Did You Know?



If your barrel is broken, cracked, or damaged, we'll replace it at no additional charge!

Contact Burrtec Customer Service at (909) 889-1969 for more information.

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.

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:



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

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



Earth Day Everyday!

We can make Earth Day everyday through small changes that have a big impact. Make sure you are recycling correctly. Keep the Recycling List on your refrigerator for reference. Use reusable bags, instead of single use. Donate used clothes, home goods and small appliances to thrift stores or other charitable organizations that can reuse them. Start a backyard composting pile; this is an inexpensive way to make your own soil amendments for gardening and cuts down on the amount of food waste that goes into your trash barrel. Celebrate Earth by making a commitment to reduce waste, reuse materials and recycle all that can be recycled.

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.

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.



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

- ✓ Cactus
- ✓ Clothing
- ✓ Diapers
- ✓ Dishware
- ✓ Flower pots
- ✓ Food waste
- ✓ Hoses
- ✓ Plastic bags or wrap
- ✓ Pet food bags
- ✓ Pet waste
- ✓ Pizza boxes
- ✓ Plastic toys
- ✓ Plastic utensils
- ✓ Shrink wrap
- ✓ Soiled paper products
- ✓ Straws
- ✓ Wipes

NO

- ✗ Batteries
- ✗ Electronic waste
- ✗ Hazardous waste
- ✗ Hot ashes
- ✗ Flammables
- ✗ Fluorescent bulbs
- ✗ Infectious waste
- ✗ Landscape waste
- ✗ Machinery
- ✗ Paint
- ✗ Pesticides
- ✗ Oil
- ✗ Recyclables
- ✗ Sharps
- ✗ Tires

Blue Barrel is for recyclables



DO NOT BAG RECYCLABLES

BLUE BARREL GUIDE

YES

- ✓ Aerosol cans (empty)
- ✓ Aluminum cans
- ✓ Brochures
- ✓ Cardboard
- ✓ Cartons
- ✓ Catalogs
- ✓ Computer paper
- ✓ Envelopes
- ✓ Glass bottles & jars
- ✓ Junk mail
- ✓ Newspaper
- ✓ Paper products
- ✓ #1 - #7 Plastics
- ✓ Styrofoam
- ✓ Tin cans
- ✓ Tissue boxes
- ✓ Wrapping paper

NO

- ✗ Batteries
- ✗ Bubble wrap
- ✗ Carpet
- ✗ Clothing
- ✗ Diapers
- ✗ Dishware
- ✗ Electronic waste
- ✗ Furniture
- ✗ Hoses
- ✗ Mirrors
- ✗ Pet food bags
- ✗ Pizza boxes
- ✗ Plastic bags or wrap
- ✗ Plastic toys
- ✗ Soiled paper products
- ✗ Stuffed animals
- ✗ Wax paper

Green Barrel is for green waste



DO NOT BAG GREEN WASTE

GREEN BARREL GUIDE

YES

- ✓ Birds of paradise
- ✓ Dead plants
- ✓ Flowers
- ✓ Grass clippings
- ✓ Leaves
- ✓ Palm fronds
- ✓ Prunings & twigs
- ✓ Shrub trimmings
- ✓ Small branches
- ✓ Untreated wood
- ✓ Weeds

NO

- ✗ Batteries
- ✗ Cactus
- ✗ Concrete
- ✗ Dirt
- ✗ Electronic waste
- ✗ Flammables
- ✗ Glass
- ✗ Hazardous waste
- ✗ Liquids
- ✗ Metal
- ✗ Pet waste
- ✗ Plastic
- ✗ Rocks