



# Summer 2025

## THE COUNTY QUARTERLY

### WASTE AND RECYCLING NEWSLETTER

Sponsored by Burrtec Waste Industries for San Bernardino County Residents

#### Contact Information

##### Burrtec Waste Industries

5455 Industrial Parkway  
San Bernardino, CA 92407

##### Automated Payment Service

(888) 298-5161

##### Customer Service

(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.

Tear off here, save and place on your fridge!

## SENATE BILL 1383

The California Senate passed a bill requiring a **75% reduction in organic waste disposal by 2025**. All residences and commercial businesses are required to **recycle organic waste, including food waste**.

**Organic waste** decomposes in a landfill releasing a significant amount of **greenhouse gas emissions** that, according to CalRecycle, contribute to public health and safety concerns such as **asthma, global climate change, extreme weather, and natural disasters**. By **composting organic waste**, instead of sending it to landfills, we can **close the loop** while creating a **nutrient-rich soil amendment** that's ready for use in farms and gardens.

#### 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 food items that need 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 food and time.

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.

## YOUR BARREL GUIDE - WHAT GOES WHERE?

**Black Barrel** is for trash



**Blue Barrel** is for recyclables



**Green Barrel** is for green waste & food waste



#### REMINDER!

Bag your food waste and place in your green barrel!

DO NOT ADD HAZARDOUS WASTE

#### BLACK BARREL GUIDE

##### YES

- ✓ Cactus
- ✓ Clothing
- ✓ Diapers
- ✓ Dishware
- ✓ Flower pots
- ✓ Hoses
- ✓ Plastic bags or wrap
- ✓ Pet food bags
- ✓ Pet waste
- ✓ Plastic toys
- ✓ Plastic utensils
- ✓ Shrink wrap
- ✓ Straws
- ✓ Wipes

##### NO

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

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
- ✗ Plastic bags or wrap
- ✗ Plastic toys
- ✗ Soiled paper products
- ✗ Stuffed animals
- ✗ Wax paper

BAG FOOD WASTE - DO NOT BAG GREEN WASTE

#### GREEN BARREL GUIDE

##### YES

- ✓ Bagged food soiled paper & cardboard\*
- ✓ Bagged food waste
- ✓ 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

\*Such as paper towels and napkins

## Can I Take it to the Landfill?

Item	Yes	No	Restriction
Refrigerators	✓		No Freon left in
Tires	✓		Max 9, off rim, additional fee applies
Paint		✗	
Hazardous wastes such as liquid, semi-solid or solid wastes which are toxic, corrosive, flammable, explosive, infectious, an irritant, or a strong sensitizer (causing allergic reaction), and which constitute a high degree of hazard to beneficial air, water and ground uses *		✗	
Liquid waste in any form (septic waste is accepted at Landers and Barstow landfills)		✗	
Sealed containers of any type		✗	
Hot ashes or burning materials		✗	
Items over ten (10) feet in length at landfills and over four (4) feet in length at transfer stations		✗	
Items containing mercury and/or lead such as household batteries, watch-type batteries, fluorescent tubes, thermostats and thermometers*		✗	
Medical Waste including sharps		✗	
Any waste not acceptable for disposal at a Class III disposal site		✗	
Treated Wood Waste	✓		@ Mid-Valley And Victorville sites only
Waste from outside of San Bernardino County		✗	
Televisions, computer monitors or other devices containing a Cathode Ray Tube (CRT) at sites without a scale house		✗	

\*For more information on the safe disposal/recycling of this material please call the SWMD office at (909) 386-8701

## 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.



## SAFELY DISPOSE OF YOUR HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE

PROTECT YOUR FAMILY BY GETTING RID OF YOUR HAZARDOUS HOUSEHOLD PRODUCTS AT YOUR CLOSEST  
**HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE COLLECTION CENTER**

### ACCEPTABLE MATERIALS

**AUTOMOTIVE FLUIDS**  
(antifreeze, motor oil)



**BATTERIES**  
(home & car)



**COOKING OIL**



**E-WASTE**  
(tv's, printers, etc.)



**FERTILIZERS  
& PESTICIDES**



**FUELS**



**HOUSEHOLD  
CLEANERS**



**PAINT  
PRODUCTS**



**POOL AND SPA  
CHEMICALS**



**POLISHES  
AND WAXES**



You can bring 15 gallons or 125 pounds in containers no larger than 5 gallons per visit.

## IT'S AS EASY AS 1-2-3!

- 1. Keep** products in original containers or properly labeled with a sealed lid.
- 2. Secure** products so they won't spill or leak during transport.
- 3. Take** them to your nearest collection center. Visit <https://sbccfire.org/collectionfacilities> for HHW site locations.

\*Material acceptance varies based on location



Visit [tootoxictotrash.com](https://tootoxictotrash.com) for more information, schedule changes and holiday hours. Residential waste only.

\*Must be a San Bernardino County resident.