



# Summer 2026

## THE COUNTY QUARTERLY

### WASTE AND RECYCLING NEWSLETTER

Sponsored by Burrtec Waste Industries for San Bernardino County Residents

### Contact Information

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**Hours of Operation**

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

**Website**

Burrtec.com



### 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 will be required to participate in this program to **recycle organic waste, including food waste**.

**Organic waste** that decomposes in a landfill releases 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 on sustainability** 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 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.

## 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
- ✓ Pizza boxes
- ✓ Plastic toys
- ✓ Plastic utensils
- ✓ 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
- ✗ Pizza boxes
- ✗ 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

# FOOD WASTE LIFE CYCLE

**BURRTEC.COM**

LEARN MORE!



FINISHED COMPOST IS A NUTRIENT-RICH SOIL AMENDMENT

SEPARATE FOOD WASTE FROM OTHER WASTE AND RECYCLING

BAG YOUR FOOD WASTE

ADD BAGGED FOOD WASTE TO YOUR GREEN ORGANICS BARREL

FOOD WASTE AND GREEN WASTE ARE HAULED TO A PROCESSING FACILITY

ORGANICS ARE SORTED AND COMPOSTED

## Benefits of Compost

- Helps retain moisture to reduce watering
- Controls erosion
- Suppresses weed growth
- Provides beneficial nutrients to improve soil



## 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://sbcfire.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.