



# Fall 2023

# THE COUNTY QUARTERLY WASTE AND RECYCLING NEWSLETTER

Sponsored by Burrtec Waste Industries for San Bernardino County Residents

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Burrtec.com

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## 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.

## 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.*

## Scavenging is Against the Law

Scavenging is the removal of recyclable materials placed at a designated location for the purpose of collection and recycling by an authorized agent.

- For your safety, do not confront the scavenger.
- Get a description of the person and a vehicle description including license plate.
- Report the crime by contacting local Law Enforcement.



## Electronic Waste (E-waste)

Electronic waste may contain potentially toxic substances such as lead, copper, and other heavy metals. This is why they must be disposed of properly! Electronic waste, or E-waste, may include computers, monitors and televisions. Residents may place E-waste items out as bulky items for pickup. Please do not place E-waste in any of the barrels.

Please call our Customer Service Department one week prior to your scheduled collection day to arrange pick-up.

Visit [sbcfire.org/collectionfacilities/](http://sbcfire.org/collectionfacilities/) to view all County HHW sites throughout the County that accept e-waste for proper disposal.



## 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.**

## Living with Wildlife Tips

You can help keep your neighborhood clean by doing the following:

- Avoid placing trash out on windy days.
- Put trash cans out the morning of collection day.
- Store trash in the garage if possible.
- Do not leave pet food or water outside.
- Trim ground-level shrubbery to reduce hiding places.
- Pick-up fallen fruit from the ground.
- Be sure to place your trash into a large trash bag and tie it closed before placing in the barrel. This will make clean-up efforts easier should the barrels tip over.
- A variety of products are available to prevent wildlife access to human food sources, please visit [www.wildlife.ca.gov/Keep-Me-Wild/Products](http://www.wildlife.ca.gov/Keep-Me-Wild/Products) to learn more.



## 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**

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



## Temporary Containers for Special Clean-Ups Available



Burrtec offers large and small containers for residential clean-ups and special projects. Containers are available for 7-day rentals and include delivery and removal. All unwanted materials can be placed directly into the container with the exception of hazardous waste, tires or large amounts of dirt, rock, concrete, or asphalt. Please call our Customer Service Department to order one today!

## 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.



## Sustainability Update

**The California Senate** passed a bill to **improve air quality and reduce greenhouse gas emissions**. CalRecycle reports that landfilled organic waste (including green waste and food waste) decomposes in landfills and generates greenhouse gases contributing to global climate change. Residences and commercial businesses in your area are within a census tract that has been granted a Senate Bill 1383 low population waiver and therefore there will be no change to your current service.



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Senate Bill 1383 requires a **75% reduction in organic waste disposal statewide by 2025**.

### What Can You Do to Help Reduce Greenhouse Gas Emissions?

Tips and tricks to help prevent creating green waste and food waste:

- Grasscycling- learn more at [CalRecycle.ca.gov/Organics/GrassCycling](http://CalRecycle.ca.gov/Organics/GrassCycling)
- Food Waste prevention tips- learn more at [savethefood.com](http://savethefood.com)

Additional steps you can take to manage your green waste and food waste:

- Taking green waste and food waste to nearby community composting sites
- At-home composting. Did you know that the San Bernardino County Solid Waste Management Division (SWMD) sells backyard compost bins at a reduced rate to unincorporated County residents? Contact the SWMD Main line at (909) 386-8701 for more information.