

## Spring 2024

# 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 Follow us on

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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.

## It's Easy Being **Green...** (a few tips)

Here are some simple suggestions to save water and energy... and money!

- · Vacuum your forced air system filter so it doesn't have to work as hard to pull the air through it.
- Test your doors for leaks. Go outside in the dark and check for light shining through.
- · Vacuum your refrigerator coils. Check the gasket seals by closing a piece of paper in the door. If you can move it up and down easily, the gaskets are not sealing well, and warm air is leaking in.
- Unplug or recycle extra refrigerators. Older and second units may use as much as 40% more energy than newer models.
- Keep the dryer lint trap and the exhaust vent clean so the dryer doesn't have to work as hard. In fact, a dirty lint trap will slow down the drying process.
- · Use the air-dry mode in your dishwasher.

#### DO YOU HAVE THE FOLLOWING ITEMS IN YOUR HOME?



**Automotive Fluids Batteries** Cooking Oil Fertilizers & Pesticides Fluorescent Bulbs

**Household Cleaners** Medicine **Motor Oil & Filters Paint Products Pool Chemicals** 





#### PROTECT YOUR COMMUNITY!

Take your toxic products to a local waste collection center.

Find your closest location and a full list of items, visit tootoxictotrash.com

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



### **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.



SCAN TO LEARN MORE

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
- Food Waste prevention tips-learn more at 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 their office in San Bernardino at a reduced rate to unincorporated County residents? Contact the SWMD Main line at (909) 386-8701 for more information.



## **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.



## **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.

**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.



## **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.

#### 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 wont spill or leak during transport.
- **3. Take** them to your nearest collection center. Visit <a href="https://sbcfire.org/collectionfacilities">https://sbcfire.org/collectionfacilities</a> for HHW site locations.

\*Material acceptance varies based on location



