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THE COUNTY QUARTERLY WASTE AND RECYCLING NEWSLETTER

Sponsored by Burrtec Waste Industries for San Bernardino County Residents

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Hours of Operation
Monday-Friday
8:00 am to 5:00 pm
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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 (760) 365-2015 for more information.

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**.



SCAN TO LEARN MORE

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.

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:



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

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

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.



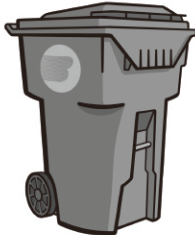
Earth Day Everyday!

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.

Tear off here, save and place on your fridge!

YOUR BARREL GUIDE - WHAT GOES WHERE?

Gray Barrel is for trash



DO NOT ADD HAZARDOUS WASTE

GRAY BARREL GUIDE

YES	NO
✓ Cactus	✗ Batteries
✓ Clothing	✗ Electronic waste
✓ Diapers	✗ Hazardous waste
✓ Dishware	✗ Hot ashes
✓ Flower pots	✗ Flammables
✓ Hoses	✗ Food waste
✓ Plastic bags or wrap	✗ Fluorescent bulbs
✓ Pet food bags	✗ Infectious waste
✓ Pet waste	✗ Landscape waste
✓ Pizza boxes	✗ Machinery
✓ Plastic toys	✗ Paint
✓ Plastic utensils	✗ Pesticides
✓ Shrink wrap	✗ Oil
✓ Straws	✗ Recyclables
✓ Wipes	✗ Sharps
	✗ Tires

Blue Barrel is for recyclables



DO NOT BAG RECYCLABLES

BLUE BARREL GUIDE

YES	NO
✓ Aerosol cans (empty)	✗ Batteries
✓ Aluminum cans	✗ Bubble wrap
✓ Brochures	✗ Carpet
✓ Cardboard	✗ Clothing
✓ Cartons	✗ Diapers
✓ Catalogs	✗ Dishware
✓ Computer paper	✗ Electronic waste
✓ Envelopes	✗ Furniture
✓ Glass bottles & jars	✗ Hoses
✓ Junk mail	✗ Mirrors
✓ Newspaper	✗ Pet food bags
✓ Paper products	✗ Pizza boxes
✓ #1 - #7 Plastics	✗ Plastic bags or wrap
✓ Styrofoam	✗ Plastic toys
✓ Tin cans	✗ Soiled paper products
✓ Tissue boxes	✗ Stuffed animals
✓ Wrapping paper	✗ Wax paper

Green Barrel is for green waste & food waste



BAG FOOD WASTE - DO NOT BAG GREEN WASTE

GREEN BARREL GUIDE

YES	NO
✓ Bagged food soiled paper & cardboard*	✗ Batteries
✓ Bagged food waste	✗ Cactus
✓ Birds of Paradise	✗ Concrete
✓ Dead plants	✗ Dirt
✓ Flowers	✗ Electronic waste
✓ Grass clippings	✗ Flammables
✓ Leaves	✗ Glass
✓ Palm fronds	✗ Hazardous waste
✓ Prunings & twigs	✗ Liquids
✓ Shrub trimmings	✗ Metal
✓ Small branches	✗ Pet waste
✓ Untreated wood	✗ Plastic
✓ Weeds	✗ Rocks

REMINDER!

Bag your food waste and place in your green barrel!

**Such as paper towels and napkins*