

# Winter 2022/2023

## THE COUNTY QUARTERLY

### WASTE AND RECYCLING NEWSLETTER

Sponsored by Burrtec Waste Industries for San Bernardino County Residents

## Contact Information

### Burrtec Waste & Recycling Services

4878 Newton Road  
Yucca Valley, CA 92284

### Customer Service

(760) 365-2015

### Hours of Operation

Monday-Friday  
8 am to 5 pm  
Office Closed 12 pm to 1 pm

### Website

Burrtec.com

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## Happy New Year!

Is your New Year's resolution to clean-out all of your junk? If so, Burrtec offers a 3-yard to 40-yard bin for all of your residential clean-up and special project needs. Contact our Customer Service Department to begin your New Year's Resolution!



## Did You Know?



**U.S. food waste is estimated to be 30-40% of the food supply and Californians throw away approximately 6 million tons of food waste annually.**

- Source: [cdfa.ca.gov](http://cdfa.ca.gov)

## Extra Holiday Waste

Approximately 80% of your holiday trash is recyclable. All gift boxes, wrapping paper, greeting cards, and cardboard packaging are items that may be placed in your recycling barrel. Burrtec will collect your excess holiday trash and recyclables. Beginning the day after Christmas for approximately 1 week, place excess holiday trash/recyclables in bags alongside your containers on your collection day.



## Service Interruptions due to inclement weather or road closures



Burrtec makes every effort to collect your trash and recyclables on your scheduled day. However, on some days we can expect roads to be impassible due to inclement weather conditions or road closures. During these days, if Burrtec has your email on file, an email will be distributed regarding collection delays. Also, updates will be made available via the Burrtec Facebook page. If you have additional questions about your collection day services, please contact our Customer Service Department and they will be happy to assist you.

## Scavenging is Against the Law

Scavenging is the removal of solid waste 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.



## Holiday Schedule

Please note that services are interrupted on the following holidays:

Memorial Day		Independence Day		Labor Day
Thanksgiving Day		Christmas Day*		New Year's Day*



**\*Due to the 2022 Christmas and 2023 New Year's Day holidays on Sunday, there will be no service interruptions or delays during the holiday weeks.**



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.

## Collection Day Reminder

On collection day, please place your containers in the street, at the curb, or near the corner of your driveway. Barrels should have the handles facing towards your home. Barrels should be placed 1 foot apart from each other. The barrels need to be placed at least 3 feet away from any obstruction such as a fence, mailbox, or vehicle.

**All barrels must be curbside by 6:00 a.m. on your service day.**

## Appliance Bulky Item Pick Up IMPORTANT INFORMATION

The proper way to dispose of refrigerators and certain appliances involves either taping the door shut or completely removing the door or the latching mechanism before placing the bulky item out for pick up.

***Before disposing of large appliances, tape doors or remove doors and/or hinges on all large appliances to prevent entrance and entrapment by small children.***



## Cleaning Up Stormwater Runoff

What is stormwater runoff? It is the rain and melting snow that flows off streets, rooftops, lawns, and farmland. The flowing water carries salt, sand, soil, pesticides, fertilizers, leaves and grass clippings, oil, litter, and many other pollutants into nearby waterways. Since these pollutants are washed off a wide area and cannot be traced to a single source, they are called nonpoint source or runoff pollutants.

Each of us contributes to stormwater pollution and each of us can help stop it. Here are some ways you can help:

- ✓ Keep pesticides, oil, leaves and other pollutants off streets and out of storm drains.
- ✓ Divert roof water to lawns or gardens where it can safely soak in.
- ✓ Clean up pet waste – place in a bag and into your trash barrel.
- ✓ Keep cars tuned up and repair leaks – or use alternative transportation, walk, bike or take the bus.



## Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) Disposal

Residents can drop off their Household Hazardous Waste at the County ABOP & HHW Facility.



West of Transportation/Flood Control Building  
62499 Twentynine Palms Highway, Joshua Tree, CA 92252  
Every 3rd Saturday from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.



The following can be disposed of:

- Antifreeze • Batteries • Fertilizers • Household Cleaners • Medications
- Needles in sharps containers • Paints • Pesticides & Herbicides • Pool Chemicals
- Propane Tanks • Used Motor Oil

Limit: 15 gallons or 125 lbs. per visit in containers no larger than 5-gallon. These services are for residential use only. If you have any questions, please contact Burrtec's Customer Service department at (760) 365-2015 or visit [www.burrtec.com](http://www.burrtec.com). Visit [sbcfire.org/hhw](http://sbcfire.org/hhw) to view all sites throughout the County that are available for proper disposal.

## Sustainability Update

The 2022 FOOD WASTE Recycling Program and YOU!

**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. Starting in 2022, all California residents may be required to participate in a Food Waste Recycling Program in order to comply with **Senate Bill 1383**.

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

All residences and commercial businesses may be required to participate in this program to **recycle organic waste, including green waste and food waste**.

**Stay tuned for more information about when these new programs will start in your neighborhood.**

**What Can You Do Right Now 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.



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