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THE COUNTY QUARTERLY WASTE AND RECYCLING NEWSLETTER

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Food Waste Recycling May Be Coming to Your Neighborhood Soon...

California passed a law requiring organics recycling in an effort to improve air quality and reduce greenhouse gas emissions. The State reports that organic waste (including food waste) that is placed in trash containers, collected and landfilled, decomposes in landfills and generates greenhouse gases contributing to global climate change.

In order to comply with this new law, the County has implemented a mandatory residential organic waste recycling collection program, that will require residents to separate and bag their food waste, then place it in their existing green waste container or in a new container that will be provided. Residents will no longer be allowed to place food waste or other types of organic waste in their trash barrels for collection.

Residents living within the San Bernardino County Unincorporated areas may be required to participate in this program.

Additional information will follow, including program start dates and participating areas.



Go Green, Go Paperless!

The paper used to produce billing statements can really add up. Just one ton of uncoated virgin (non-recycled) printing and office paper uses 24 trees. Going paperless for billing statements is great for the environment. When you sign up at www.burrtec.com you can pay your bill online, receive billing notifications, sign up for auto pay, read your newsletters and receive email notifications for upcoming holidays. Go green, go paperless today!



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?



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

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.



Dispose of Your Batteries Responsibly

Batteries must be taken to a Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) facility where they will be disposed of properly. Throwing batteries in your trash, or recycling barrel could result in a truck fire or a fire at the materials processing facility. In California ALL batteries are considered **HAZARDOUS WASTE**.

For more information on HHW please visit:

[SB County HHW](http://www.sbcountyfire.org/HHW)
www.sbcountyfire.org/HHW



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.



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!

Sustainability Update

The 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. All California residents may be required to participate in a Food Waste Recycling Program in order to comply with **Senate Bill 1383**.



SCAN TO LEARN MORE

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
- 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 a reduced rate to unincorporated County residents? Contact the SWMD Main line at (909) 386-8701 for more information.

Collection Day Reminder

On collection day, please place your containers on the street, at the curb, or near the corner of your driveway. Barrels should have the handles toward 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.