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BURRTEC NEWS

WASTE AND RECYCLING NEWSLETTER

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MISSING BARRELS

The State of California has passed laws regulating the disposal and processing of Solid Waste including Trash, Recyclables and Organics. In turn, local jurisdictions have now mandated the separate collection and processing of these materials.

While metal bin containers are less likely to be stolen, barrels can be easily rolled away or placed in a vehicle. Please keep barrels in a locked enclosure/building or secure them with a lock and chain to a fixed structure until service day and re-secure them once service is completed. Please contact customer service to provide your key/lock combination for the container.

Please note, Burrtec does not supply the lock/key.

Please be aware that you are ultimately responsible for securing these containers and replacement costs will be charged to your account for missing or damaged containers.

SENATE BILL 1383 AND YOUR PROPERTY

WHY IS ORGANIC WASTE A PROBLEM?

- Organic waste in landfills accounts for 20 percent of the methane gas generated in California. The state agency CalRecycle reports that the super-pollutant methane has a short life span, but a long-term impact on the climate. Targeting methane reductions in emissions is an effective mechanism for combating climate change and moving toward a more sustainable future.
- The implementation of the state's organic waste reduction regulations, adopted under Senate Bill 1383 (Short Lived Climate Pollutants), is the next critical step to protect our communities and environment from the impacts of climate change and public health and safety concerns, such as asthma.

HOW ARE PROPERTIES AFFECTED?

Under SB 1383, properties are required to:

- Subscribe to organic waste collection service provided by Burrtec.
- Annually provide information to employees, contractors and tenants about organic waste collection requirements and proper sorting of organic waste.
- Ensure employees, contractors and tenants have access to an adequate number, size, and location of containers with appropriate labels and container color.
- Provide information to new tenants before or within 14 days of occupation of the premises.
- Prohibit employees, contractors, and tenants from placing organic waste in a container not designated to receive organic waste.

Follow Burrtec or visit Burrtec.com to learn more about:

- Information on methods for the prevention of organic waste generation, recycling organic waste on-site, sending organic waste to community composting, and any other local requirements regarding organic waste.
- A list of food recovery organizations and food recovery services.
- Information on how to minimize the creation of food waste, utilize the food recovery organizations for excess edible food waste, ensure edible food waste is not intentionally spoiled, and document edible food waste contributions to the program.

TIPS TO PREVENT FOOD WASTE FOR RESIDENTS



- **Plan ahead:** Before going to the grocery store and ordering out, tenants should check the fridge and pantry for food items that need to be cooked or that they already have and do not need to purchase.
- **Serve smart:** Aim to cook and serve the right portions for the number of people.
- **Store food wisely:** Different foods require different conditions.
- **Check refrigerators:** Keep track of what needs to be used. Eat or freeze items before needing to throw them away.
- **Use the freezer:** Freezers 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.

Enclosure Maintenance

Follow these simple tips to keep your business enclosures clean:

- Break down all cardboard. This helps prevent overflow that causes the wheels to get stuck and helps save room in the recycle bin for more recyclables.
- Pick up litter in and around your enclosure and parking lot. Ensure that no litter enters the streets or the storm drain system.
- If your bin is full before your next scheduled pickup, you can call Burrtec and request an additional pick up for an extra fee.
- Do not fill dumpster bins or compactors with liquid waste or hose it out. Keeping liquids out helps reduce leakage into the surroundings as well as reduces odor.
- Sweeping instead of hosing the enclosure with water not only conserves water, it also prevents any material from entering the storm drain system.



State Required Contamination Monitoring of Recyclables

California state law SB 1383 requires jurisdictions to monitor trash, recycling, and organics barrels to minimize contamination. Trash and other contaminants in the recycling or organics collection container(s) could result in a fee and non-collection due to contamination. If contamination is found, contamination tags (as shown to the left) will be affixed to the container lid. After the first notice, customers may be charged a contamination fee and the container will not be serviced as recyclable; it will be subsequently serviced as trash. Please note: the contamination fee will be automatically assessed if hazardous or bio-hazardous materials are placed in any collection container. Not sure about what goes in each container? Contact our Burrtec Customer Service at (909) 804-4222 for assistance. As always, thank you for your continued support and cooperation!



Solid Waste and Recycling Container Guide for Multifamily Properties

Black Bin
is for **trash**



PLEASE BAG ALL TRASH
DO NOT ADD HAZARDOUS WASTE

TRASH 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	✗ Landscape waste
✓ Pet waste	✗ Machinery
✓ Plastic toys	✗ Paint
✓ Plastic utensils	✗ Pesticides
✓ Shrink wrap	✗ Oil
✓ Soiled paper products	✗ Recyclables
✓ Straws	✗ Sharps
✓ Wipes	✗ Tires

Blue Bin
is for **recyclables**



PLEASE DO NOT BAG RECYCLABLES
DO NOT ADD HAZARDOUS WASTE

RECYCLING 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	✗ Plastic bags or wrap
✓ #1 - #7 Plastics	✗ Plastic toys
✓ Styrofoam	✗ Soiled paper products
✓ Tin cans	✗ Stuffed animals
✓ Tissue boxes	✗ Wax paper
✓ Wrapping paper	

Green Organics Barrel
is for **green waste & food waste**



PLEASE BAG FOOD WASTE
DO NOT BAG GREEN WASTE

ORGANICS 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

***Such as paper towels and napkins.**

If you have any questions about solid waste and/or recycling collection programs or need additional information or services please contact our Customer Service Department, (909) 804-4222.