

# Summer 2025

# **BURRTEC NEWS** WASTE AND RECYCLING NEWSLETTER

Brought to you by Burrtec Waste Industries for Santa Clarita Commercial, Industrial and Multifamily Customers

### **Small Business Hazardous Waste**

Hazardous waste is any material discarded that may threaten human health or the environment when disposed of improperly after it can no longer be used for its intended purposes. It is illegal and dangerous to throw hazardous materials in the garbage or recycling bin. Need to dispose of hazardous waste materials, such as batteries, fluorescent tubes, paint or electronics?

Search for commercial or business hazardous waste disposal companies or for small quantity drop off, contact L.A. City Sanitation for an appointment to drop materials at a S.A.F.E. Center. (310) 387-1071 or email 4HCESQG@cleanharbors.com.



Are you an Edible Food Generator like a restaurant, supermarket, grocery store, hotel or food distributor that needs to comply with edible food recovery for SB 1383? The City of Santa Clarita has produced a training video that you can use to help educate and train your staff. Check it out under resources at GreenSantaClarita.com/FoodRecovery

### **Keep Your Recycling and Community Clean!**

Burrtec is working in partnership with your community to raise awareness of the importance of separating waste properly, to increase recycling and eliminate contamination from recycling and organics collection bins. As the state of California has increased recycling mandates, the success of the program relies on the joint effort of the community and Burrtec's continued recycling success.

Contaminated containers will be taped shut with a reminder to call our office should contaminants be found. The 'Notice of Contaminants' tape serves as a courtesy reminder to remove contamination and contact us directly. If contamination found in recycling or organics containers cannot be removed, this could result in a fine and/or non-collection.

Not sure about what goes in each container? Please visit our website at Burrtec.com/SCV or call (661) 222-2249 for assistance.

### **Holiday Schedule**

Please note that services are interrupted on the following holidays:

Independence Day Memorial Day Thanksgiving Day Christmas Day

Labor 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 Sunday.

### **Contact Information**

**Burrtec Waste Industries, Inc.** 25772 Springbrook Avenue Santa Clarita, CA 91350

**Automated Payment Service** (888) 298-5161

**Customer Service** (661) 222-2249

**Hours of Operation** 

Monday-Friday 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Saturday 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. (on holiday weekends)

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### **Make Your Recycling Program a Success!**

Ensuring the success of your recycling program depends on a few key elements; most importantly assistance from employees and/or residents.

Here are a few pointers to get you started in the right direction:



Post signage to remind employees and/or residents to recycle specific items (cardboard, paper, etc.). Communication is essential! Newsletters and flyers also reinforce the message.



Placement of recycling containers next to trash containers increases the chances of getting more recyclables into the correct container.



Emptying recycling containers into the proper recycling bin will ensure that your business or multi-family residential dwelling is doing their part to lower costs and reduce landfill waste.



### **Attention: Food Service Providers**

Existing state law requires certain businesses to implement both a recycling and organics recycling program. This law, which went into effect on July 1, 2020, requires food establishments to provide properly labeled containers for garbage, recycling and organic waste (food waste and green waste) for products purchased and consumed on the premises. Recycling and organics containers must be placed adjacent to garbage containers.

AB 827 applies to limited-service restaurants such as those restaurants where customers order and pay at the counter and bus their own tables after eating. The law affects restaurants, malls and other businesses that serve food. Full-service food establishments that do not provide public access to garbage containers for products consumed on the premises are exempt, as food workers will likely separate post-consumer food waste and recyclables in the dish washing areas.

#### **Highlights:**

- AB 827 requires collection containers at the front-of-house to be visible, accessible and labeled.
- This law affects businesses selling products that are meant for immediate consumption.
- Full-service restaurants where employees bus and clean tables are exempt but must provide labeled collection containers adjacent to trash containers for employees/ staff to separate post-consumer recyclables and organics.

For further information regarding this law, please visit CalRecycle.ca.gov



### No Fats, Oils and Grease (FOG) Down the Drain

Santa Clarita is leading the way to a healthy, sustainable and waste-free future by encouraging the proper disposal of fats, oils and grease (FOG), in an effort to avoid washing them down the drain. Visit Los Angeles County's website at www.888cleanla.com or call toll free at 1(888) CLEAN LA for additional information for proper disposal.



## **Edible Food Recovery Requirement**

Certain businesses have requirements and responsibilities as it relates to edible food recovery, such as:

- Not intentionally spoiling edible food that is capable of being recovered by a food recovery organization or service
- Making arrangements via contract with a food recovery organization or service to recover edible food that would be redistributed for human consumption

#### Is Your Business Affected?

#### **TIER 1 Businesses**

- · Food distributors
- · Wholesale food vendors
- Food service providers
- Grocery stores and supermarkets (10,000 square feet or greater)

#### **TIER 2 Businesses**

- Hotels with at least 200 rooms and an on-site food facility
- Restaurant facilities (5,000 square feet or larger, or seating more than 250)
- Local education agencies with an on-site food facility
- Healthcare facilities with an on-site food facility and 100+ beds
- Large venues (including shopping centers and malls) and events with 2,000+ daily visitors

For information about edible food recovery in Santa Clarita, including a list of food recovery organizations and signage and training materials, visit GreenSantaClarita.com/FoodRecovery

For more information about SB 1383 details and requirements, please visit CalRecycle.ca.gov

### **Help Prevent Fires in Trucks and Recycling Facilities!**



Please remember that items such as batteries, oil, chemicals and propane tanks require special handling and should never be placed in your trash, recycling or organics containers. All of these items can create sparks, which can ignite full blown fires within seconds. You can safely dispose of these items through proper hazardous waste disposal companies like Safety-Kleen, SteriCycle or Clean Harbors. Also, refer to the hazardous waste article on page one for other information.

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