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# **BURRTEC NEWS** WASTE AND RECYCLING NEWSLETTER

Sponsored by Burrtec Waste Industries for Upland Commercial, Industrial, and Multifamily Customers



## HOW DOES THIS AFFECT MY BUSINESS OR PROPERTY?

#### Businesses and multifamily properties are required to:

- Subscribe to recycling and/or organic waste collection service provided by Burrtec. (Customer must secure containers provided by Burrtec. If lost or stolen, customers are responsible for container replacement cost.)
- Annually provide information to employees, contractors, tenants, and customers about recycling, organic waste collection requirements, and proper sorting of materials.
- Ensure employees, contractors, tenants, and customers have access to an adequate number, size, and location of containers with appropriate labels and container color.
- Provide containers for the collection of all waste streams including trash, food waste and recyclables in all areas where disposal containers are provided for customers, except for restrooms.
- Provide information to new tenants before or within 14 days of occupation of the premises.
- Prohibit employees from placing recycling and organic waste in a container not designated to receive those materials types.

Contact Burrtec at (909) 949-0500 to learn if your business is in compliance.

#### WHAT ARE THE ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS?

Supermarkets, grocery stores, food service providers, distributors, or wholesale food vendors have additional edible food recovery requirements 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.

#### WHY IS ORGANIC WASTE A PROBLEM?

• The state agency CalRecycle reports that organic waste in landfills accounts for 20 percent of the methane gas generated in California and that methane emissions reductions help in combating climate change.

For more information about edible food requirements, please visit Calrecycle.ca.gov

## **Holiday Schedule**

Please note that services are interrupted on the following holidays:

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

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

## City of Upland Contact Numbers

Household Hazardous Waste (909) 291-2950

**Water Waste Hotline** (909) 291-2999

**Burrtec Waste Industries** 

Hours of Operation Monday-Friday 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

**Customer Service** (909) 949-0500

Website



burrtec.com/city/service-location/upland/

Local Food Recovery Organizations

#### **Foothill Family Shelter**

1501 W 9th Street, Suite D Upland, CA 91786 (909) 920-0453

#### His Hands Food Pantry of St. Josephs

877 N Campus Ave. Upland, CA 91786 (909) 981-8110 Ext 20

#### Upland Community SDA Church

205 S Campus Drive Upland, CA 91786 (909) 556-5030

## **Food Waste**

Bag food scraps and

waste food.

Place bagged food waste inside vour food barrel

- Bread
- Dairy
- Fish



- Fruit
- Meat
- Moldy or spoiled food
- Vegetables



## **Recycle Right!**

## Place these types of materials in your recycling container.

- Aerosol cans (completely empty)
- Aluminum cans
- Brochures
- 🗸 Cardboard
- Cartons
- Cereal boxes (no wax paper lining)
- Coupons
- 🗸 Envelopes
- ✓ Glass bottles & jars
- 🗸 Junk mail
- Magazines/catalogs
- Newspaper
- Paper
- Paper tubes
- Phone books
- Plastic containers
- Plastic milk jugs
- ✓ Styrofoam products
- Tin cans
- ✓ Wrapping paper

## Help Keep Your Recycling Clean

As of 2018, China, the largest market for the world's recycling materials, enforced the new "National Sword" policy. This policy banned numerous materials including several types of plastics and unsorted mixed paper and set strict standards for contamination levels. This policy has impacted recycling operations across the United States. Stakeholders are now faced with the challenges of processing recyclables that have little to no market value. Lowering the levels of contamination (trash) and understanding that certain materials may no longer be recyclable can help. We need your support. In order to continue pursuing alternative markets and help contain costs, please help lower the levels of contamination by only placing acceptable materials in your recycling container.

Sorted recycle bales are shipped to recycling manufacturing companies and made into new products. At the sorting line at the Material Recovery Facility (MRF), workers must remove any contaminants— this is an essential and timeconsuming step that can slow down the process. If any contaminants are missed in the sorting process, the finished recycle bales could be rejected by recycling manufacturers and, therefore, not acceptable to be recycled. **Keeping your recycling container free of trash and non-recyclable contaminants will help reduce costs. Spread the message, "Help keep your recycling clean!"** 

## **Attention Food Service Providers**

Existing state law requires certain qualifying businesses to implement a recycling or organics recycling program. Effective July 1, 2020, Assembly Bill 827 now requires food establishments that provide trash containers for products purchased and consumed on the premises to also provide properly labeled containers for recyclables and food waste for materials purchased on the premises for immediate consumption. These containers must be placed adjacent to trash containers.

The new law 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 will affect restaurants, malls, and other businesses that serve food. Full-service food establishments that do not provide access to trash containers for products consumed on the premises will be exempt, as food workers will likely separate food waste and recyclables in the dish washing areas.



#### Requirements

- AB 827 requires collection containers at the front-of-house to be visible, accessible, and labeled.
- This law affects businesses that sell 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 recyclables and food waste.

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

## **Hazardous Waste Disposal for Small Businesses**

Very Small Quantity Generator (VSQG) Program



What is a VSQG? A business that generates less than 27 gallons or 220 pounds of hazardous waste, or 2.2 pounds of extremely hazardous waste, per month is called a Very Small Quantity Generator (VSQG). VSQGs often have difficulty disposing of small quantities of hazardous waste since hazardous waste companies usually have a minimum amount of waste they will pick up or charge a minimum fee for service.

Waste Type and Cost

San Bernardino County Household Hazardous Waste Program provides management services to VSQG businesses. The most common VSQGs in San Bernardino County are painters, print shops, auto shops, builders, agricultural operators, and property managers, but there are many others.

If your business generates hazardous waste on a regular basis, contact San Bernardino County Fire Protection District Hazmat Division at (909) 386-8401 to register as a VSQG. San Bernardino County Fire can provide additional details on the VSQG program.

There is a small handling fee involved in the collection of hazardous waste from your business. Disposal costs depend on the type of waste.	
Aerosols	\$1.67 / pound
Automobile motor oil	\$1.67 / gallon
Anti-freeze	\$1.67 / gallon
Contaminated oil	\$8.36 / gallon
Car batteries	\$1.67 / each
Corrosive liquids, solids	\$3.35 / pound
Flammable liquids, solids	\$1.67 / pound
Fluorescent tubes/bulbs	\$2.51 / each
Mercury	\$25.09 / pound
NiCad batteries	\$3.35 / pound
Alkaline batteries	\$2.50 / pound
Oil base paints	\$1.67 / pound
Oil filters	\$1.67 / pound
Oxidizer liquids, solids	\$3.35 / pound
PCB ballasts	\$6.69 / pound
Pesticides (most)	\$3.35 / pound
Televisions & monitors	\$13.38 / each
Additional handling	\$100.36 / hour

Rates subject to change without notice