



Fall 2025

# BURRTEC NEWS

## WASTE AND RECYCLING NEWSLETTER

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

### Contact Information

**Burrtec Waste Industries**  
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 am to 5:00 pm

**Website**  
Burrtec.com

Follow us on

### 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.



### HOW ARE BUSINESSES AFFECTED?

Under SB 1383, businesses are required to:

- Subscribe to organic waste collection service provided by Burrtec.
- Provide information to new tenants before or within 14 days of occupation of the premises.
- Prohibit employees from placing organic waste in a container not designated to receive organic waste.
- 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.
- Annually provide information to employees, contractors, tenants, and customers about organic waste collection requirements and proper sorting of organic waste.

### EDIBLE FOOD GENERATOR TIPS TO PREVENT FOOD WASTE

Here are some ways businesses can reduce food waste:

- **Plan and track:** Plan meals based on demand and track waste to identify areas for improvement.
- **Menu design:** Create menu specials that use ingredients that are close to their expiration date. Remove items that don't sell well.
- **Staff training:** Train staff on how to minimize food waste, including proper temperature management and stock rotation.
- **Store food properly:** Store food in the refrigerator and use airtight containers for grains.
- **Monitor production:** Weigh food at each stage of production to identify and correct production loss.



California produces nearly half of the nation's fruits and vegetables, yet 1 in 8 Californians struggle with food insecurity, or lack of access to food that one needs to live a healthy lifestyle.

With the passing of Senate Bill 1383 (SB 1383), the State of California has mandated surplus food recovery to help combat the effects of methane gas on the environment. The bill requires commercial edible food generators to:

1. Arrange to recover the maximum amount of excess edible food that would otherwise go to landfills.
2. Establish a written agreement with any/all partnering organizations/services that accept edible food from your business.
3. Maintain records of all edible food recovery activities and receipts.
4. Provide copies of written agreement(s) with food recovery organization(s) each year.

### FOOD RESCUE RESOURCES

- California Association of Food Banks (cafoodbanks.org)
- Feeding America (Inland Empire) (feedingamericaie.org)
  - Food Finder (foodfinder.us)
- Los Angeles Regional Food Bank (lafoodbank.org)

For more information about edible food requirements, please visit [calrecycle.ca.gov](http://calrecycle.ca.gov)

### 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

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.

# 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 right) 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 (661) 222-2249 for assistance. As always, thank you for your continued support and cooperation!





### IMPORTANT!

We recently observed contamination in your container checked below.


 
 
 

We found the following contamination:

- 1. Trash**  
Such as animal waste, plastic bags, wrappers, diapers  
→ GRAY/BLACK CONTAINER ONLY
- 2. Recyclables**  
Right plastics, glass, metal, paper and cardboard  
→ BLUE CONTAINER ONLY
- 3. Food Waste**  
Includes food soiled paper  
→ BROWN CONTAINER ONLY
- 4. Green Waste**  
Must be unbagged  
→ GREEN CONTAINER ONLY
- 5. Electronics or Hazardous Waste**  
Batteries, paint, electronics are not allowed in any container  
→ NOT ALLOWED IN ANY CONTAINER

Future contamination may lead to the container not being serviced and/or extra fees on your account. Please call our office if you have any questions. Thank you.

GRAY/BLACK
 BLUE
 GREEN
 BROWN

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

# Help Keep Food Waste Recycling Clean!

Senate Bill 1383 requires a **75% reduction in organic waste disposal**. All residences and commercial businesses are required to participate and **recycle organic waste including food and landscape waste**. Food waste is collected, recycled and made into new products such as compost, mulch and renewable gas. **During the sorting process workers must remove non-acceptable material such as trash, plastic containers, glass and other contaminants.**

Keeping your containers free of contaminants will help sustain recycling costs and keep material clean to create new products.

**Spread the message,  
"Help keep your food waste recycling clean!"**



## YOUR SORTING GUIDE - WHAT GOES WHERE?

**Black Bin/Barrel is for trash**



BAG ALL TRASH - DO NOT ADD HAZARDOUS WASTE

### BLACK CONTAINER GUIDE

#### YES

- ✓ Cactus
- ✓ Clothing
- ✓ Diapers
- ✓ Dishware
- ✓ Flower pots
- ✓ Hoses
- ✓ Pet food bags
- ✓ Plastic bags or wrap
- ✓ Pet waste
- ✓ Plastic toys
- ✓ Plastic utensils
- ✓ Shrink wrap
- ✓ Soiled paper products
- ✓ Straws
- ✓ Wipes

#### NO

- ✗ Batteries
- ✗ Electronic waste
- ✗ Hazardous waste
- ✗ Hot ashes
- ✗ Flammables
- ✗ Fluorescent bulbs
- ✗ Food waste
- ✗ Landscape waste
- ✗ Machinery
- ✗ Paint
- ✗ Pesticides
- ✗ Oil
- ✗ Recyclables
- ✗ Sharps
- ✗ Tires

**Blue Bin/Barrel is for recyclables**



DO NOT BAG RECYCLABLES

### BLUE CONTAINER GUIDE

#### YES

- ✓ Aerosol cans (empty)
- ✓ Aluminum cans
- ✓ Brochures
- ✓ Cardboard
- ✓ Cartons
- ✓ Catalogs
- ✓ Computer paper
- ✓ Envelopes
- ✓ Glass bottles & jars
- ✓ Junk mail
- ✓ Newspaper
- ✓ Paper products
- ✓ #1 - #7 Plastics
- ✓ Tin cans
- ✓ Tissue boxes
- ✓ Wrapping paper

#### NO

- ✗ Batteries
- ✗ Bubble wrap
- ✗ Carpet
- ✗ Clothing
- ✗ Diapers
- ✗ Dishware
- ✗ Electronic waste
- ✗ Furniture
- ✗ Hoses
- ✗ Mirrors
- ✗ Pet food bags
- ✗ Plastic bags or wrap
- ✗ Plastic toys
- ✗ Soiled paper products
- ✗ Stuffed animals
- ✗ Wax paper

**Green Bin/Barrel is for organic waste and food waste**



DO NOT BAG GREEN WASTE FOOD WASTE MUST BE BAGGED

### GREEN CONTAINER GUIDE

#### YES

- ✓ Birds of Paradise
- ✓ Dead plants
- ✓ Flowers
- ✓ Grass clippings
- ✓ Horse manure
- ✓ Leaves
- ✓ Palm fronds
- ✓ Prunings & twigs
- ✓ Shrub trimmings
- ✓ Small branches
- ✓ Untreated wood
- ✓ Weeds

#### NO

- ✗ Batteries
- ✗ Cactus
- ✗ Concrete
- ✗ Dirt
- ✗ Electronic waste
- ✗ Flammables
- ✗ Glass
- ✗ Hazardous waste
- ✗ Liquids
- ✗ Metal
- ✗ Pet waste
- ✗ Plastic
- ✗ Rocks

Bagged food waste, such as:

- ✓ Bread
- ✓ Coffee grounds
- ✓ Cooked meat and bones
- ✓ Dairy
- ✓ Eggshells
- ✓ Fish
- ✓ Food soiled paper
- ✓ Food waste and scraps
- ✓ Fruit
- ✓ Moldy or spoiled food
- ✓ Vegetables