

# Fall 2024

## THE COUNTY QUARTERLY WASTE AND RECYCLING NEWSLETTER

Sponsored by Burrtec Waste Industries for San Bernardino County Residents

### Contact Information

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San Bernardino, CA 92407

#### Automated Payment Service

(888) 298-5161

#### Customer Service

(909) 889-1969

#### Hours of Operation

Monday-Friday  
8:00 am to 5:00 pm

#### Website

Burrtec.com

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### 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.

Tear off here, save and place on your fridge!

## FAQs

### Residential Food Waste Recycling Program

#### Am I required to participate?

Yes. This is a California law that requires all residents, multi-family tenants, and commercial businesses to participate in food waste recycling in order to comply with Senate Bill 1383.

#### Will plastic bags be supplied?

Customers will be required to use their own bags. Bags do not need to be compostable or biodegradable.

#### What is the benefit of recycling food waste?

Your recycling efforts contribute to the reduction of greenhouse gas emissions from landfilled organic waste. This includes methane, a greenhouse gas 80 times more potent than carbon dioxide.

#### I already backyard compost, do I have to participate?

We encourage you to continue backyard composting. Organic items not suitable for backyard compost can be recycled through this program.

#### Can I use my garbage disposal instead?

No need to change your current garbage disposal use. Food currently being discarded in your trash barrel should now be bagged and placed in your green waste barrel.

#### What items are acceptable?

Fruits, vegetables, meats, seafood, dairy, eggshells, bread, food scraps, food soiled paper, plate scrapings, and expired food.

#### What items are not acceptable?

Trash, styrofoam, liquids, glass, plastic, metal, diapers, pet waste, electronic waste, and hazardous waste.

## YOUR BARREL GUIDE - WHAT GOES WHERE?

**Black Barrel** is for trash



**Blue Barrel** is for recyclables



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



#### REMINDER!

Bag your food waste  
and place in your  
green barrel!

DO NOT ADD HAZARDOUS WASTE

#### BLACK BARREL GUIDE

##### YES

- ✓ Cactus
- ✓ Clothing
- ✓ Diapers
- ✓ Dishware
- ✓ Flower pots
- ✓ Hoses
- ✓ Plastic bags
- ✓ Pet waste
- ✓ Plastic toys
- ✓ Plastic utensils
- ✓ Shrink wrap
- ✓ Straws
- ✓ Window glass
- ✓ Wipes

##### NO

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

DO NOT BAG RECYCLABLES

#### BLUE BARREL 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
- ✗ Ceramic dishes
- ✗ Clothing
- ✗ Diapers
- ✗ Electronic waste
- ✗ Furniture
- ✗ Hazardous waste
- ✗ Hoses
- ✗ Mirrors
- ✗ Pet food bags
- ✗ Pizza boxes, soiled
- ✗ Plastic bags
- ✗ Plastic toys
- ✗ Stuffed animals
- ✗ Used paper products
- ✗ Wax paper

BAG FOOD WASTE - DO NOT BAG GREEN WASTE

#### GREEN BARREL GUIDE

##### YES

- ✓ Bagged food waste
- ✓ Dead plants
- ✓ Flowers
- ✓ Food soiled paper
- ✓ Grass clippings
- ✓ Leaves
- ✓ Palm fronds
- ✓ Prunings & twigs
- ✓ Shrub trimmings
- ✓ Small branches
- ✓ Untreated wood
- ✓ Weeds

##### NO

- ✗ Batteries
- ✗ Cactus
- ✗ Concrete
- ✗ Dirt
- ✗ Electronics
- ✗ Flammables
- ✗ Glass
- ✗ Hazardous waste
- ✗ Liquids
- ✗ Livestock manure
- ✗ Metal
- ✗ Pet waste
- ✗ Plastic
- ✗ Rocks

## How to Safely Dispose of Sharps at HHW County Facilities

SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY RESIDENTS can safely dispose of their used SHARPS in a 2 gallon or smaller, heavy-duty, plastic container as an alternative to plastic bio-hazard sharps containers at participating Household Hazardous Waste Collection facilities. Containers should only contain needles, lancets, and syringes with a needle attached that must be completely spent (no liquid remaining, including EpiPens).

### HOW TO CREATE YOUR OWN CONTAINER:

- Place sharps into an Approved Sharps Container or 2 gallon or smaller heavy-duty plastic container
- Do not use food product containers
- Must have a screw-top and puncture resistant lid
- Made of thick plastic
- 2 gallons or less
- Leak-resistant
- Remain upright when standing
- Place printed Bio-Hazard Label on both sides
- When  $\frac{3}{4}$  filled, secure lid, and tape the container closed

### DO NOT USE FOR SHARPS:



Print **FREE** labels by visiting [sbcfire.org/hhw](http://sbcfire.org/hhw) Preprinted labels are available at HHW collection facilities

For more information and locations, call 1-800-Oily Cat (645-9228) or visit [sbcfire.org/hhw](http://sbcfire.org/hhw)

## What is organic waste?

Organic waste is any material that is biodegradable and comes from either a plant or an animal.

**Examples of organic waste include the following material types:**

- **Food waste**
- **Food scraps**
- **Non-edible food**
- **Food soiled paper**
- **Non-hazardous wood waste**
- **Green waste**  
(known as landscape or pruning waste)



## Muscoy Earth Day Event

### Free document shredding and compost giveaway

**Date:** Saturday, November 2, 2024

**Time:** 8:00am - 12:00pm or until shred truck is full or compost gone

**Where:** PAL Charter Academy • 2450 Blake Sreet in San Bernardino

### Shred Event Details:

On-Site Shredding: Drive thru with your confidential documents (no need to exit vehicle)

Free confidential on-site document shredding. \*Shred event ends at 12:00 p.m. or when truck is full.

### What to bring:

- Residents may bring up to 4 boxes (banker box size, 12" x 10" x 16") or 4 bags no larger than 15-gallons per person.
- Please only bring paper that should be shredded (most junk mail does not need to be shredded). Magazines, phone books, catalogs, etc. will not be accepted.
- Walk ups are not allowed. For your safety and to ensure everyone is treated fairly, please drive through the line and do not get out of your car. Staff will unload your materials and take them to the onsite shredder.
- There is no cost to residents for this service.

## Two Events in One Day!

### Compost Giveaway Details:

- bring your own containers/shovels and load yourself

### Benefits of Compost:

- Helps retain moisture to reduce watering
- Controls erosion
- Suppresses weed growth
- Provides beneficial nutrients to improve soil



For more information call the San Bernardino County Solid Waste Management Division at (909) 386-8701

## Get a Free Doggie Waste Bag for You and a Friend

**Step 1:** Visit [FreeDoggieBags.com](http://FreeDoggieBags.com)

**Step 2:** Request a **FREE** canister

**Step 3:** Send a **FREE** canister to a friend

**Step 4:** Use your canister to pick up after your dog anytime, anyplace!



Thanks for being a responsible pet owner and contributing to a beautiful San Bernardino County.

## How to Collect Food Waste at Home

1. **Collect-** Begin collecting food waste separate from your trash and recycling. This includes: fruits, vegetables, meats, seafood, bread, dairy, eggshells, coffee, plate scrapings, peels, rinds, and food soiled paper such as napkins and coffee filters.
2. **Add & Secure-** Collect food waste & food soiled paper in its own separate plastic lined container. Store it in a convenient place, such as on your counter top, in your refrigerator or under your sink. Secure plastic bag by tying it off. Remember bags do not have to be compostable or biodegradable. They can be any color. We encourage you to re-use bags you may already have such as bread bags and produce bags.
3. **Discard-** Place your bagged food waste & food soiled paper into your green barrel, along with your green waste. Continue using your green waste barrel as usual. Remember, food waste no longer belongs in your trash barrel.