# Winter 2024/2025 THE COUNTY QUARTERLY WASTE AND RECYCLING NEWSLETTER

Sponsored by Burrtec Waste Industries for San Bernardino County Residents

## 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.

#### BARREL GUIDE GOES WHERE? YOUR - WHAT



#### DO NOT ADD HAZARDOUS WASTE

### **BLACK BARREL GUIDE**

#### YES

- Cactus
- Clothing
- Diapers
- Dishware
- Flower pots
- Hoses
- Palm fronds
- Plastic baas
- Pet waste
- Plastic toys
- ~ Plastic utensils
- Shrink wrap
- Straws
- Window glass
- Wipes
- Green Barrel is for green waste & food waste Black Barrel is for trash Blue Barrel is for recyclables DO NOT BAG RECYCLABLES **BLUE BARREL GUIDE GREEN BARREL GUIDE** NO YES NO YES ✓ Bagged food waste × Batteries Aerosol cans (empty) × Batteries × Bubble wrap × Electronic waste Aluminum cans × Cactus ✓ Dead plants × Carpet Brochures × Hazardous waste × Concrete × Ceramic dishes ✓ Flowers Cardboard × Hot ashes × Dirt × Clothing × Flammables Cartons × Diapers ✓ Food soiled paper Catalogs × Fluorescent bulbs × Electronic waste ~ Grass clippings Computer paper Landscape waste × Furniture x Envelopes × Hazardous waste × Livestock manure ✓ Leaves Glass bottles & jars × Hoses × Machinery ✓ Prunings & twigs Junk mail × Mirrors × Paint × Pet food bags Newspaper ✓ Shrub trimmings × Pesticides × Pizza boxes, soiled Paper products × Plastic bags X Oil Small branches #1 - #7 Plastics × Plastic toys x Recyclables Tin cans × Stuffed animals ✓ Untreated wood Sharps × × Plastic Tissue boxes × Used paper products × Tires ✓ Weeds Wrapping paper × Rocks × Wax paper

**REMINDER!** Bag your food waste and place in your green barrel!

#### **BAG FOOD WASTE - DO NOT BAG GREEN WASTE**

- NO × Batteries

- × Electronics
- × Flammables
- × Glass
- × Hazardous waste
- × Liquids × Livestock manure
- × Metal
- × Pet waste

### **Contact Information**

**Burrtec Waste Industries** 17080 Stoddard Wells Road Victorville, CA 92394 **Automated Payment Service** (888) 298-5161 **Customer Service** (760) 245-8607 **Hours of Operation** Monday-Friday 8:00 am to 5:00 pm Website Burrtec.com

### 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!



### The Holidays are Soon Approaching

Burrtec will collect and recycle Christmas trees from single-family residences. Please place your tree at curbside after Christmas on your collection day. Burrtec will provide this service for approximately 3 weeks after Christmas Day. Trees 6' and over need to be cut in half. Please take all ornaments, lights, and metal stands off of the tree. Flocked and Non-Flocked trees will be collected and recycled.



### **Extra Holiday Waste**

Approximately 80% of your holiday trash is recyclable. All gift boxes, wrapping paper, greeting cards, and cardboard packaging are items that may be placed in your recycling barrel. Burrtec will collect your excess holiday trash and recyclables. Beginning the day after Christmas for approximately 1 week, place excess holiday trash/recyclables in bags alongside your containers on your collection day.



### Automated Bill Pay

For your convenience, you can make a payment any day, anytime, using our **FREE** automated payment service. Simply dial (888) 298-5161, enter the last six digits of your account number and billing zip code, along with your credit card or check information. It's that easy!



### Can't Stand the Smell?

Below are some tips to help you reduce barrel odors:

- Place your green barrels on your lawn and rinse with soap and water to prevent any foods from sticking to the inside.
- Place food waste in a bag before disposing in green organics barrel.
- Place your trash in a plastic garbage bag and make sure that it's securely tied before placing into barrels.

Good barrel hygiene is the secret to maintaining an odor-free barrel and an easy way to keep away unwanted insects.

### 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 bag. 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.

FREE CHRISTMAS TREE MULCH Available mid-January to mid-February or while supplies last.

Burrtec is offering FREE Christmas tree mulch this holiday season. The Christmas tree mulch is provided on a first come, first serve basis. Mulch is available while supplies last. New stock is replenished daily. Other landscape products such as compost and wood chips are also available for purchase.

### VICTOR VALLEY COMPOST

Address: 17188 E Abbey Lane, Victorville, CA 92394 Hours: Monday - Friday, 8am - 5pm | Closed weekends

