

## Winter 2025

# **BURRTEC NEWS**

### WASTE AND RECYCLING NEWSLETTER

Sponsored by Burrtec Waste Industries for Santa Clarita **Commercial, Industrial and Multifamily Customers** 

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### **SENATE BILL 1383 ORGANICS DIVERSION AND RECYCLING ARE YOU IN COMPLIANCE?**



### **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 garbage, organics 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 material types.

### WHAT ARE THE ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS FOR FOOD HANDLING LOCATIONS?

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 contract arrangements with a food recovery organization or service to recover edible food that can be redistributed for human consumption.

#### WHY IS ORGANIC WASTE A PROBLEM?

CalRecycle, the state agency overseeing waste programs, reports that organic waste in landfills accounts for 20 percent of the methane gas generated in California and that methane emission reductions help in combating climate change.

> For more information about edible food requirements, please visit CalRecycle.CA.gov or GreenSantaClarita.com

### **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

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

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**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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### **State Required Contamination Monitoring of Recyclables**

California state law SB 1383 requires jurisdictions to monitor garbage, recycling and organics containers to minimize contamination. Garbage and other contaminants in the recycling or organics collection container(s) could result in a fine and non-collection due to contamination. If contamination is found, contamination tags will be affixed to the container lid. After the third notice, customers may be charged a contamination fine and the container will not be serviced as recyclable; it will be subsequently serviced as garbage. Please note: the contamination fine will be automatically assessed if hazardous or bio-hazardous materials are placed in any collection container. Not sure about what goes in each container? Visit Burrtec.com/SCV for a container guide or contact Burrtec Customer Service at (661) 222-2249 for assistance.



### **Help Keep Food Waste Recycling Clean!**

Senate Bill 1383 requires a 75 percent reduction in organic waste disposal. All residents and commercial businesses are required to participate and recycle organic waste, including food and green 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.

#### **Cleaner Food Waste Load**

(Contains fruits, vegetables and food-soiled paper)

#### **Contaminated Food Waste Loads**

(Contains trash, plastic and cardboard)

Plastic bags used to bag food waste are allowed in the organics container, but all other plastics and packaging should not be included.





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

Existing state law requires certain businesses to implement both a recycling and organics recycling program. This law requires food establishments to provide properly labeled containers for garbage, recycling and organic waste (food waste and green waste) for products both 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.

