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# BURRTEC NEWS

## WASTE AND RECYCLING NEWSLETTER

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for the City of Duarte Commercial, Roll Off and Multifamily Customers

### Attention Food Service Providers

Existing state law requires certain businesses to implement a recycling and organics program. AB 827, which went into effect July 1, 2020, requires food establishments that provide trash containers for products purchased and consumed on the premises to also provide properly labeled containers for recyclables and organic waste (food waste). These containers must be placed adjacent to trash containers.

The 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 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 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 post-consumer recyclables and organics.



For further information regarding this law, please visit: <https://www.calrecycle.ca.gov>.

### Contact Information

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**Customer Service**  
(800) 325-9417

**Hours of Operation**  
Monday-Friday  
8:00 am to 5:00 pm

**Website**  
Burrtec.com

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## Did You Know?



California disposes enough plastic to fill 284 Olympic pools every day!

- Source: [cdfa.ca.gov](http://cdfa.ca.gov)

### 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 left) 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 (800) 325-9417 for assistance. As always, thank you for your continued support and cooperation!

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"It's 'R' Take Care Of It!"

**IMPORTANT!**

We recently observed contamination in your container checked below:

We found the following contamination:

1. **Trash**  
Styrofoam, animal waste, plastic bags, wrappers, diapers  
HAZARDOUS/CONTAMINATED ONLY

2. **Recyclables**  
Plastic, glass, metal, paper and cardboard  
BLUE CONTAINER ONLY

3. **Food Waste**  
Includes food soiled paper  
BROWN CONTAINER ONLY

4. **Green Waste**  
Must be untagged  
GREEN CONTAINER ONLY

5. **Electronics or Hazardous Waste**  
Batteries, paint, electronics are not allowed in any container  
REC ALLOWED ONLY

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!

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GRAY/BLACK  BLUE  GREEN  BROWN

ADDRESS

### 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, service will be delayed by one day.

# YOUR SORTING GUIDE - WHAT GOES WHERE?

**Black Bin/Barrel** is for trash



**BAG ALL TRASH - DO NOT ADD HAZARDOUS WASTE**

## BLACK CONTAINER GUIDE

### YES

- ✓ Birds of Paradise
- ✓ Cactus
- ✓ Clothing
- ✓ Diapers
- ✓ Dishware
- ✓ Flower pots
- ✓ Hoses
- ✓ Palm fronds
- ✓ 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

**Green Bin/Barrel** is for green waste



**DO NOT BAG GREEN WASTE**

## GREEN CONTAINER GUIDE

### YES

- ✓ Dead plants
- ✓ Flowers
- ✓ Grass
- ✓ Leaves
- ✓ Prunings & twigs
- ✓ Shrub trimmings
- ✓ Small branches
- ✓ Untreated wood
- ✓ Weeds

### NO

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

**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
- ✗ Pizza boxes
- ✗ Plastic bags or wrap
- ✗ Plastic toys
- ✗ Soiled paper products
- ✗ Stuffed animals
- ✗ Wax paper

**Brown Bin/Barrel** is for food waste



**DO NOT BAG FOOD WASTE**

## BROWN CONTAINER GUIDE

### YES

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

### NO

- ✗ Aluminum foil
- ✗ Bottles and cans
- ✗ Cooking oil
- ✗ Electronics
- ✗ Glass
- ✗ Hazardous waste
- ✗ Landscape waste
- ✗ Liquids
- ✗ Plastic
- ✗ Raw meat & poultry
- ✗ Raw seafood
- ✗ Trash

\*Such as fast food wrappers and pizza boxes

## Edible Food Recovery Requirement

Certain businesses have requirements and responsibilities as it relates to edible food recovery, 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

### Is Your Business Affected?

#### TIER 1 Businesses - Effective January 1, 2022

- Food distributors
- Wholesale food vendors
- Food service providers
- Grocery stores and supermarkets (10,000 square feet or greater)

#### TIER 2 Businesses - Effective January 1, 2024

- Hotels with at least 200 rooms and an on-site food facility
- Restaurant facilities (5,000 square feet or larger, or seating more than 250)
- Local education agencies with an on-site food facility
- Healthcare facilities with an on-site food facility and 100+ beds
- Large venues (including shopping centers and malls) and events with 2,000+ daily visitors



**The City of Duarte is a member of the San Gabriel Valley Regional Food Recovery Program which will conduct inspections of Tier 1 and Tier 2 businesses on behalf of the City. Learn more at [sgvcog.org/regional-food-recovery-program](http://sgvcog.org/regional-food-recovery-program).**

#### Food Rescue Resources:

**California Association of Food Banks**  
([cafoodbanks.org](http://cafoodbanks.org))

**Community Action Partnership of San Bernardino County Food Bank**  
([capsbc.org](http://capsbc.org))

**Feeding America (Inland Empire)**  
([feedingamericaie.org](http://feedingamericaie.org))

**Food Finder**  
([Foodfinders.us](http://Foodfinders.us))

**Los Angeles Regional Food Bank**  
([lafoodbank.org](http://lafoodbank.org))

**Additional Food Rescue Resource:**  
**Burrtec Edible Food Rescue Resource Map**  
([bit.ly/FoodRescueMap](http://bit.ly/FoodRescueMap))