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# BURRTEC NEWS

## Waste and Recycling Newsletter

Sponsored by the City of Duarte and Burrtec Waste Services

*"We'll Take Care Of It"*

### Recycle Right!

Only these types of materials in your recycling barrel or bin.

- Aerosol cans (must be completely empty)
- Aluminum cans (please do not crush)
- Brochures
- Cardboard
- Cereal boxes (remove wax paper lining)
- Clothes hangers
- Computer paper
- Coupons
- Envelopes
- Glass bottles, jars
- Glass cosmetic bottles
- Junk mail
- Laundry bottles
- Magazines/catalogs
- Newspaper
- Paper
- Paper tubes
- Phone books
- Pizza boxes
- Plastic containers #1– #7
- Plastic milk jugs
- Styrofoam products
- Tin cans
- Tissue boxes
- Wrapping paper



### Multi-Family Recycling Programs Go Citywide!

Dear Valued Customer,

Beginning in July, residents of Duarte's 62 multi-family dwellings will do what the city's single family households have been doing since the 1980's – recycling. The Duarte City Council unanimously voted to approve implementation by Burrtec Waste Services of mandatory recycling for all eligible 5-unit and larger multi-family dwellings in the city. This policy is also in conjunction with the passage of Assembly Bill 341, passed by the California Legislature that requires all multi-family complexes of 5 units or more to recycle by July 1, 2012.

The City of Duarte was awarded a \$57,550 grant from CalRecycle to fund a citywide multi-family recycling program. The grant will cover the costs of bi-lingual educational materials, outreach, recycling container, bins and some minor personnel costs. The City of Duarte and Burrtec Waste Services will be providing assistance to tailor the multi-family recycling program for each site.



Every eligible building will be provided with a white Recycling Container, individual In-Unit Recycling Containers for tenants/owners and educational materials.

Recycling not only conserves our natural resources but can save money by reducing waste disposal costs. It is estimated that 50% of the current multi-family customers will realize a cost savings as a result of the mandated recycling program.



*In-Unit Recycling Containers*



The first 15 complexes to come on board will also receive a sign to recognize their program participation.

***Burrtec representatives will contact you to establish a program best suited for your complex.***

### Contact Information

#### Burrtec Waste Services

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Azusa, CA 91702

#### Hours of Operation

Mon-Fri 8:00 am to 5:00 pm



### Top 5 Items to Keep OUT of the Recycling Bin

Here are the top 5 items that should never be placed in the recycling bin.

1. Garden Hoses (trash only)
2. Diapers (trash only)
3. Pet Food Bags (trash only)
4. Hazardous Waste (call 1-888-CleanLA for disposal options)
5. Electronic Waste (call 1-888-CleanLA for disposal options)

#### Duarte Residential Recycling Fact:

*In 2011 residents recycled 1,153 tons through the curbside recycling program!*



# Recycling Life Cycle

Have you ever wondered what happens to recyclables after you place them in the bin?



## Scavenging Is Illegal!!

Whether it's called dumpster diving or scavenging, it is the unauthorized removal of solid waste materials placed in a designated container at a designated location for the purposes of collection and processing by an authorized agent. Removal of materials from a bin may increase the cost of collection services! Materials placed in a recycling bin have a value. That value is used to offset collection and processing costs. When a scavenger breaks the law and removes those materials they are also removing any value associated with the recycling program, which ultimately affects rates. If you see a scavenger, do not approach them! Get a description of the person and/or vehicle with license plate number or take a picture. Call the Duarte Public Safety Office at (626) 357-7938 or visit [www.accessduarte.com](http://www.accessduarte.com). Also, please help us help you. Do not give permission to scavengers to take recyclables.