

Know Before You Throw

A PALM DESERT
RECYCLING GUIDE



PALM DESERT

Dear Palm Desert Residents and Businesses,

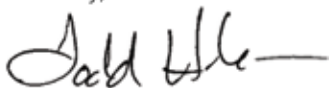
Our beautiful environment is one of the key things that makes Palm Desert and the surrounding Coachella Valley so attractive to residents and visitors alike. To help protect our environment, the City complies with California law by having active and effective programs for managing organic and recyclable materials.

In 2016, Senate Bill (SB) 1383 was signed into law to fight climate change and reduce methane emissions coming from landfills. Methane is known as a climate super pollutant because it is 84 times more harmful to the environment than carbon dioxide. SB 1383 requires the State to reduce organic waste disposal in landfills by 75% by 2025 to reduce the harmful effects of methane on the atmosphere. Organic materials like food scraps, yard trimmings, food soiled paper, and cardboard currently make up half of what Californians dump in landfills. To meet State requirements and help in the fight against climate change, Palm Desert implemented mandatory organic waste collection in 2022. Residents and businesses alike should now be separating their organic waste and placing it in their green organics containers. Mandatory organics collection joins mandatory commercial recycling as the newest program to make our community more sustainable.

Additionally, the City updated diversion goals and processes for construction and demolition projects to ensure the most material possible is reused or diverted from landfills. Construction and demolition projects require a Construction Debris Management Plan that ensures your project salvages, reuses, or recycles as much material as possible and diverts at least 65% of all other debris.

To meet our sustainability goals and ensure a clean and safe Palm Desert for our children, we need the entire community's support. I would like to thank you for your commitment to sustainability by utilizing the programs outlined in this brochure. For more information, please contact our staff at (760) 776-6342 or recycle@palmdesert.gov.

Sincerely,



Todd Hileman
City Manager





Residential Waste & Recycling Services

STANDARD RESIDENTIAL PROGRAM

Burrtec Waste & Recycling Services' (Burrtec) green, blue, and grey container program only allows for collection of materials placed inside the proper containers. Extra refuse, recyclables, or organics outside of your containers will not be picked up (*except cardboard boxes which may be flattened, tied together, and placed next to the recycling bin*). Palm Desert residents have the option to choose from three different residential cart sizes (95-gallon, 65-gallon, or 35-gallon).

Container Handling Instructions

- All residential carts must be placed by the curb before 6:00 a.m. with the lid closed. Place carts at the curb front facing the street.
- Containers must be at least 5 feet from any stationary object such as a mailbox, fence post, or tree.
- Parked cars must be at least 15 feet from carts.
- Multiple carts must be at least 2 feet from each other.
- Do not overload the containers. Maximum weight is 150 lbs. per cart.

*** Note:** Containers should be brought in from the street no later than 12 hours after collection.



How Am I Billed?

Residential property owners are billed for trash service annually on their property tax bills. For more information, please call (760) 340-2113.



SINGLE-FAMILY HOMES



Green Container

The green container is for household organic materials including food scraps, food soiled paper (*for example grease-soaked pizza boxes and dirty napkins*), landscape and pruning waste, and non-hazardous wood waste. All food waste should be separated from yard waste by being placed in a paper bag, newspaper, or other biodegradable wrapping.

Acceptable Items For the Green Container

- Dairy (*Bagged*)
- Fruits and Vegetables (*Bagged*)
- Meats and Bones (*Bagged*)
- Food-Stained or Soiled Paper Items (*Used Paper Plates, Pizza Boxes, Napkins, Coffee Filters, etc.*) (*Bagged*)
- Grass Clippings
- Twigs and Branches
- Leaves



Unacceptable Items For the Green Container

- Trash
- Traditional Recyclables (*Cans, Bottles, Plastic, Clean Paper, and Cardboard, etc.*)
- Oils and Liquids
- Pet Waste
- Batteries and Electronics
- Hazardous Waste



Blue Container

The blue container is for household recyclables including glass, aluminum, hard or rigid plastics, paper, metal, and cardboard.



Acceptable Items For the Blue Container

- Plastic Bottles and Containers Numbered 1-7 (*See Recycle Symbol at Bottom of Container*)
- Plastic Medicine Bottles (*Empty*)
- Aluminum, Steel, and Tin Cans
- Aerosol Containers (*Empty*)
- Glass Bottles and Jars
- Juice Boxes
- Cartons (*Milk, Juice, and Broth*)
- Paper
- Junk Mail
- Books
- Paper Envelopes
- Newspapers



Unacceptable Items For the Blue Container

- Organic Waste
- Food-Stained Paper Items (*Used Paper Plates and Pizza Boxes*)
- Trash
- Liquid Waste
- Styrofoam Food and Beverage Containers
- Bubble Wrap
- Mirrors
- Dishware
- Oil
- Padded Envelopes
- Wax-Coated Cardboard
- Tyvek Envelopes
- Non-Numbered Plastics
- Clothes
- Hazardous Waste
- Batteries
- Medical Waste (*Including Needles/Syringes*)
- Household Chemicals
- Electronics
- Light Bulbs





Grey Container

The grey container is for household trash including pet waste, non-recyclable plastics (*Styrofoam, Plastic Bags, or Gloves*), broken mirrors or dishes, broken non-electric toys, hoses, and diapers.



Unacceptable Items For the Grey Container

- Construction Debris
- Hazardous Materials
- Motor Oil
- Cleaning Products
- Batteries
- Medical Waste (*Including Needles/Syringes*)
- Household Chemicals
- Electronics
- Light Bulbs
- Organic Waste
- Recyclables



APARTMENT/MULTI-FAMILY HOUSING PROGRAM

Apartment and multi-family housing complexes use commercial green, blue or white, and grey containers. All organics, recyclables, and trash must be placed in the containers with the lids closed.



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Blue or White Container

Palm Desert is in the process of updating multi-family and commercial recycling container colors. Your recycling container may be blue or white. By 2036, all recycling containers will be blue. The blue or white container is for recyclable materials including glass, aluminum, hard or rigid plastics, paper, metal, and cardboard.

Acceptable Items For the Blue or White Container

- Plastic Bottles and Containers Numbered 1-7 (*See Recycle Symbol at Bottom of Container*)
- Plastic Medicine Bottles (*Empty*)
- Aluminum, Steel, and Tin Cans
- Aerosol Containers (*Empty*)
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Annual Events

ANNUAL NEIGHBORHOOD CLEAN-UP

The City and Burrtec host an Annual Neighborhood Clean-Up Day wherein Palm Desert single-family and multi-family complex residents may place their items curbside for pick-up. The event date may vary each year. Please check the City's website for more information. www.palmdesert.gov

Day of Event

Residents may place up to four items at the curb by 6:00 a.m. on the scheduled clean-up day. All items must be in boxes, plastic trash bags, or bundled with string/twine (bundles must not exceed 4 feet by 2 feet in size). Large items (such as those listed under the Bulky Item Pick-up section) require residents to contact Burrtec at (760) 340-2113 at least 48 hours in advance of the scheduled clean-up day to arrange for pickup.

TIRE RECYCLING PROGRAM

Residents may drop-off up to four tires at the Edom Hill Transfer Station on designated tire acceptance dates as published on Burrtec's website. www.burrtec.com





ANNUAL FREE DOCUMENT SHREDDING

Skilled identity thieves use a variety of methods to gain access to your personal information, including sifting through your trash looking for documents such as tax records, bank statements, credit offers, legal documents, and other personal documentation.

To help Palm Desert residents and businesses dispose of sensitive documents safely and securely, the City and Burretec offer free document shredding events throughout the year. Acceptable items include paper-clipped, stapled, and bound office and/or glossy paper, file folders, and envelopes. Binders and notebooks will not be accepted. Residents and businesses may bring up to ten bankers boxes per event. Events are held in the Palm Desert City Hall parking lot located at 73510 Fred Waring Drive. Space is limited, so please bring only confidential materials. No appointment is necessary and proof of residency is required. Please check the City's website for more information: www.palmdesert.gov



Note: This is a drop-off event. Bags, boxes, and folders will not be returned to participants. Please remove all items from bags and boxes such as batteries, cologne bottles, and any other potentially flammable materials before drop-off.



FREE ELECTRONIC WASTE RECYCLING EVENT

Drop off between 7:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.

- Third Saturday in September
- Palm Desert City Hall, 73510 Fred Waring Drive*

Acceptable items include anything with a plug or circuit board, excluding large appliances.

**Location, date, and time subject to change.*

Please check the City's website for more information: www.palmdesert.gov



Recycling & Disposal Programs

BULKY ITEM PICK-UP

In order to dispose of large, bulky items that do not fit in the regular trash bin, residents can simply contact Burrtec at least 48 hours prior to your regular collection day at (760) 340-2113 to schedule a Bulky Item Pick-up. Place up to four items at the curb by 6:00 a.m. on your regular trash day. This service can be used weekly and is offered at no charge to residents.

*** Note:** Residents of multi-family complexes must have their property manager call to schedule the Bulky Item Pick-up. Property managers are responsible for establishing a secure location for the materials.

Acceptable Bulky Items

- Furniture
- Mattresses
- Large and Small Appliances
- Electronic Equipment
- Vacuum Cleaners



Unacceptable Bulky Items

- Any item more than 8 feet long, 4 feet wide or more than 150 lbs.
- Construction and Demolition Waste
- Tires
- Industrial Waste
- Hazardous Waste
- Bagged Household Trash

If items are in good condition, residents should consider donating them to a local charity or thrift store for reuse. Some organizations will pick up items free of charge, including the Coachella Valley Rescue Mission. Visit www.pickupmydonation.com



USED MOTOR OIL AND FILTER RECYCLING

There are three easy ways for residents to dispose of used motor oil and filters:

1. Schedule a FREE curbside pick-up with Burrtec by calling (760) 340-2113
2. Drop off at one of the City's six Certified Collection Centers
3. Drop off at one of the scheduled collection events

*** Note:** When transporting used motor oil, the oil must be stored properly in a clean, sealed, and uncontaminated container. It is illegal to transport more than five gallons of used motor oil in your personal vehicle at one time.

Curbside Pick-up

Residents may contact Burrtec at (760) 340-2113 at least 48 hours in advance of their regular service day to schedule a FREE pick-up of up to five gallons of used motor oil. To prepare for your curbside motor oil pickup, simply drain your used motor oil into a transparent, plastic one gallon container, and label as "Used Oil." Oil filters must be completely drained and sealed in a zip type bag. Place the sealed used oil container and the filter next to your blue recycle container by 6:00 a.m. on your regular service day.

Residents who do not have curbside recyclables collection, such as those living in apartments and condominiums, must have their property manager call to schedule the Used Oil and/or Filter Pick-up. Property managers are responsible for establishing a secure location for the materials.

Certified Collection Centers

Accepts Used Oil and Filters

- AutoZone, 73605 Highway 111
- AutoZone, 34860 Monterey Avenue
- Jiffy Lube, 72499 Fred Waring Drive
- Jiffy Lube, 42275 Washington Street



Accepts Used Oil Only

- Mountain View Tire and Auto Service, 44420 Town Center Way
- Mountain View Tire and Auto Service, 34700 Monterey Avenue

**Locations subject to change*

You may also visit www.calrecycle.ca.gov to find a Certified Collection Center near you.

Collection Events

Visit www.cvag.org to see scheduled used oil and filter recycling events.

AT-HOME HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE (HHW) COLLECTION PROGRAM

Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) includes products used to clean your home or chemicals that are considered fuel or dangerous. They require special handling at disposal facilities and **cannot** be placed in any containers for trash, recyclables, or organics.

Residents can contact Burrtec at (760) 340-2113 to schedule a FREE HHW pick-up, up to four times per year. A Burrtec representative will collect the HHW within five business days of being scheduled. Residents of multi-family complexes must have their property manager call to schedule HHW collection, and property managers are responsible for establishing a secure location for the materials.

Steps For Safe HHW Collection

1. Store HHW in a secure location, not accessible to the general public until collected.
2. Store material in spill and leak proof containers.
3. Label containers. Material should be easily identifiable by a Burrtec representative.
4. Do not include more than fifteen gallons of HHW, ten light bulbs, or 32 oz. of batteries (taped on both ends) at one pick-up.



Acceptable Household Hazardous Waste Items

- All Acid Based Chemicals
- Ethylene Glycol/Antifreeze
- Old Gasoline, Kerosene, Paint Strippers, and Lamp Oil
- Latex and Oil-Based Paints
- Household Cleaners
- Used Oil and Used Oil Filters
- Fertilizers
- Pesticides and Herbicides
- Auto Batteries
- Pool Chemicals

COUNTY PERMANENT AND TEMPORARY HHW PROGRAMS

Riverside County operates permanent HHW facilities that offer service on a regular basis and temporary 1-day and 2-day HHW events throughout the year that provide residents of Riverside County a FREE and environmentally safe way to properly dispose of or recycle hazardous household waste. Please visit www.rcwaste.org/hhw for additional information regarding safe and free drop-off of HHW.

UNIVERSAL WASTE DISPOSAL

Universal Waste (U-Waste) includes products containing low levels of hazardous metals such as lead, mercury, cadmium, and chromium. U-Waste also includes items such as household batteries and fluorescent bulbs. These items can potentially contaminate soil and groundwater if deposited into landfills. Residents can dispose of U-Waste through the At-Home HHW Collection Program or County Programs as described above.

Household batteries and fluorescent bulbs may also be dropped off at Burrtec's Recycle Center located at 41800 Corporate Way (behind the Hovley Lane Post Office in Palm Desert), Monday through Friday, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., excluding holidays. Proof of residency may be required.

Acceptable U- Waste Items

- Common Household Batteries
(Taped on Both Ends)
- Fluorescent Tubes, Bulbs, and Lamps Containing Mercury
- Thermostats
- Electrical Switches and Relays
- Pilot Light Sensors
- Mercury Gauges
- Mercury Thermometers
- Non-Empty Aerosol Cans
(Empty Cans May be Placed in the Blue Container)



Did you know Batteries Require Special Handling?

Placing household batteries in any of your collection containers can cause fires in your container, collection vehicles, and at solid waste facilities. Please tape both ends of your household batteries and schedule a HHW pick-up to ensure they are handled safely.



ELECTRONIC WASTE DISPOSAL

Electronic Waste (E-Waste) includes old televisions, computer monitors, and other electronic devices that are no longer of use (e.g., items with a plug or circuit board). Residents can dispose of E-Waste simply by contacting Burrtec at (760) 340-2113 at least 48 hours in advance of their regular service day to schedule a Bulky Item Pick-up. Residents of multi-family complexes must have their property manager call to schedule the Bulky Item Pick-up, and property managers are responsible to establish a secure location for the materials.

Upon scheduling, residents may place up to four items out at the curb by 6:00 a.m. on their regular service day for pick-up. This service can be used weekly and is offered at no charge to residents.

Residents should consider donating their working computers or other electronic devices to a local charity or thrift store for reuse. Some organizations will pick up items free of charge.

Acceptable E- Waste Items

- Monitors and Computer Systems
- Televisions
- VCR and DVD Players
- Cell Phones
- Vacuum Cleaners
- Printers and Copiers
- Radios, Stereos, and Tape Players
- Microwaves, Toasters, and Toaster Ovens

Drop-Off Locations

Residents may also drop off small E-Waste to one of the following locations:

- Burrtec's Recycle Center, at 41800 Corporate Way (behind the Hovley Lane Post Office in Palm Desert), Monday through Friday, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., excluding holidays.
- Badlands Landfill, at 31125 Ironwood Avenue, Moreno Valley, Monday through Saturday, from 6 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., excluding holidays (disposal rates apply).
- Lamb Canyon Landfill, at 16411 Lamb Canyon Road, Beaumont, Monday through Saturday, 6 am to 4:30 p.m., excluding holidays, (disposal rates apply).

Note: *Proof of residency may be required.*



HOLIDAY TREE RECYCLING

Recycle your holiday tree during the three weeks following December 26. To recycle your tree, cut it in half (only if over 6 feet tall), remove all tinsel, ornaments, metal stands, and water bowls, and place it curbside by 6:00 a.m. on your regular trash collection day.

Note: *Residents of multi-family complexes may also drop off holiday trees at the Edom Hill Transfer Station located at 70100 Edom Hill Road, Cathedral City, CA 92234. Location is subject to change, please confirm location by calling Burrtec at (760) 340-2113.*

Sharps Disposal

By Mail or
Curbside Pickup



SHARPS DISPOSAL

Sharps are items such as hypodermic needles, syringes, lancets, and pen needles. All sharps must be disposed of in special containers and handled as hazardous waste. Improperly discarded needles create community hazards and can cause serious injury to our sanitation workers. Residents with health issues, such as diabetes, who must receive injections can now dispose of used hypodermic needles, syringes, lancets, and pen needles safely and conveniently by utilizing one of the following programs:

Sharps Disposal by Mail – Palm Desert residents can visit participating pharmacies to receive a free Sharps Disposal by Mail container. The container serves as a receptacle for used sharps and once full can be sealed and deposited in the mail for safe disposal. Each container is pre-addressed with postage paid, and residents can receive up to three containers per year at no charge. Check with your local pharmacy to see if they participate.

Curbside Pickup – Palm Desert residents can dispose of sharps simply by contacting Burrtec at (760) 340-2113 to request a curbside pickup as part of the HHW program. Sharps must be packaged safely and securely in either a sharps container or a hard thick plastic container, such as a used orange juice bottle, coffee tin, detergent container, or vegetable oil bottle. Residents may pick-up sharps disposal containers (*while supplies last*) free-of-charge from Burrtec's Recycle Center located at 41800 Corporate Way (behind the Hovley Lane Post Office in Palm Desert). Upon scheduled curbside sharps pick-up, Burrtec will leave a free empty collection container upon request. Residents may request up to four free pick-ups per year.

PRESCRIPTION MEDICATION DISPOSAL PROGRAM

Residents can dispose of unwanted and expired prescription and household medications conveniently and safely at the Palm Desert Sheriff's Station, located at 73705 Gerald Ford Drive on Wednesdays and Thursdays from 9:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. to 3:00 p.m., excluding holidays*.

Prescriptions, including pills, capsules, and ointments, must be in bottles with the prescription label attached. The disposal program does not accept illicit drugs or medical waste, including syringes, biological samples, vials, tubes without a prescription, liquids, inhalers, glass bottles, or transdermal patches. Large quantities of prescription drugs may require more than one visit due to time constraints. Prescription medications can also be disposed of at Walgreens Pharmacy located at 44840 Monterey Avenue in Palm Desert. For more information, please call Walgreens at (760) 674-0716.

* Locations, dates, and times subject to change



Commercial & Industrial Waste & Recycling Services

BUSINESS WASTE & RECYCLING PROGRAMS

Bin Handling Instructions

- Lids on bins should be closed for safe collection.
- Do not overload the bins. Maximum weight is 500 lbs. per bin.



Green Container

The green container is for organics including landscape and pruning waste.

Acceptable Items For the Green Container

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| ■ Dairy | ■ Grass Clippings |
| ■ Fruits and Vegetables | ■ Twigs and Branches |
| ■ Meats and Bones | ■ Leaves |
| ■ Food-Stained Paper Items
<i>(Used Paper Plates and Pizza Boxes)</i> | ■ Flowers |



Unacceptable Items For the Green Container

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| ■ Trash | ■ Pet waste |
| ■ Recyclables | ■ Batteries & Electronics |
| ■ Oils and Liquids | ■ Hazardous Waste |

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- Plastic Bottles and Containers
Numbered 1-7 (see recycle symbol at bottom of container)
- Plastic Medicine Bottles
(Must be Completely Empty)
- Aluminum, Steel, and Tin Cans
- Aerosol Containers
(Must be Completely Empty)
- Glass Bottles and Jars
- Juice Boxes
- Cartons (Milk, Juice, and Broth)
- Paper
- Junk Mail
- Books
- Paper Envelopes
- Newspapers



Unacceptable Items For the Blue or White Container

- Organic Waste
- Food-Stained Paper Items
(Used Paper Plates and Pizza Boxes)
- Trash
- Liquid Waste
- Styrofoam Food and Beverage Containers
- Bubble Wrap
- Mirrors
- Dishware
- Oil
- Padded Envelopes
- Wax-Coated Cardboard
- Tyvek Envelopes
- Non-Numbered Plastics
- Clothes
- Hazardous Waste
- Batteries
- Medical Waste (Including Needles/Syringes)
- Household Chemicals
- Electronics
- Light Bulbs

Commercial recycling is required in the City of Palm Desert per City Code and State Law. If your business does not have a recycling program, please call Burrtec at (760) 340-2113 to request a free waste assessment.

Grey Container

The grey container is for any non-hazardous waste that cannot be recycled or composted.

Unacceptable Items For the Grey Container

- Construction Debris
- Hazardous Materials
- Dirt
- Motor Oil
- Cleaning Products
- Batteries
- Medical Waste (*Including Needles/Syringes*)
- Hot Ashes or Coals (*Ash and Coal Cooled to Room Temperature May be Included*)
- Bulky Items
- Electronic Items
- Light Bulbs
- Organic Waste
- Recyclables



CONTAMINATION AND RIGHT SIZING

Trash and other contaminants in the organic or recycling collection container(s) could result in a contamination fee and non-collection. After the first warning, customers may be charged a contamination fee and the container may not be serviced until contaminants are removed. A contamination fee will be automatically assessed if hazardous waste is found in any of your collection containers.

Avoid contamination fees by knowing what goes in each container and calling Burrtec at (760) 340-2113, to ensure you have the right size containers for your establishment.

FOOD WASTE PREVENTION

Your organization can save money by wasting less food through these steps:

- Assess the type and quantity of food currently being thrown in the trash or leftover at the end of the day.
- Adjust purchasing to limit stock of the items frequently leftover to reduce excess food.
- Rotate fresh or new stock at each delivery to ensure the older items in are the first items used.
- Safely store all food to ensure food items keep their maximum life.



EDIBLE FOOD RECOVERY



Throughout the State of California, businesses that generate food waste are now required to donate the maximum amount of their edible food that would otherwise go to landfills. To meet edible food recovery requirements businesses must:

- Have a contract or agreement with a food recovery organization.
- Donate surplus edible food.
- Keep a list of organizations that collect or receive donated surplus food from the business.

Call the City of Palm Desert at (760) 776-6342 or email recycling@palmdesert.gov for edible food recovery assistance. Visit www.palmdesert.gov to find out if your business is required to donate surplus food.

LIABILITY PROTECTION AND TAX BENEFITS

Businesses that donate excess food are protected by the Emerson Good Samaritan Food Donation Act and California AB 1219, as long as the food was donated in good faith and safe handling procedures were followed.

Also, tax incentives make food donation more cost effective and economically beneficial. The federal government recognizes the importance of food donation and provides tax incentives to incentivize businesses to donate food.

BUSINESS HAZARDOUS WASTE PROGRAM

Palm Desert businesses that generate small quantities of hazardous waste (up to 27 gallons or 220 lbs., or 2.2 lbs. of extremely hazardous waste per month) are considered Conditionally Exempt Small Quantity Generators (CESQG). Qualifying businesses must contact (951) 749-7301 to schedule an appointment to drop off their hazardous waste (including U-Waste and E-Waste) to the HHW facility located at 41800 Corporate Way in Palm Desert. The City pays for the first \$300 of disposal costs annually for qualifying businesses. Verification of business locations (e.g., a City business license) and appointments are required.

*** Note:** *Explosives, radioactive, and biomedical waste are not acceptable.*

Acceptable Hazardous Waste Items

- All Acid Based Chemicals
- Ethylene Glycol/Antifreeze
- Old Gasoline, Kerosene, Paint Strippers, and Lamp Oil
- Latex and Oil-Based Paints
- Household Cleaners
- Used Oil and Used Oil Filters
- Fertilizers
- Pesticides and Herbicides
- Auto Batteries
- Small Quantities of Mercury
- Pool Chemicals (*Acid, Chlorine, Salt, etc.*)
- Electronic Waste (*Items with a Plug or Circuit Board*)
- Universal Waste
- Batteries (*Taped on Both Ends*)

For information on how to recycle items not listed in this brochure, please call (760) 776-6342.



Construction & Demolition

Construction & Demolition (C&D) waste makes up 29% of materials going into landfills. The CALGreen Building Code Requirements are updated on an ongoing basis to help reduce the amount of waste generated under construction and demolition projects. The City has created a process to make your compliance easy through the C&D Diversion Program and it all starts with a Construction Debris Management Plan.

CONSTRUCTION DEBRIS MANAGEMENT PLAN

A Construction Debris Management Plan (CDMP) is necessary to demonstrate compliance with State regulations for your C&D project. A CDMP ensures that C&D projects salvage, reuse, or recycle all inert solids (*i.e., concrete, drywall, brick, asphalt, glass, plaster, clay, etc.*), and divert at least 65% of all other debris generated by your project. This 65% diversion requirement, including 100% diversion of land clearing debris (*i.e., dirt, rock, landscape material, etc.*), is a mandatory requirement per the CALGreen Building Code. Permit applicants for the following projects are required to submit a CDMP and comply with CALGreen.

New Residential Construction Including:

- Hotels, Motels, and Lodging Houses
- Apartments and Condominiums
- One- and Two Family Dwellings and Townhouses
- Dormitories, Shelters for Homeless People, Congregate Residences, and Employee Housing
- Other types of dwellings containing sleeping accommodations with or without common toilets or cooking facilities



- Factory Built Housing
- Accessory Dwelling Units (ADU) built in accordance with the California Building Standards Code
- Live/Work Units
- Accessory structures serving residential buildings

Commercial Construction Including:

- Newly Constructed Buildings
- Building additions of 1,000 square feet or greater
- Building alternations with a permit valuation of \$200,000 or above (*for occupancies within the California Building Code*)





Instructions

Prior to issuance of a construction permit, the contractor or property owner must submit a CDMP to the City for approval. You may complete the CDMP on your own or contact the District Environmental Coordinator from Burrtec at (760) 674-1026 for free assistance and guidance toward compliance with State regulations. Most plans can be prepared within three to five working days of your initial call.

Burrtec's District Environmental Coordinator will stay in contact with you throughout your project and will provide monthly recycling progress reports. At the end of the job, both the property owner and contractor will be provided a final recycling report showing the overall recycling rate of the project.

Prior to issuance of Certificate of Occupancy, the project's final diversion report, to be drafted by Burrtec, will be forwarded to the City's Building & Safety Department.

You will not be issued a Certificate of Occupancy without submitting a final diversion report from Burrtec to the City.

Self-Hauling

If you or your contractor choose to self-haul any materials including recyclables or trash, you will need to complete and submit a CDMP and will be required to provide copies of all weight tickets and/or receipts from the transfer station, landfill, or recycler monthly to Burrtec to ensure compliance with the City's program. Clean-up companies and other haulers are not permitted to haul waste or recyclables from the City of Palm Desert.

Not meeting the CALGreen 65% diversion goal may result in enforcement by the City per the Municipal Code section 15.18.010. Your self-haul weight tickets must be kept to draft the required monthly and final diversion reports and to be submitted to Burrtec's District Environmental Coordinator. Submission of the diversion reports and self-haul weight tickets are required to receive your Certificate of Occupancy.

General Information

TRANSFER STATION

The Edom Hill Recycling and Transfer Facility located at 70100 Edom Hill Road in Cathedral City is responsible for processing solid waste generated by Palm Desert and the Coachella Valley. Solid waste disposed of at the transfer facility is transported to a permitted landfill located outside of the Coachella Valley. The Edom Hill Recycling and Transfer Facility provides the following waste and recycling services for your convenience (*fees will apply*).

Acceptable Waste

- Disposal Service for Routine Refuse
- Recycling Service for Electronic Waste
- Recycling Service for Appliances
- Recycling Service for Green Waste
- Disposal Service for Construction Material



Unacceptable Waste (list subject to change)

- Asbestos
- Sewage Sludge
- Ash
- Semi-Solid Waste
- Auto Parts
- Hazardous Waste
- Dead Animals
- Medical Waste
- Liquid Waste
- Radioactive Waste

Hours of Operation:

- Self-Haul: Monday – Saturday, 7:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
(Closed on New Year's Day, Memorial Day, Independence Day, Labor Day, Thanksgiving, and Christmas)

For more information, please contact Burrtec at (760) 340-2113.

COMPOSTING



Composting is a great way to beautify your garden and reclaim resources that would otherwise go into the landfill. Most organic materials can be composted, including grass, leaves, food scraps, and even paper! These materials can biodegrade in as little as four weeks and turn into dark, nutrient-rich soil that your plants will love.

The Riverside County Waste Management Department's Backyard Composting Program holds regular informational workshops in the Coachella Valley. For more information, please contact the Riverside County Waste Management Department at (951) 486-3200 or visit online at www.rcwaste.org

BEVERAGE CONTAINER RECYCLING

California Redemption Value beverage containers made from glass, plastic, and aluminum can be redeemed for cash at Burrtec's Recycling Center at 41800 Corporate Way.

For more information visit www.bottlesandcans.com

PLASTIC GROCERY BAGS

Did you know that plastic bags clog recycling sorting machines, and that the bags never fully break down in landfills? To keep our recycling facilities and environment safe, it is important to properly recycle your plastic bags. Collect all plastic grocery bags and deliver to Burrtec's Recycling Center. Plastic grocery bags may also be recycled free-of-charge at your local supermarkets or pharmacy.

REUSE

Items you no longer need are often useful to others. Area thrift shops, consignment centers, and assorted non-profit organizations welcome items they can sell or give to people. Try donating used clothing to charities, reusing grocery bags as trash bags, or passing along magazines and books for others to read. Donate Styrofoam packing “peanuts” to the nearest packaging retailer that may reuse them, along with your cardboard mailing boxes. Wire hangers can be taken to the closest dry cleaner to be reused. Donate blankets, towels, and pillows to local animal rescues or veterinarian clients.

WHAT CAN KIDS DO?

Since 1997, the S.C.R.A.P. Gallery has been addressing two of today's most urgent issues, the environment and the education of youth throughout the Coachella Valley and beyond. Their mission is to actively engage youth as stewards of the environment through a concentrated, hands-on, educational effort stressing the Four Rs: Reduce, Reuse, Recycle, Responsibility. The S.C.R.A.P. Gallery provides a link between industry, education, the arts, and the environment through its Field Trip Program, which features environmental presentations and exhibits. In addition, the S.C.R.A.P. Gallery's self-directed art workshops, which use recycled and reused material from their warehouse, divert these materials from the landfill. For more information, visit www.scrapgallery.org



DESERT ARC'S DOCUMENT SHREDDING AND RECYCLING SERVICES

Desert Arc is a non-profit organization located in Palm Desert whose sole mission is to enhance the quality of life for people with developmental disabilities. They offer a broad array of services including low-cost document shredding and free recycling services for businesses.

Services Provided:

- Document shredding (*drop-off only*)
- Free containers and flexible weekly pick-up to fit your individual recycling needs
- Free appliance pick-up, free electronic waste drop-off

For more information, please call (760) 346-1611.

 **Note:** 100% of the proceeds from the recyclable items collected benefit programs serving adults with developmental disabilities.

PAINT RECYCLING



The California PaintCare Program offers safe and easy options to dispose of unwanted paint. Residents and businesses may drop off small quantities (*between to 5-20 gallons per day*) to established retail locations.

Arrangements for free pick-up of large quantities (*100 gallons or more - restrictions apply*) can be requested. For more information on these programs, please call (855) 724-6809 or visit www.paintcare.org

RECYCLING PRESENTATIONS

If your group, committee, association, or organization would like to learn more about recycling, please contact Burrtec at (760) 340-2113 to schedule a recycling presentation.

Frequently Asked Questions

What should I do with my containers if I move?

Containers should be left for the next resident. Containers are provided for residents' use but remain the property of Burrtec Waste & Recycling Services.

How should I handle any problems regarding my trash and recycling services, such as a missed pick-up, broken or stolen containers, etc.?

Questions and issues related to service and/or containers should be directed to Burrtec at (760) 340-2113.

How do I pay my trash bill?

For most residents, the fee for trash service is assessed annually on the property owners' tax bill. For more information, please call Burrtec at (760) 340-2113.

What should I do if my trash day falls on a holiday?

When a holiday falls on a weekday, collection for the remainder of the week will be delayed by one day. Burrtec observes the following holidays:

- New Year's Day
- Memorial Day
- Independence Day
- Labor Day
- Thanksgiving Day
- Christmas Day



How can I eliminate unwanted "junk" mail?

- Sign up for a DMAchoice account to reduce promotional mail offers. Complete your registration at www.dmachoice.org (*administrative fee applies*). Call (212) 768-7277 or email consumer@ana.net for customer service issues and questions.
- Opt-out of receiving credit card and insurance offers at www.optoutprescreen.com
- Return unopened "junk" mail to the sender by writing "return to sender" on the envelope.
- Contact mail order catalog companies and/or specific organizations/businesses that send you unwanted mail and request to be taken off their mailing list.



Why do I have to have a Green Container?

In 2016, Governor Edmund Brown, Jr. set methane emissions reduction targets for California (SB 1383) in a statewide effort to reduce emissions of short-lived climate pollutants. The targets include reducing organic waste disposal by 75% by 2025. To meet this target the bill requires all businesses and residents to divert their organic waste beginning January 1, 2022. To learn more about SB 1383 visit www.calrecycle.ca.gov

Are there any special services provided For disabled persons?

Disabled residents who meet the Department of Motor Vehicles requirements for a N-1 permanent disabled placard are entitled to special walk-in backyard or side yard collection of their green, blue, and grey containers at no charge. Contact Burrtec at (760) 340-2113 for more information.

What is the Electronic Waste Recycling Fee?

The Electronic Waste Recycling Fee is assessed on certain electronic devices such as computer monitors and televisions sold in California. The fee, which is collected at the time of retail sale and ranges between \$4 and \$6, is used by the State of California to offset the cost of properly managing these types of products at the end of their useful lives. It is important to note that the Electronic Waste Recycling Fee is not a deposit and will not be reimbursed to the consumer, but rather, the intent of the fee is to reduce, or eliminate, the costs associated with properly recycling this material when it becomes waste.



How can I dispose of items such as large quantities of cardboard, household batteries, cell phones, fluorescent bulbs, and small electronic waste?

Items such as those listed above can be taken to Burrtec's Recycle Center located at 41800 Corporate Way in Palm Desert (behind the Hovley Lane Post Office). The facility accepts these items Monday through Friday, from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., excluding holidays. Proof of Palm Desert residency will be required.

Please tape both ends of batteries prior to bringing them to the Recycle Center.

How can I dispose of large quantities of green waste?

Palm Desert residents can dispose of large quantities of green waste by dropping it off at the Edom Hill Transfer Facility located at 70100 Edom Hill Road, Cathedral City, CA 92234. The facility accepts green waste Monday through Friday, from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., and Saturdays from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m., excluding holidays. Proof of residency required.



Why is it important to recycle used motor oil?

Recycling used motor oil keeps it from entering rivers, streams, and lakes, which affect fish and birds. It also keeps oil out of our groundwater supplies which can affect your drinking water.

How can I dispose of used tires?

Residents can drop off up to four tires per quarter, at the Edom Hill Transfer Facility located at 70100 Edom Hill Road, Cathedral City, CA 92234. Visit www.burrtec.com to find the scheduled tire acceptance dates.

Why is it important to properly dispose of household hazardous waste?

Chemicals found in hazardous waste can be released into the environment and contaminate our air, water, and possibly the food we eat. Improper disposal, such as placing hazardous waste in the green, blue, or grey containers, can cause harm to the people who work hard to collect our waste and keep our community clean.

What happens to our recyclables once they are picked up at the curb?

Burrtec takes the recyclables to the local transfer station where they are loaded onto semi-trucks. Then they are hauled to a Material Recovery Facility (MRF) where the recyclable material is sorted by machines and people. Once the recyclables are sorted, they are sold to processing facilities and made into new products such as recycled content paper, park benches, dog beds, and so much more.



What happens to our organics once they are picked up at the curb?

Burrtec collects organics from your green container and takes them to the local transfer station where they are loaded onto larger trucks and sent to an approved Organic Waste Processing Facility. At the processing facility food scraps and other organics are turned into compost and mulch which can be used by local landscapers, farmers, public parks, and you!

Where does our trash go?

Trash is hauled to the Edom Hill Transfer Station where it is loaded onto transfer trucks and hauled to a landfill approved by the City of Palm Desert. These landfills may include the Lamb Canyon Sanitary Landfill in Beaumont, Badlands Sanitary Landfill in Moreno Valley, and Salton City Solid Waste Site in Salton City.



