Holiday Closure

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- Memorial Day
- Independence Day
- Labor Day
- Thanksgiving Day
- Christmas Day.

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Waste & Recycling Services

Dear La Quinta Residents,

On behalf of the City of La Quinta, I would like to thank everyone for their cooperation and participation in our recycling programs.

As you may already know, California law requires that all cities and counties reduce the amount of waste they transport to landfills. The City of La Quinta has been exceeding the mandated 50% diversion goal for several years, due to excellent participation by our residents and businesses in our recycling programs.

New services have been added over the past few years, including on-call bulky item collection and an e-waste recycling program. This brochure lists the programs being offered to our community by Burrtec. I hope you will take advantage of the recycling services that are offered in La Quinta!

Sincerely,

[Signature]

DON ADOLPH, Mayor
City of La Quinta
Standard Residential Programs

**Burtec Waste & Recycling Service**'s automated refuse and recycling program will only allow for disposal of materials that are placed inside the correct containers. Please do not place any refuse, recyclables, or yard waste outside of your containers except for cardboard bundles. Be sure the hinged lids are closed.

**Maroon Container**
The maroon container is for your regular household trash. That means any items that cannot be placed in your recycling containers.

Please DO NOT dispose of the following items in your cart(s):
- Construction debris, dirt, etc.
- Hazardous materials (motor oil, cleaning products, pool chemicals, car batteries, etc.)
- Hot ashes or hot coals are not acceptable. They must be at room temperature before discarding in the cart.
- Medical products such as syringes.
- Bulky items such as furniture, appliances, etc.

**Gray Container**
The gray container is used for mixed recyclables such as glass, paper, plastic and metal containers, junk mail, cereal boxes, cardboard, etc. **Burtec Waste & Recycling Services** will provide La Quinta residents additional gray containers at no additional charge.

Acceptable recycling materials
- Newspapers or anything in the Sunday paper
- Magazines
- Telephone books
- Mixed paper
- Colored paper
- Cardboard
- Junk mail
- Cereal boxes
- Detergent boxes
- Tissue boxes
- Plastic bottles

- Steel cans
- Tin cans
- Glass jars
- Liquor bottles
- Soda bottles
- Juice bottles
- Pie tins
- Aluminum cans
- Aluminum foil
- Empty aerosol cans
- Plastic milk jugs

**Green Container**
The green container is for all yard trimmings: grass, tree branches, sawdust, green plants, weeds, etc. Basically, all organic materials generated from yard work. Do not place yard trimmings in plastic bags before placing in the green container.

Please DO NOT dispose of the following items in your cart(s):
- Animal and food waste
- Containers of any type

**Bulky Item Service**

Do you have a few large, bulky items such as furniture, appliances, or other similar items to dispose of from home?

**Burtec Waste & Recycling Services** can make this task an easy one! Just call or e-mail us 48 hours prior to your regularly scheduled service day to schedule pickup of your bulky items. You may place up to four items at the curb before 6:00 a.m. on your scheduled service day. These items include large appliances, old furniture, mattresses and box springs, bicycles, swing sets, old computer monitors, laptop computers, standard televisions and LCD televisions up to 37”.

Items we DO NOT accept as part of our bulky item service:
- Industrial waste
- Business waste
- Hazardous waste
- Building materials
- Tires
- Concrete
- Tiles and other like materials
E-Waste Program

Do you have old televisions, computer monitors or old electronics to dispose of?

Burtec Waste & Recycling Services offers a program to dispose of these items at no charge. As a resident of La Quinta, you can dispose of your e-waste Monday through Friday from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. and Saturday from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at 41-800 Corporate Way (behind the Palm Desert Post Office on Hooley Lane).

Universal Waste

All Californians must dispose of items deemed “universal waste” by the California Department of Toxic Substance Control at designated recycling centers or household hazardous waste collection centers. Universal waste includes products containing low levels of hazardous metals such as lead, mercury, cadmium, and chromium. These items cannot be disposed of in the trash.

These items include:
- Common household batteries
- Fluorescent tubes and bulbs and other mercury containing lamps
- Thermostats
- Electronic devices
- Electrical switches and relays
- Pilot light sensors
- Mercury gauges
- Mercury thermometers
- Non-empty aerosol cans that contain hazardous materials

Burtec’s Recycling Center will accept some of these items at no charge, including household batteries and fluorescent bulbs. The recycle center is located at 41-800 Corporate Way in Palm Desert. For information please call (760) 340-2113.

Household Hazardous Waste (HHW)

HHW includes products you use to clean your home, or chemicals that are considered fuel. They require special handling at the disposal facilities and CANNOT be placed in your residential bins.

Keep the City of La Quinta clean and safe for everyone!
USED MOTOR OIL (RECYCLING)

Burrrtec Waste & Recycling Services and the City of La Quinta are pleased to offer the opportunity to recycle your used motor oil and oil filters. To participate in the program, simply drain your used motor oil into a plastic milk/water jug with the lid securely fastened and leave the container by your recycling cart on your regular trash day. Oil filters must be completely drained and sealed in a zip type bag, then leave the sealed bag by your recycling cart on your regular collection day. Call 48 hours in advance of your trash day to schedule a pickup.

DOCUMENT SHREDDED EVENT

Protect yourself from identity theft by participating in La Quinta’s shredding event designed to provide residents a means of recycling confidential/sensitive documents through a secure process. Please look for notices of upcoming events in the mail.

SHARPS PROGRAM

The City of La Quinta, in partnership with Burrrtec Waste & Recycling Services, is now offering a free program to collect needles, syringes, lancets, and other “sharps”.

Improperly disposed syringes, hypodermic needles and other “sharps” can cause serious injury to your families and create health and safety hazards in your community. Until now, people who self-inject generally have had problems properly disposing of needles and syringes.

This new program is easy to use and allows La Quinta residents to properly dispose of used needles and syringes, protecting themselves, their families and their community. The program is completely confidential and, best of all, is FREE to La Quinta residents.

La Quinta’s Sharps Disposal by Mail™ system includes a specially designed sharps container and a shipping box with instructions for use. Used sharps are placed inside the container for safe storage. When full, the container is closed, bagged and sealed inside its original packaging. Residents then return the postage paid box to their mail carrier or nearest post office. The box is delivered to the processing center, where both the sharps container and its packaging are safely destroyed.

Sharps Disposal by Mail™ kits are currently available at the following pharmacies:

**Super RX Pharmacy**
78630 Highway 111
La Quinta, CA 92253
(760) 771-9999

**Target**
78935 Highway 111
La Quinta, CA 92253
(760) 777-8469

**Walgreen’s Pharmacy**
47900 Washington Street
La Quinta, CA 92253
(760) 771-1053

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HOLIDAY RECYCLING
From December 26th to January 16th, Christmas trees and other holiday foliage will be collected for recycling. Please remove all ornaments, tinsel, and other items from the tree. Flocked trees cannot be recycled. Cut trees into four-foot lengths, bind them, and place the bundles alongside of the trash and recycling on your regular pickup day.

One more reminder: Most of us consume more food and drink and use more paper goods during the holidays. Please remember that most of these items can be recycled.

Acceptable recycling materials especially during the holidays:
- Paper bags and other paper products
- Plastic
- Glass
- Metal containers
- Holiday cards
- Shopping bags
- Wrapping paper
- Food containers made of plastic, metal, or glass

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