Dear Coachella Residents and Businesses,

The City of Coachella is committed to providing opportunities for waste diversion and recycling practices. In partnership with Burrtec Waste & Recycling Services, we have made several solid waste and recycling programs available to Coachella residents and businesses. Many of these services are available year round and are outlined in this brochure; please keep it handy for reference throughout the year.

Coachella Residents have access to three waste containers: landfill waste, green waste and recyclables. Placing the appropriate items in these containers helps to divert waste from the landfill for recycling and composting. In addition, residents also have access the following programs: bulky item pickup, e-waste collection, shred events, used motor oil and filter recycling. These efforts reduce the size of our landfills and decrease our community’s environmental impacts.

Effective July 1, 2012, if you are a commercial business or a multifamily complex owner/manager the State approved bill AB341 requires you have a recycling program in place. If you do not have one in place you can contact Burrtec to aid you in establishing one for your commercial business/multifamily complex. Burrtec offers recycling audits which can identify potential areas that your business or multifamily complex can incorporate recycling efforts. A business that increases its recycling can potentially reduce the costs associated with removing waste. It costs less to recycle than to dispose of waste in the landfill.

Please take a moment to become familiar with the waste and recycling programs available. If you have any questions, please contact us at 760-501-8100 or visit www.coachella.org. I encourage all residents and businesses to utilize the available services. Together our efforts can improve the environmental quality of our community’s future.

Sincerely,

David Garcia
City Manager

Standard Residential Service

Burrtec Waste & Recycling Services automated refuse and recycling program only allows for disposal of materials placed inside the proper containers. Refuse, recyclables, or yard waste outside of your containers will not be picked up (with the exception of cardboard boxes which must be flattened, tied together and placed next to the recycling barrel). Be sure the hinged lids are closed. Special programs are described within this brochure.

Barrel Handling Instructions

- All barrels must be out before 6:00 a.m. with the lid closed. Place barrel at the curb, with the front facing the street.
- Barrels must be at least five feet from any stationary object such as a mailbox, fence post, or tree.
- Parked cars must be at least fifteen feet from barrels.
- Multiple barrels must be at least two feet from each other.
- Do not overload the barrels. Maximum weight is 150 lbs. per barrel.
- All cardboard boxes must be flattened, tied together, and placed next to the recycling barrel.
The burgundy barrel is for regular household trash, food waste, pet waste (secured in plastic bags), and any items that cannot be recycled.

**Unacceptable Items for the BURGUNDY BARREL**
- Construction debris, dirt, etc.
- Hazardous materials such as motor oil, cleaning products, pool chemicals, car batteries, etc.
- Medical products such as syringes
- Hot ashes or hot coals must be cooled to room temperature
- Bulky items such as furniture, appliances, etc.
- Electronic items such as televisions and computers
- Universal Waste such as household batteries, cell phones, and fluorescent light bulbs

We all have a responsibility to recycle. Recycling glass and aluminum containers has become a habit, but we can do so much more — and it’s easy! You don’t even have to separate your recyclables. Mixing all recyclable items in one barrel is called co-mingling. Paper, glass, aluminum, plastics, and tin materials are disposed of in the same recycling barrel.

If you don’t have a grey recycle barrel or require additional grey barrels for recycling — free-of-charge — please call Burrtec at (760) 340-2113.

**Acceptable Items for the GREY BARREL**
- White and colored paper
- Newspapers
- Phonebooks
- Cardboard cereal boxes
- Magazines
- Junk mail
- Books
- File folders
- Envelopes
- Cardboard (flattened)
- Aluminum, steel, and tin cans
- Plastic bottles & containers numbered 1-7 (see recycle symbol at bottom of container)
- Plastic medicine bottles (empty)
- Glass bottles and jars
- Aerosol containers (empty)
- Foam packing blocks (such as the foam blocks that protect new televisions or computers)

**Unacceptable Items for the GREY BARREL**
- Food and liquid waste
- Food-stained paper items, e.g. used paper plates and pizza boxes
- Toilet and facial tissue
- Used paper towels
- Styrofoam
- Medical waste (including needles/syringes)
- Tyvek envelopes
- Non-numbered plastics
- Household chemicals
- Bubble wrap
- Padded envelopes
- Green waste
- Dishware
- Mirrors
- Window glass
- Oil
- Clothes
- Wax-coated cardboard
- Electronic equipment
- Batteries
- Light bulbs
These bags are made from recycled materials and are handy for everyday use. There are many great uses for plastic grocery bags such as trash can liners or for doggie waste. Get creative and find new ways to reuse those bags.

California requires large supermarkets and pharmacies to offer free recycling of plastic bags. This is an easy and convenient way to do the right thing. Recycle them the next time you go to the store.

The green barrel is for all yard trimmings such as grass, tree branches, sawdust, green plants, weeds, and all organic materials generated from yard work. All items must fit into the barrel with the lid closed. If necessary, cut up trimmings to increase the amount of yard waste that fits in the green barrel. DO NOT place yard waste in plastic bags. Plastic bags are not compostable and will contaminate the yard waste.

**Acceptable Items for the GREEN BARREL**
- Twigs and small branches (4 inches or less in diameter and 3 feet or less in length)
- Vegetation from the yard
- Grass
- Leaves
- Green plants
- Weeds
- Small wood scraps
- Garden trimmings
- Tree limbs
- Wood chips
- Sawdust

**Unacceptable Items for the GREEN BARREL**
- Plastic bags
- Soil/rocks
- Pet waste
- Food waste
- Tree stumps
- Painted wood
- Containers of any type
Recycling and Disposal Programs

Bulky Item Service
In order to dispose of large, bulky items that do not fit in the regular trash barrel, residents can simply contact Burtec at (760) 340-2113 to schedule a Bulky Item Pick-up. You may 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.

✅ Acceptable Bulky Items
- Large and small appliances
- Furniture
- Mattresses, box springs, and bed frames
- Bicycles and swing sets
- Barbecues
- Carpet rolled and bundled (bundles should not exceed 4 feet)
- Computer monitors, laptop computer
- Standard and LCD televisions up to 37 inches (for televisions over 37 inches, please advise Burtec representative for special handling)

❌ Unacceptable Bulky Items
- Industrial waste
- Business waste
- Hazardous waste
- Engines and car parts
- Tires
- Building materials
- Bagged household trash

If items are in good condition, residents should consider donating them to a local charity or thrift store for reuse. Many organizations will pick up items free of charge.

Used Motor Oil and Filter Recycling
There are two easy ways for residents to dispose of used motor oil and filters:
1) schedule a FREE curbside pick-up (service not available for residents of multi-family housing complexes);
2) drop them off at one of the City’s five Certified Collection Centers.

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

Curb-side Pick-up: Residents may contact Burtec 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 (service not available to residents of multi-family housing complexes). Simply drain your used motor oil into a transparent plastic one-gallon container. Oil filters must be completely drained and sealed in a zip type bag. Place the container and filter next to your recycle barrel by 6:00 a.m. on your regular service day.

Certified Collection Centers: Drop-off any time throughout the year. Contact center for hours of operation.

AutoZone #5552
50700 Hwy 86, Coachella, CA 92236 | (760) 398-8902

Beck Oil Inc
85-119 Leoco Lane, Coachella, CA 92236 | (760) 245-4191

Burtec’s Coachella Valley Transfer Station
87-010 Landfill Road, Coachella, CA 92236 | (760) 986-4094

Coachella Travel Center
46155 Dillon Rd., Coachella, CA 92236 | (760) 342-6200

O’Reilly Autoparts #1286
51339 Harrison (Hwy 86), Coachella, CA 92236 | (760) 398-2114
ABOP & Household Hazardous Waste Drop-off Facilities

Coachella residents can drop off, at no cost, their Anti-freeze, Batteries, Oil and Paint at the ABOP facility located at Burrtac's Coachella Valley Transfer Station:

87-011 A Landfill Road
Coachella, CA
Monday–Friday: 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
Saturday: 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. (the first three Saturdays of the month)
Saturday: 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. (the remaining Saturdays of the month)

Household Hazardous Waste (HHW), such as pesticides, paint thinners, cleansers, fluorescent tubes, etc. can be disposed of at the Palm Springs Regional Permanent HHW Collection Facility

1100 Vella Road
Palm Springs, CA 92264
Saturdays only:
October–May: 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.
June–September: 7:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

For the dates of HHW collections in the city of Coachella, please call Riverside County Waste Management Department at (800) 304-2226 or visit their website at www.rivcownm.org.

Universal Waste

Universal waste (U-Waste) includes products containing low levels of hazardous metals such as lead, mercury, cadmium, and chromium. These items can potentially contaminate soil and groundwater if deposited into landfills.

Coachella residents can drop off their Universal Waste at the ABOP facility located at Burrtac’s Coachella Valley Transfer Station:

87-011 A Landfill Road
Coachella, CA
Monday–Friday: 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
Saturday: 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Acceptable U-Waste Items

- Common household batteries
- Fluorescent tubes, bulbs and lamps containing mercury
- Halogen bulbs
- Thermostats
- Electrical switches and relays
- Non-empty aerosol cans (if cans are empty, they can be placed in the grey recycle barrel)

Events

Free Community Cleanup Events 8 a.m. to 1 p.m.
- March 14, 2015 at intersection of Vine and Fourth Street
- May 9, 2015 at intersection of Calle Leandro and Calle Diego
- October 10, 2015 at Boys and Girls Club Parking Lot

Tire Collection Events 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.
- March 21, 2015 at Bagdouma Park

Household Hazardous Waste Collection and Shred Events 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.
- April 25, 2015 at Bagdouma Park
- November 14, 2015 at Bagdouma Park

Backyard Composting Workshop at 10 a.m.
- February 28, 2015 at Bagdouma Community Center
**Christmas Tree Recycling**
Recycle your Christmas tree during the two weeks following the holiday. To recycle your tree, cut it in half (if over 6 feet tall), remove all lights, tinsel, ornaments, metal stands, and water bowls, and place it curbside by 6:00 a.m. on your regular trash day.

**Cell Phone Recycling**
Coachella residents can recycle their old cell phones at:

**RadioShack**
50223 Harrison Street
Coachella, CA 92236
(760) 398-4946

**Battery Recycling**
To assist Coachella residents to safely dispose of household batteries, the City is offering a free Battery Recycling Program. Household batteries (AAA, AA, C, D, button cell, 9-volt, and all others, both rechargeable and single use) can be dropped off at the City’s Finance Depart/Utility Cashiering office located next to City Hall at 1515 Sixth Street.

The Battery Recycling Program is only available during the Corporate Yard operating hours – Monday through Thursday 7:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

**Frequently Asked Questions**

*What should I do with my barrels if I move?*
Please leave your barrels for the next resident. Barrels are provided for your use, but remain the property of Burrtec Waste & Recycling Services.

*How should I handle any problems regarding my trash and recycling service, such as: missed pick-up, broken, stolen barrels, etc.?*
Questions and issues related to service and/or barrels should be directed to Burrtec at (760) 340-2113.

*What should I do if my collection day falls on a holiday?*
When a holiday falls on a weekday, collections 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