

Questions and Answers About Black Trash Carts with Labels Distributed in City of Victorville



Background: Effective Fall 2022, Burrtec/Victorville Disposal is going to start distributing new black trash carts that have labels on the lids.

The carts will be distributed to customers that need new trash carts or need replacements. The labels have pictures and a list of the main types of materials that can and cannot go in the trash cart. The labels list “food waste” and “green waste” as “non-acceptable waste” for the black cart.

Victorville Disposal is starting to distribute these containers because CA state law senate bill (SB) 1383 requires all new trash and recycle containers to be labeled as of January 1, 2022. The labels must “include language or graphic images or both that indicate the primary materials accepted and the primary materials prohibited in that container...”

Per SB 1383, Victorville (and all other CA jurisdictions) are required to implement organics recycling programs to divert garden trimmings AND food waste. The new Victorville residential organics recycling program is expected to be implemented citywide starting in July 2023.

(Note: The City and Victorville Disposal will be implementing a residential organics PILOT PROGRAM in the Fall of 2022 for approximately 650 households with Wednesday collection. Additional information about the pilot program will be provided in a separate Q & A.)

Q. I received a new black cart that has a big label on the lid. Why is there a new label?



A. As of January 1, 2022, CA state law SB 1383 requires all new waste containers (trash, recycle, and organics) to have a label on them. The label needs to list what materials are allowed to be placed in the container, as well as the main prohibited materials that cannot be placed in each container.

Q. The label says I can't put food waste or garden trimmings in the cart. What am I supposed to do with this material?



A. The City and Burrtec are getting ready to start residential organics collection service for garden trimmings and food scraps as required by CA state law senate bill (SB) 1383. The new residential organics program is expected to start in mid-2023.

Eventually, a GREEN cart (with a label) will be delivered to your home. The green cart will be for recycling garden trimmings and food scraps.

Until you receive a green organics recycling cart (with a label), you can continue to put food scraps and garden trimmings in your regular black trash cart.

Q. The label on the black trash can says we cannot put Recyclables in the black cart. What recyclable items cannot go in the trash cart?

A. Recycling is mandatory in the City of Victorville per Victorville Municipal Code Chapters 6.36 and 6.37. Recyclable materials must be kept separate from trash and cannot be discarded in trash. **Designated recyclable materials includes paper, cardboard, tin and aluminum cans, foil, glass bottles and jars, and plastic containers (bottles, jars, tubs, and trays). These items must be placed in the blue recycling cart.** It is a violation of the municipal code to place designated recyclable materials in the trash container.

Q. When will I get a third cart to recycle organics?

A. A new residential organics program is expected to start in Victorville in mid-2023. Residents will receive a third GREEN cart to be used for garden trimmings and food scraps.

Q. Some people on my street have black and blue carts, but others have black and green carts. Why is this?

A. The City previously used green carts for trash. For the past 10 years, the City's contractor Victorville Disposal has been gradually replacing the old green trash carts with black trash carts. When new customers start service, or when an old green trash cart breaks, then the customer receives a replacement trash cart that is black. Blue carts are for recycling and will continue to be for recyclables.

Q. The new label on the trash cart says I can't put batteries or hazardous materials in the trash. What should I do with them?

A. You can dispose of batteries and other hazardous materials for FREE at the City of Victorville Household Hazardous Waste Collection Center on Loves Lane, off of Desert Knoll Drive, behind the County Fairgrounds. The HHW Center is open WED & SUN from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Q. Is there any place I can recycle my garden trimmings now?

A. Yes. The City of Victorville has a free garden trimming drop-off program for City residents. Residents can drop off up to 1 ton of garden trimmings from their own home at the Victor Valley Compost Facility, 17888 E. Abbey Lane, Victorville. Hours are M-F, from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Residents must bring a photo ID as well as a current utility bill that includes their name and their City service address.

Q. Where can I get more information about trash, recycling, bulky item collection, household hazardous waste, and cleanup programs?

A. Go to www.VictorvilleCA.gov/DumpltRightVV (Note: the last two letters are "V" and "V" as in Victorville. It's not a "W" !) or call City of Victorville Environmental Programs at 760-955-8615 or City of Victorville Customer Service at 760-955-5001.