



Food Waste Recycling is Coming

Continuing on the road to zero waste, Harrison Industries is gearing up to add food waste recycling to our commercial and residential collection services. Working together with all of our partner cities, we are gathering the resources we will need to take this vital next step in the recycling process, for the betterment of us all.

Beginning with a residential pilot program in the near future and the continuing expansion of our commercial food waste programs, food waste collection is expected to go into full effect in the next two years; it will include all our commercial and residential customers, who will be asked to separate out food material for collection and recycling.

Details of the collection process are still being worked out, said Harrison Engineering Manager Mike Harrison. "We're looking at our options to meet the requirements of SB 1383," he said.

Deadlines Loom

Recycling food material isn't just practical; it's the law. Specifically, California's Assembly bills 1826 and 827 and Senate Bill 1383 all address the recycling of organic materials (i.e. green/yard material and food material).

SB 1383 is of particular note. Signed into law in 2016, the bill takes recycling to the next level, adding food material into the organics equation that presently

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Additional State Laws Govern Commercial Recycling Practices

With its sweeping, ambitious goals in food waste recycling, California's Senate Bill 1383 has garnered a lot of attention, but it's not the only state law currently governing food waste and other organic material recycling.

Notably, California Assembly bills 1826 and 827 are affecting businesses statewide, with their respective calls to include increasingly small businesses in organics recycling programs and to mandate food recycling receptacles in all food-serving establishments.

Here are the basic facts of these bills:

◆ **AB 1826** requires businesses in California to work toward recycling all of their organic materials (i.e. yard waste and food

waste). The purpose of this bill is to divert organic material from the landfill, where it breaks down and emits methane, a potent greenhouse gas that traps heat in the atmosphere, contributing to climate change. As of Sept. 15, 2020, AB 1826 requires businesses that generate as little as two cubic yards of solid waste per week to take action to recycle their organic materials.

◆ **AB 827** requires all businesses in the state that are involved in food waste recycling programs to have food waste

Assembly Bill
1826

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Thanks to Our Dedicated Employees ...

"Yesterday, the driver of the Harrison recycling truck slowed down as he passed my driveway and waved with a huge smile on his face, saying, 'Merry Christmas!' After he picked up and emptied the blue bin, he again said, 'Merry Christmas!' to me and my next-door neighbor, again with a huge smile.

"Just wanted to pass on how heartwarming this was. ... He brought such joy, badly needed in today's times. My neighbor recently lost her prized Corgi and I was down in the dumps knowing I couldn't see my husband during the holidays (he has Alzheimer's and is in a long-term care facility).

"Thank you for employing such a fine person, who greatly lifted our spirits! A small gesture, but VERY much appreciated!"

Always and especially now, in these trying times, we at Harrison are extremely fortunate to have truly exceptional people working with us and representing us in the communities we serve – as this kind note from a customer in Camarillo reminded us when we received it over the holidays.

In the process of serving our customers and keeping them happy, we make sure our employees also are happy, healthy and safe. Throughout the pandemic, all COVID-19 protocols for protecting and testing our drivers, office workers and shop workers have been in play. From providing hand sanitizers and masks to workplace distancing and COVID testing when warranted, we see their health and safety as our top priority.

"It's our job to make sure that, when they come to work, all of our employees are safe from harm," said Harrison General Manager Lynn Harrison. "We follow

THANK YOU

every state and local COVID protocol to the letter. It's a terrible situation that, out of an abundance of caution and care for our workers, we take very seriously."

We provide what we can, but what we can't give our employees is something they already have: an incredible work ethic.

The dedicated men and women of Harrison Industries are on the front lines of this pandemic and they never complain; they simply show up and do the job that has to be done – just as they have always done. We are extremely grateful for their conscientiousness and their dedication to their essential work of helping to keep our communities clean. Harrison would not be the successful company we are without our employees' ongoing, essential support; that's a fact we have known well, since long before COVID-19.

In the hustle of these crazy times, we may sometimes forget to say, "Thank you," but we are thankful every day.

Additional State Laws

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recycling bins available to customers and/or employees. As of July 1, 2020, businesses that are subject to the state's mandatory organics recycling requirements and that provide products for immediate customer consumption (e.g. restaurants and convenience stores) are required to comply.

For questions on ways your business can comply most efficiently with state regulations, contact your city sustainability department, usually within the public works department.

For questions about trash and recycling collection, contact Harrison's Donald Sealund at 805-647-1414, ext. 4318, or donalds@ejharrison.com.

Assembly Bill

827

BUSINESSES

HELP US KEEP GREEN
WASTE, A NATURAL
RESOURCE, OUT OF
THE LANDFILL.

RECYCLE YOUR
GREEN WASTE



Roll-Off Bins Are Available to Local Businesses

Harrison Industries offers roll-off service and bins for businesses with big jobs that require large solid-waste disposal. That includes construction sites, special events, remodeling, clean-up projects, disaster scenes, industrial plants, office complexes, recycle projects, demolition and agriculture.

Roll-off containers can be rented on a temporary basis and are available in a range of sizes – with 3, 10, 25 and 40 cubic yards of space – to fit your needs.

◆ **3-yard bins** are approximately 6 feet 9 inches by 3 feet 6 inches and are 4 feet 3 inches tall, with a maximum weight capacity of 700 pounds. They are ideal for home, garage and yard cleanup. They come with plastic lids and wheels.

◆ **10-yard bins** are approximately 16 feet by 8 feet by 2 feet. They are used for the removal of concrete, dirt, asphalt, sod and other heavy materials.

◆ **25-yard bins** and **40-yard bins** – approximately 22 by 8 by 4 feet and 22 by 8 by 6 feet, respectively – are intended for construction sites, roofing projects, land clearing, demolition, weed abatement, and residential furniture and appliances.

The 10-, 25- and 40-yard bins all have a 10-ton capacity.

Service is fast, reliable and economical. For more information and rates, call 805-647-1414.

Ojai Offers Free Monthly HHW Disposal Service

The city of Ojai, in conjunction with the Ventura County Pollution Prevention Center, regularly offers the community free household hazardous waste disposal events.

HHW Collection Days take place on the fourth Saturday of every month except November and December. Appointments are required, by calling 805-658-4323.

HHW items include batteries (automotive and household), compressed gas/propane tanks (under five gallons), cosmetics (nail polishes, removers, etc.), fire extinguishers, light bulbs, non-narcotic drugs, paints, pesticides and fertilizers, pool supplies, used oil filters, and used or contaminated motor oil and gasoline.

Local residents and small-business owners are encouraged to take advantage of this free service and avoid the fire risks and other dangers associated with stockpiling hazardous waste.



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includes green material (e.g. yard waste). SB 1383 is a cornerstone in the state effort to reduce by 75% the total amount of landfilled organics by 2025.

As it is with our 35-year-old dry recycling program – which began in 1985 as one of the first citywide collection programs in the state – the bottom line of all efforts is to reduce the amount of materials going into our landfills.

To meet the food waste recycling mandates, industry leaders and jurisdictions in California must invest in infrastructure. Locally, Harrison is working collaboratively with our partner cities and the County of Ventura in cooperation with our partner companies Agromin and Gold Coast Recycling.

This association has been vital in our combined efforts to expand existing facilities and develop new locations that will be needed to recycle all the food material.

Through our shared work, we are making progress in building and permitting two key local facilities:

◆ **MOUNTAIN VIEW** in Oxnard is now permitted. The equipment has been ordered and onsite improvements are underway. This facility will handle source-separated food material commercially; the timeline is in place for it to be ready by late 2021.

◆ Ten years in the making, the **AGROMIN LIMONEIRA** compost facility in the Santa Clara Valley is finally nearing completion of the entitlement phase. Agromin is working with Ventura County toward the expansion of its current operation to include a fully permitted commercial compost facility that also will handle commercial and residential food waste. When completed, this facility will have the ability to use organics to create renewable energy, providing a great benefit to Ventura County.

Meeting our food material recycling goals is truly the realization of a dream, but it inevitably will mean rate adjustments.

“As we continue to work toward getting these facilities operational, we will keep our partner communities and customers updated on our needs and our progress,” Mike Harrison said.

HARRISON COMMERCIAL CUSTOMERS

RECYCLING & YARD WASTE GUIDELINES

YES

Cereal, Cracker & Shoe Boxes

Glass Containers

All Hard Plastics

Cartons

Cardboard

Magazines

Paper/
Junk Mail

Aluminum &
Metal Cans
Newspaper



Recycling

NO

Plastic Bags

Film Plastic or
Shrink Wrap

Diapers

Styrofoam

Waxed Cardboard

Medical
Sharps

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MEDICAL SHARPS RECYCLING

You can bring your used needles and lancets (sharps) to Ojai Valley Community Hospital for proper and convenient disposal. Call 805-640-2279 for more information.



YES

Yard Trimmings

Plants &
Flowers

Leaves

Grass

Small
Branches

Scrap Lumber
(NO TWV)



Yard Waste

NO

Trash

Dirt or Rocks

Treated Wood
Waste (TWV)

Manure

Garden Hoses

Film Plastic or
Shrink Wrap

Styrofoam

Plastic or
Glass Bottles

Aluminum &
Metal Cans

Flower Pots
Plastic Bags

WHAT GOES IN THE TRASH?

Hopefully, very little. After you have recycled, composted, filled the yard waste bin, donated old clothing and goods, and done all of those good things – most of the rest can go in the trash.



STOP



NO HAZARDOUS WASTE!!

These items are **NOT** accepted for Trash or Recycling.

- ◆ Hazardous Waste
- ◆ TVs/Computer Monitors
- ◆ Fluorescent Light Tubes
- ◆ Oil or Paints
- ◆ Closed Containers
- ◆ Medical Needles
- ◆ Tires
- ◆ Batteries



For information on how to dispose of these items, please call **Ojai: 805-658-4323**

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