



## IMPORTANT NOTICE: Refuse Service Changes Needed

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Dear Valued Business Owner/Commercial Property Owner

You are receiving this letter because your business or multi-family apartment complex has been identified as needing a recycling and/or organics program. This criteria is established and mandated by the State of California. The purpose of these laws are to divert commercial solid waste from landfills and expand recycling opportunities in California and reduce greenhouse gas emissions.

**Assembly Bill 341** mandates that all businesses and multi-family complexes are required to participate in a commercial recycling program.

**Assembly Bill 1826 & SB 1383** both mandate the recycling of commercial organic waste. This means that all businesses and multi-family complexes must have an organics recycling program. Organic waste is defined as: food waste, green waste, landscape, and pruning waste, nonhazardous wood waste, and food-soiled paper waste that is mixed in with food waste.

Our recent review of refuse accounts indicates that your business or multi-family complex does not currently have these programs implemented. The City of Ojai is respectfully requesting you contact E.J. Harrison within the next 30 days and establish a service that meets your needs. They can assist you with determining options available for refuse, recycling and organics collection services needed to meet current State requirements. The City of Ojai is required to monitor all CalRecycle programs to ensure these requirements are satisfied.

If you believe your business may qualify for an exemption from these requirements, or would like to do a waste assessment to see what services you really need, contact your hauler for assistance. If you have any questions regarding this letter, please contact the City's Public Works at (805) 646-5581 x200 or e-mail: [nina.unzueta@ojai.ca.gov](mailto:nina.unzueta@ojai.ca.gov). We look forward to working together to keep the city in compliance with State's solid waste mandates, and thank you for your attention.

Sincerely,

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