



TRASH FLASH

WINTER 2021



RECYCLING NEWS FOR OJAI RESIDENTS



Happy Holidays to All

As we look back on a challenging year, with an ongoing pandemic and a global string of environmental disasters rooted in climate change, we at Harrison remain hopeful for the future.

This holiday season, heading into a new year and our remarkable 90th year in service to our great partner communities, we have a lot to look forward to – including a whole new era in recycling: When California Senate Bill 1383 takes effect on Jan. 1, it will introduce a statewide residential food waste recycling mandate, providing a huge boost for us in our goals to divert organic waste from the landfill. (See story at right.)

With change on the way, this holiday season we take special comfort and pride in our dedicated employees, who show up every day to provide our essential services and to help us do our part to make this world a better place. We are extremely grateful also for the hard work of our community business partners, Gold Coast Recycling and Agromin, who always help us hit our marks.

As we prepare to celebrate our 90th anniversary, we most notably want to thank you, our customers, for never failing to work with us to make all our lives better. It's because of you that we have remained in business for 90 years in the community.

Our message for the 2021 holiday season, for 2022 and forever: **DON'T STOP RECYCLING**. And in this new year, let's **RECYCLE EVEN BETTER!**

We hope you all celebrate this season with your loved ones and with hearty good cheer. And we would like to send special thanks and Christmas wishes, as always but especially now, to our first responders, medical professionals, military personnel and other essential workers, for continuing to keep us safe.



Myron, Jim & Ralph Harrison

Visit the NEW Harrison Website, ejharrison.com

We are pleased to introduce our new and improved website at ejharrison.com.

Fully restructured and updated, the new site, which launched this summer, adds a number of new features, including improved secure bill pay; comprehensive information on trash, recycling and other services and guidelines; interactive communication; and regularly updated news.

Visit our new site and let us know what you think.

Food Waste Recycling is Coming!

Ventura County and E.J. Harrison & Sons will begin to roll out a residential food waste recycling program on Jan. 1, 2022, in compliance with California Senate Bill 1383, which takes effect that day.



SB 1383 requires communities to reduce organic waste disposal, including food waste, by 75%, by 2025.

Existing yard waste carts will be used to collect bagged food waste. Your collection day will not change.

Important: Please do not place food waste directly into the yard waste cart, as this will contaminate the yard waste. **All food waste should be bagged.** Please use your own plastic bag, and be sure to tie it. A clear bag is preferred (though not required). Reusing what you have is best, but bags are available at local retailers and online sales outlets.

To minimize the number of food waste bags you use, gather food waste throughout the week in a single bag or a lined pail in the kitchen or in a container outside. (For information on pail availability in Ojai, call Nina Unzueta at 805-646-5581, ext. 200 or nina.unzueta@ojai.ca.gov.) Securely tie the bag and place it in your yard waste cart for weekly pickup.

Below is a list of what goes into the cart directly, what must be bagged before being put into the cart, and what NOT to put into the yard waste cart.

Acceptable "Organic Waste" Items - In Yard Waste Cart (loose)

- Grass
- Leaves
- Plants, flowers
- Small branches
- Scrap lumber (no treated wood waste)
- Yard trimmings
- All other yard waste
- Bagged food waste

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Help After the Holidays

For Two Weeks After Christmas, You Can Double Your Trash

E.J. Harrison & Sons will pick up twice the usual amount of residential customers' trash, at no extra cost, for the two weeks after Christmas. **From Monday, Dec. 27, through Saturday, Jan. 8**, you can place extra trash in bags alongside your trash cart.

We'll also collect extra recyclables. Be sure to flatten all boxes and place them alongside your blue recycling cart.

Recycle Your Christmas Tree

We're once again providing Christmas tree disposal to our residential customers and giving Mother Earth the gift of returning your trees to her.

For two weeks after the holiday - **from Dec. 27 through Jan. 8** - simply remove ornaments, hooks, lights, tinsel, bows, nails and tree stand; cut the tree into 4-foot sections; and place them in your yard waste cart for regular pickup. Flocked trees are accepted.

We appreciate your help, and thanks as well to your local cities for taking part in this program and to our strategic partners at Agromin, who process the trees into vital mulch for farmlands, orchards and nurseries as well as home gardens.



When You Fill Up Your Carts and Put Them at the Curb for Pickup ... PLEASE GET IT RIGHT

An urgent appeal to all Harrison customers: In choosing which cart to use, please make sure it's: recyclables ONLY in the blue cart; yard waste - and, starting in two weeks, food waste! - in the tan cart*; and trash ONLY in the green cart*.

We're now picking up all three carts weekly, giving you more room to recycle all that you can; we hope you're taking full advantage of that. Trash cart contents go unsorted to the landfill, so any recyclable items that end up in there will needlessly take up space, and organic waste will emit harmful methane gas that's contributing to climate change.

With strict new state mandates taking effect on Jan. 1 - when food waste recycling will be added to the organics mix - your cooperation is vital. Thank you for working with us toward a better future.

* In the coming years, based on statewide color coding laws, tan yard waste carts will change to green; and green trash carts will change to black.

Food Waste Recycling is Coming!

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In Food Waste Bag (Bagged & Tied)

- Meat, poultry, seafood (bones and shells)
- Fruits, vegetables
- Pasta, rice, bread, grains
- Eggs, dairy
- Coffee grounds
- All other food waste

Unacceptable Items

- Trash
- Styrofoam, straws
- Recyclables (plastic, glass, metal)
- Food-soiled paper
- Oil, grease
- Chemicals, cleaning supplies
- Pet waste
- Dirt and rocks

If you do not currently have a yard waste cart, or if you have any additional questions, please call 805-647-1414. Thank you for supporting your new food waste recycling program!

2022 Holiday Schedule

THERE WILL BE A ONE-DAY DELAY IN SERVICE FOR THE FOLLOWING COLLECTION DAYS:

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| Memorial Day | Monday, May 30 |
| <i>(Delay for all Monday through Friday customers)</i> | |
| Independence Day | Monday, July 4 |
| <i>(Delay for all Monday through Friday customers)</i> | |
| Labor Day | Monday, Sept. 5 |
| <i>(Delay for all Monday through Friday customers)</i> | |
| Thanksgiving | Thursday, Nov. 24 |
| <i>(Delay for all Thursday and Friday customers)</i> | |

THERE WILL BE NO CHANGES IN COLLECTION SERVICE FOR THE FOLLOWING HOLIDAYS:

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| New Year's Day | Saturday, Jan. 1 |
| MLK Day | Monday, Jan. 17 |
| Presidents Day | Monday, Feb. 21 |
| Veterans Day | Friday, Nov. 11 |
| Christmas | Sunday, Dec. 25 |



Dreaming of a Green Christmas

For the planet, let's make it our greenest holidays yet. It's been estimated that Americans generate an extra million tons of waste in December. Anything we do to conserve helps and is a gift to our communities and our planet. Here are six tips to do your part:

- 1. First, give back:** Take an hour or two to go through your clothes and other items you no longer use, and donate them to your favorite local charity. In giving these gifts, you not only free up your own space but help your community and the Earth.
- 2. Shop close to home:** As you give back locally, also shop locally at neighborhood antique stores, thrift shops and other secondhand outlets, for great deals on thoughtful, unique gifts that support your community and reduce your footprint in the process!
- 3. Think small:** Gift certificates may seem impersonal, but they can be the best gifts, saving resources while being a good fit. Your grandma may not love the sweater, but she'll for sure use a gift certificate!
- 4. Give of yourself:** Are you skilled at a certain art, craft, activity ...? Whatever gift you have, what a wonderful gift to give! If you play guitar, offer free lessons to a friend. If you paint, give a drawing. If you bake, make a personalized cake. Whatever you do with it, your time can be an invaluable gift.
- 5. Give the gift of giving:** For loved ones with favorite charities, make donations in their names.
- 6. Go sustainable:** Avoid plastics and other non-organic materials, in the gifts you give and the wrap you use. For gifts, think natural; trees, flowers and low-water plants make awesome gifts that give back to the Earth. For gift wrap, ditch the metallic bags and glossy paper; newsprint, grocery bags, butcher paper and spare fabric can become perfectly personalized gift wraps.

This holiday season, let's all do something to give so the world receives.

Pro Tip: Conserve Water as You Recycle

Is it necessary for you to rinse out your empty jars and other food containers before you toss them in the recycling cart?

The answer is **NO**. It is a widely held misconception that residential recyclables must be pristine clean. **Not true.** With their advanced processing systems, E.J. Harrison & Sons and partner Gold Coast Recycling ask only that you empty containers of excess food.

"The simple rule is, 'empty but not rinsed,'" said Gold Coast General Manager George Harrison. "We're in a long-standing drought and rinsing your recyclables is a waste of water; everything is processed the same either way. So please don't waste your water on a duplicated effort." For more recycling tips and other valuable information, visit ejharrison.com and goldcoastrecycling.com.

We're Hiring

If you'd like to work in Ventura County for a reliable company that's been around since 1932; if you like independence and a sense of accomplishment on the job; and if you're a person who cares about others, about community, about sustainability and the environment ... we hope you'll consider a career with us at E.J. Harrison & Sons.



Harrison currently is hiring drivers, diesel mechanics and welders; check our careers page at ejharrison.com, to keep up on new positions as they become available.

We are a diverse company, but everyone on the Harrison team shares a gratitude for our jobs and a full understanding of how important our work is: It is nothing less than saving the planet, by fighting climate change. In addition to constantly improving our recycling programs, we are proud to be operating a fleet of carbon-free trucks and working for an award-winning Climate Registered company that's recognized annually for its environmental stewardship.

We offer a competitive salary, excellent work conditions and benefits including a comprehensive package for your families' medical, dental, vision and life insurance needs, 401(k) plans, and opportunities for advancement.

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RECYCLING, YARD WASTE/ORGANICS AND TRASH GUIDELINES

Recycling Guidelines

Keep your recyclables clean and loose!
Clean = NO contamination; Loose = DO NOT put in plastic bags



YES

Containers empty/not rinsed.



Newspapers or Magazines



Plastics 1-7



Glass Containers



Cardboard Food, Shoe Boxes, etc.



Paper/Junk Mail



Aluminum or Metal



Flattened Cardboard



Cartons



NO



NO Plastic Bags



NO Hoses



NO Styrofoam or Straws



NO Shredded Paper



NO Medical Needles or Sharps



NO Diapers



NO Film Plastic or Shrink Wrap



NO Food-soiled Paper

Trash Guidelines - What goes in the Trash?

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



YES



Pet Waste



Diapers



Plastic Bags



Old Clothing or Rags



Wrappers



Styrofoam



Old Shoes



Hoses



NO



NO Batteries



NO Fluorescent Tubes or Light Bulbs



NO Paint



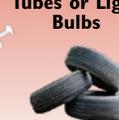
NO Electronics or Appliances



NO Hazardous Waste



NO Medical Needles or Sharps



NO Tires



NO Motor Oil or Cooking Oil

For information on how to dispose of items not accepted in the trash, please call the County of Ventura Hotline at 805-658-4323.

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Yard/Organic Waste Guidelines

Keep green waste a natural resource and out of the landfill.



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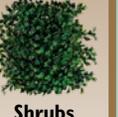
Loose in cart.



Flowers



Small Branches



Shrubs



Plants



Scrap Lumber - NO Treated Wood Waste (TWW)



Yard Trimmings



Grass



Leaves



Bagged Food Waste



Pasta, Rice Bread & Grains



Leftovers



Coffee Grounds



Meat, Poultry, Seafood (Bones & Shells)



NO



NO Plastic



NO Dirt or Rocks



NO Flower Pots



NO Pet Waste or Manure



NO Styrofoam



NO Diapers



NO Twist Ties, Produce Stickers or Rubber Bands



NO Treated Wood Waste (TWW)



NO Film Plastic or Shrink Wrap



NO Glass or Metal



NO Trash



NO Hoses



NO Oil or Grease



RECYCLE USED OIL

Call 1-800-CLEANUP for more certified used oil recycling locations. Funded by a grant from the California Integrated Waste Management Board.

EXTRA TRASH? Rent a roll-off or 3-yard bin. For information and rates, call 805-647-1414 or 1-800-41 TRASH

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