



# TRASH FLASH

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RECYCLING NEWS FOR CARPINTERIA BUSINESSES & MULTI-FAMILY COMPLEXES

## Commercial Food Waste Recycling is Here

Harrison Industries has entered a new era in recycling. This year, working with our partner cities and our partners at Agromin and Gold Coast Recycling, we have launched a robust commercial organics/food waste recycling program that involves every business we serve.

“All of our commercial customers must now recycle all of their organic waste including food waste,” said Harrison General Manager Donnie Harrison. “Unless they have a waiver\* (see end of story for details), they must be doing this.”

The intensive effort is for a vital cause: the Earth. By recycling commercial organic waste including food waste – into compost, animal feed and other natural products – we are diverting materials from the landfill, where they’d release methane gases that destroy our environment.

So far, our commercial food waste recycling efforts have gone well, said Harrison spokeswoman Nan Drake. “We are off to a great start,” Drake said, “but there is much, much more to do. Cooperation is the key and making sure everyone understands that this is not a voluntary program but a mandate by law.”

### SB 1383

Recycling food waste and other organics isn’t just practical; it’s the law. Specifically, California’s Senate Bill 1383 adds food material into the organics equation that also includes green waste



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## At Worker Bee Café: ‘We Like to Know We’re Putting Things Back’

Worker Bee Café in Carpinteria has taken part in Harrison’s commercial food waste recycling program for a remarkable seven years.

“We were ahead of the curve, for sure,” said Rick Mancilla, who with his son has owned the Worker Bee, at 973 Linden Ave., for the past decade.

The restaurant fills its 64-gallon food waste recycling container twice a week, Mancilla said. “The program is great,” he said. “We like to know we’re putting things back.”

For the Mancillas, who also own a ranch in the Ojai Valley for retired horses, life revolves around sustainability.

“We compost for our vegetable garden at the ranch, and at the café, we teach our employees to think differently about where they put our kitchen food scraps,” Mancilla said. “It’s a new paradigm; we all have to be disciplined and learn to think differently. Once that happens, you get used to it, everyone does.”



## Got ABOP?

Most cities provide free disposal of so-called “ABOP” products – antifreeze, batteries, oil and used oil filters, and paints.

**In Carpinteria**, ABOP is accepted from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. the second and fourth Saturdays of every month (except November and December, when it's just the second Saturday), at City Hall, 5775 Carpinteria Ave.

Note that modifications are in place to accommodate COVID-19 rules: You must remain in your vehicle, and you must wear a mask. Material must be in an unlocked trunk. Staff will not open vehicle doors or enter vehicle cabins.

In addition to ABOP, the city also accepts small household electronics (limit of three), mercury-based thermostats, compact light bulbs and fluorescent light tubes.

For more information, call 805-880-3415.

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(e.g. landscaping and agricultural materials).

Signed into law in 2016, SB 1383 is a cornerstone in California's effort to reduce by 75% of 2014 levels the total amount of landfilled organics, by 2025. The law took effect on Jan. 1, requiring jurisdictions to inspect businesses that generate food and other organic waste, to assure they are recycling everything possible.

Harrison is working with our partner communities to get our commercial customers in the organics recycling program. Our contracts/compliance field supervisor, Donald Sealund, and his team are in the field calling on all business owners to help them understand the law and either set them up in the program or assist with waivers.

“This is going to take everyone's cooperation,” Sealund said. “It's a big one, but it is absolutely necessary.”

### New Local Recycling Facilities

To meet the new sustainability needs, industry leaders and jurisdictions statewide have had to invest in recycling infrastructure. Locally, our community partners at Agromin have worked with us and Gold Coast Recycling, as well as our partner cities and the County of Ventura, to bring two key facilities online:

◆ **MOUNTAIN VIEW** in Oxnard is now

## Important Notice to All Harrison Customers:

**PAPER BAGS ARE NOW OK TO USE WHEN RECYCLING FOOD WASTE**

for our residential food waste recycling program.

Put all residential food waste in either tied plastic bags or carefully folded paper bags, and place the bags in your yard waste carts.



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permitted. The equipment has been ordered and onsite improvements are underway. This facility will handle source-separated food material commercially; the timeline is set for it to be ready later this year.

◆ A decade in the works, **AGROMIN'S LIMONEIRA** compost facility in Santa Clara Valley is now a fully permitted commercial operation that can take food waste. The state-of-the-art facility received final Ventura County approval on Feb. 8. Expanding on a small existing operation, Limoneira now includes a fully permitted commercial compost facility that can handle commercial and residential food waste. This remarkable place has the ability to use organics to create renewable energy, providing a great benefit to Ventura County.

**\*EVERY BUSINESS OWNER CUSTOMER OF E.J. HARRISON & SONS MUST TAKE PART IN THE RECYCLING PROGRAM. IF YOU HAVEN'T SIGNED UP, CONTACT US IMMEDIATELY** to determine your individual requirements and waivers. Email Harrison Contract Compliance Field Supervisor Donald Sealund at [donalds@ejharrison.com](mailto:donalds@ejharrison.com) or Contract Compliance Manager Daniel Harrison at [danielh@ejharrison.com](mailto:danielh@ejharrison.com).

**For additional information about food waste recycling and the state legislation that mandates it, visit [ejharrison.com/food-waste/](http://ejharrison.com/food-waste/).**

# Thankful and Proud to Celebrate Our 90<sup>th</sup>

As we wish our commercial customers a happy and prosperous 2022 and thank you for your ongoing efforts in sustainability, we also would like to thank you for helping to make us what we are today: a strong and healthy company with a long history. As we commemorate our 90<sup>th</sup> year in business, we know that our customers are our base and our good service to you is the core of our longevity. Your support is greatly appreciated.



new challenges, with a sweeping local food waste recycling program that affects every business and resident we serve. Our community partners at Agromin – working with Harrison and Gold Coast Recycling, as well as our partner cities and counties and the state of California – are creating a Sustainable Ventura County, with the opening of two local state-of-the-art composting and recycling facilities to help launch us all into a future where our food waste and other organics help nourish the Earth and combat climate

change. These robust new operations will allow us to create environmental products including fuel, animal feed, organic fertilizers and rich compost used by farmers across the state.

Founded in Ventura in 1932 by our parents, E.J. and Myra Harrison, our company – still family-owned – has never wavered from their strong tenets: Work hard, support your workers and give back to the community. At the heart of it all, since our beginning as a one-truck operation, we have understood that service is key, and that we must excel at what we do. We know that we must not only comply with new laws but exceed them. As an industry leader, we owe it to our customers, to our employees and to our family legacy to surpass the challenges of today and of the future. We never have settled for the easy route, and we never will.

That fact could not be clearer than it is this year, as we usher in a new environmental era and face

At Harrison, we are extremely proud of our deep roots in the community, which have grounded us as we look forward with resolve, to a historical 90<sup>th</sup> year and a new age in the stewardship of our beautiful planet.

Thank you for helping us commemorate our 90<sup>th</sup> year in business. And happy 2022 to all of you! We look forward to working together toward a cleaner and greener tomorrow.

*Ralph, Jim and Myron Harrison*

## Carpinteria Continues Enforcement Restricting Single-Use Plastics

The City of Carpinteria will continue its regulation of single-use plastics by local businesses, as noted by Carpinteria's Environmental Program Manager Erin Maker.

Regulations originally took effect in Carpinteria on Jan. 1, 2020. Enforcement of these laws was reintroduced last fall as the COVID-19 pandemic was easing in California. Moving into 2022, Carpinteria Municipal Code section 8.50 ("Regulating Expanded Polystyrene and Single-use Plastic Products") will remain in full effect.

These regulations require food service companies – supermarkets, restaurants, caterers



and other food vendors – to provide condiment packs and single-use utensils only upon request and to use no single-use straws and no expanded polystyrene foam products (e.g. Styrofoam) for packaging or distributing food in the city.

Individuals dining out can practice a green lifestyle by using their own reusable utensils and straws.

The regulations on plastics are intended to reduce Carpinteria's footprint on the environment and landfills, Maker explained.

**For more information:** Contact Erin Maker at 805-880-3415 or [erinm@ci.carpinteria.ca.us](mailto:erinm@ci.carpinteria.ca.us).

# HARRISON COMMERCIAL & MULTI-FAMILY COMPLEX CUSTOMERS

## Recycling Guidelines

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



### YES



### NO



## 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



### NO



For information on how to dispose of items not accepted in the trash, please call: Carpinteria 805-880-3415.

### ORGANICS RECYCLING

Commercial customers who generate food or other organic waste are required to recycle it. To set up a program for your business or multifamily complex, contact Donald Sealund at donalds@ejharrison.com or 805-647-1414, ext. 4318.



### CITY OF CARPINTERIA

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## Yard Waste Guidelines

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



### YES



### NO



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

### ABOP RECYCLING CENTER

Recycle at Carpinteria City Hall - keep items separated

- ◆ Antifreeze\*
- ◆ Oil\*
- ◆ Mercury Based Thermostats
- ◆ Compact Fluorescent Bulbs/Fluorescent Light Tubes
- ◆ Batteries
- ◆ Paint\*
- ◆ E-Waste - 3 items only (TVs, Computers, etc.)

No Refrigerators, Stoves, Washers or Dryers. \*5 gallon maximum  
**OPEN 2ND & 4TH SATURDAYS, 9 A.M. - 1 P.M.**  
Used oil self-service drop-off also open during the week.

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