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RECYCLING NEWS FOR OJAI 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 Jim & Rob’s Fresh Grill: ‘We All Believe in This 100%’

Jim & Rob’s Fresh Grill in Ojai just signed on this year to Harrison’s commercial food waste recycling program, but the restaurant staff has quickly adjusted to it.

“Everyone here gets it; we’re all on board,” said Rob Tucker, owner of the local eatery, which has been in business in Ojai for 26 years, the past 15 years at 214 W. Ojai Ave.

“Everyone on our staff knows to recycle all their food scraps,” Tucker said. “We all believe in this 100%.”

It has proved a bit trickier to engage customers in the practice of food waste recycling, Tucker said. “We have food waste containers, labeled, in three different places around the restaurant,” he said, “but a lot of people just still dump it all in the trash.”

Working together, Harrison, our customers and our partner jurisdictions are focusing on public education. “This is all just beginning, and we know it will get better,” Tucker said.

Ojai Hosts Waste Drop-Off Program

The Ojai Valley Annual Community Cleanup Event will take place this year on Saturday, March 26. Running from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Nordhoff High School, 1401 Maricopa Highway, the drive-thru event is free to residents and includes assistance with vehicle unloading.

Accepted house/garage items include appliances (excluding refrigerators and microwaves), gym equipment, indoor and outdoor furniture, mattresses, unusable toys, baby items and clothing. Home repair debris such as fencing, tile, concrete, metal and wood will be accepted, as well as yard waste.

Household hazardous waste and electronics collection will not be accepted at the event; however, it is available in Ventura, at the Ventura County Pollution Prevention Center at 5777 N. Ventura Ave.

For a complete list of accepted items, visit vcpublishworks.org/wsd/iwmd/cleanupevents.



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.

Questions?

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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

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 or Contract Compliance Manager Daniel Harrison at danielh@ejharrison.com.

For additional information about food waste recycling and the state legislation that mandates it, visit ejharrison.com/food-waste/.

Thankful and Proud to Celebrate Our 90th

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 90th 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

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.

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.

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 90th year and a new age in the stewardship of our beautiful planet.

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

Thank you for helping us commemorate our 90th 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

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 ideal for home, garage and garden cleanup.
- ◆ 10-yard bins are for concrete, dirt, asphalt and sod removal. They also are good for removing other heavy material.
- ◆ 25-yard bins are for larger concrete, dirt, asphalt and sod removal projects.
- ◆ 40-yard bins are ideal for construction sites, roofing projects, land clearing, weed abatement and demolition. They also are good to remove large furniture and appliances.

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



3-yard bin



10-yard bin



25-yard bin



40-yard bin

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

Containers empty/not rinsed.



Cardboard
Food, Shoe
Boxes, etc.



Paper/Junk
Mail



Newspapers
or Magazines



Aluminum
or Metal



Plastics 1-7



Flattened
Cardboard



Glass
Containers



Cartons



NO



NO Shredded
Paper



NO Medical
Needles or Sharps



NO Plastic
Bags



NO Diapers



NO Hoses



NO Styrofoam
or Straws



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



Old Clothing
or Rags



Wrappers



Pet Waste



Styrofoam



Diapers



Old Shoes



Plastic Bags



Hoses



NO



NO Electronics
or Appliances



NO Hazardous
Waste



NO Batteries



NO Medical
Needles or Sharps



NO Fluorescent
Tubes or Light
Bulbs



NO Tires



NO Paint



NO Motor Oil
or Cooking Oil

For information on how to dispose of items not accepted in the trash, please call: Ojai 805-658-4323.

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Yard Waste Guidelines

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



YES



Plants



Scrap Lumber –
NO Treated Wood
Waste (TWW)



Flowers



Yard Trimmings



Small
Branches



Grass



Shrubs



Leaves



NO



NO Plastic



NO Diapers



NO Dirt or Rocks



NO Twist Ties,
Produce Stickers
or Rubber Bands



NO Flower Pots



NO Treated Wood
Waste (TWW)



NO Hoses



NO Pet Waste
or Manure



NO Film
Plastic or Shrink
Wrap



NO Styrofoam



NO Glass
or Metal



NO Trash



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

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.



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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