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RECYCLING NEWS FOR VENTURA 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 (e.g. landscaping and



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At Brophy Bros.: ‘We Recycle Every Bit of Food Waste’

Brophy Bros. Clam Bar and Restaurant in Ventura Harbor Village is a beacon of sustainability that has recycled its food waste since long before it was mandatory.

“We’ve been doing it at least since I got here, in 2015,” said Tyler Carlisle, operations manager at the popular harborside restaurant, at 1559 Spinnaker Drive.

Harrison has offered food waste recycling services to restaurants and other food-producing businesses for many years, but few have used it as effectively as Brophy Bros.

“We recycle every bit of food waste, which is unique in my experience, and I’ve worked in several restaurants,” Carlisle said. “In most places, the bussers scrape the plates at the tables, before they go to the back, and all that food is lost. Here, we send the dishes with all the food on them to the back and they get separated by the dishwashers, who recycle it all. This is just standard here – as it should be everywhere.”

Ventura Businesses Can Go Green, Receive \$500 Rebate

If you're a business owner in Ventura who's looking to increase visibility, save money and help the Earth as you do it, the city of Ventura's Green Business Program can help.



This free program helps local businesses reduce their environmental impact, cut costs and reach new customers through free promotional opportunities. Plus, businesses can receive a \$500 rebate for upgrades or products that reduce their environmental impact.

Considering the rebate, increased visibility and consumer interest in supporting green businesses, this is a good time to become a City of Ventura Certified Green Business.

To learn more, email Program Director Lars Davenport at LDavenport@cityofventura.ca.gov or visit GreenBusinessCA.org.

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?

Visit ejharrison.com.

Food Waste Recycling is Here

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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.

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

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.

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

Electronic, Hazardous Waste Disposal Available in Ventura

The City of Ventura invites local business owners and residents to safely dispose of their electronic and hazardous waste.

Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) disposal is available for city residents during free monthly HHW collection events, held the third Saturday of every month except December, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., at Gold Coast Recycling, 5275 Colt St., Ventura.

Appointments are required; visit www.cityofventura.ca.gov/hhw or call 805-652-4525. Local business owners interested in participating are required to call 805-652-4525 to schedule



hazardous waste disposal as it is not taken during residential drop-off times.

Electronic waste disposal also is available at Gold Coast, from 7 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. daily except Sunday. The disposal of e-waste – basically any item with a circuit board – is free for Ventura residents (with valid IDs). Local businesses can drop off their e-waste, as well, but

fees may apply.

For more information, call Gold Coast at 805-642-9236. For a list of household hazardous waste, visit ejharrison.com.

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



Plastics 1-7



Glass Containers



Flattened Cardboard



Cartons

NO



NO Shredded Paper



NO Medical Needles or Sharps



NO Plastic Bags



NO Diapers



NO Hoses



NO Film Plastic or Shrink Wrap



NO Styrofoam or Straws



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

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 Glass or Metal



NO Styrofoam



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.



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

www.ejharrison.com



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www.goldcoastrecycling.com

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www.agromin.com



For information on how to dispose of items not accepted in the trash, please call: The City of Ventura Environmental Sustainability Division at 805-652-4525.

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