



# TRASH FLASH

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RECYCLING NEWS FOR VENTURA RESIDENTS



Interim yard/organic waste cart color shown here.

## Everything You Need to Know About Food Waste Recycling

**H**arrison Industries would like to thank its residential customers for contributing to this year's successful launch of residential food waste recycling. The program began Jan. 3 to divert food waste from landfills and thereby reduce greenhouse gas emissions that contribute to climate change.

The effort has continued to evolve, thanks in part to your feedback. Harrison and its partners at Gold Coast Recycling and Agromin are now accepting food waste placed in folded-shut paper bags, in response to customers' initial concerns about the use of plastic bags only, and because of the early success of the food waste staying contained on its journey from yard waste cart to recycling facility.

Agromin and Limoneira also have received final approval to expand their organic waste recycling facility in the Santa Clara Valley to process food waste. The compost facility near Santa Paula is now a fully permitted commercial operation that can handle commercial and residential food waste.

All residents are now required by law to recycle their food waste, and we've made participation as simple as possible. If you do not have a yard waste cart, or have questions about Harrison's food waste program, visit our website at [ejharrison.com/food-waste](http://ejharrison.com/food-waste). Meanwhile, here are answers to some common questions:

### What laws require food waste recycling?

California Senate Bill 1383, signed into law in

## Waste Carts Coming in New Colors

If you're seeing trash carts in town that are black instead of the usual green and wondering what's up, credit California Senate Bill 1383.

The comprehensive law that calls for food waste recycling also mandates a statewide uniform color system for all residential waste carts. Understanding that the changes, if required immediately, would lead to a huge number of unusable carts, the law wisely gives trash haulers until 2036 for full implementation.

Harrison has developed an orderly delivery plan that begins with new developments and then will start with consolidated neighborhoods. You will be notified about delivery of new carts and receive full instructions explaining exactly what to do with each one.

Based on the SB 1383 rules:

- ◆ New **black** carts will replace the green ones most customers now use for trash.
- ◆ New **green** carts will replace the tan ones now used for yard and food waste.
- ◆ The **blue** recycle carts will remain blue.

The new generation of 32-, 64- and 96-gallon carts are slightly shorter than the ones they are replacing, but they are wider and heavier, which should make them more stable during strong winds.



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# Use Your Food Waste Pail

**E**.J. Harrison & Sons and the city of Ventura have provided more than 28,000 collection pails so far to help Ventura residents participate in our new food waste recycling program.



City staff began distributing the complimentary food waste pails in December to all single-family residences with a yard waste cart. Now, a second wave of pail distribution has started — to apartments, condominiums, and homeowner associations with shared waste collection services, according to Brandon Kaysen, the city's supervisor of environmental sustainability.

The complimentary pails come with instructions in English and Spanish on how to participate. Residents should line their pails with plastic or paper bags. When full, plastic bags should be tied up and paper bags tightly folded, then placed into tan yard waste carts for weekly curbside pickup by Harrison. The pails are for in-home collection only and should not be placed directly at the curb.

Harrison's food waste recycling program, which began Jan. 3 and is required by state law, is designed to reduce greenhouse gas emissions from organic materials in landfills. It's one of the best ways to lower our environmental footprint, Kaysen points out.

Anyone who has not received a pail yet can email the city's Environmental Sustainability Division at [sustainability@cityofventura.ca.gov](mailto:sustainability@cityofventura.ca.gov).

## We Have Dumpsters, Bins for Your Summer Projects

If you're planning a big remodeling job this summer or even just a household cleanup, Harrison Industries can supply large roll-off dumpsters and bins for all residential and commercial needs.

Roll-off containers can be rented on a temporary basis and are available in a variety of sizes. That includes remodeling and other construction, special events, cleanups, disaster scenes, industrial sites, office complexes, recycle projects, demolition and agriculture.

We offer:

- ◆ 3-yard bins have a maximum weight capacity of 700 pounds. They are ideal for home, garage and yard cleanups.

- ◆ 10-yard bins can be used for removing concrete, dirt, asphalt, sod and other heavy materials.

- ◆ 25-yard and 40-yard bins, are intended for construction sites, roofing projects, land clearing, demolition, weed abatement, and residential furniture and appliances. The 10-, 25- and 40-yard bins all have a 10-ton weight capacity.

Service is fast, reliable and economical. For more information and rates, call 805-647-1414 or fill out a service request form at [ejharrison.com/request-services](http://ejharrison.com/request-services).

## Food Waste Recycling

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2016, added food materials to the list of landscaping, agricultural and other green waste that should be recycled, effective Jan. 1, 2022. The goal is to cut by 75 percent the amount of organic waste ending up in landfills by 2025 (with the 2014 amount as the baseline), thereby reducing methane gas emissions from landfills.

### What is food waste?

Food waste includes meat, bones, poultry, seafood, shells, peels, dairy, eggs, pasta, grains, coffee grounds, fruits, vegetables and other inedible and edible parts of cooked and uncooked food.

### How do I separate my food waste?

You can collect your food waste in a paper or plastic bag or a small container lined with a bag. The best option is to reuse bags you already have, such as bread, produce and other grocery bags. When the bag is full, just secure it and put it in your tan yard waste cart.

### Can I place my food waste directly in my yard waste container without bagging it?

No. All food waste must be bagged. Plastic bags should be tied off, and paper bags should be tightly

folded up, before being placed in your yard waste container. Food waste placed directly into the cart will contaminate the yard trimmings used to make compost and other products.

### Can I place my food waste pail or bags directly at the curb for pickup?

No. The sealed bags must be placed in your yard waste cart. The program was designed based on lower cost of service and reduced environmental footprint. Adding a fourth cart dedicated to food waste would require a fourth truck route and additional drivers, meaning higher costs and additional truck emissions.

### What if I have food waste but no other yard waste?

You can still put your food waste bags into your yard waste cart and take it to the curb. And remember that we are now picking up all three carts – yard, recycling and trash – every week.

### What happens to the food waste after it's collected?

The bags of food waste are separated out at the Gold Coast Recycling and Transfer Station in Ventura and sent to Agromin for processing into organic fertilizer, animal food, compost or renewable energy.



## Skip the Rinse When Recycling

Despite some late-season rain, January and February were historically dry in California, leading us to an apparent third year of drought. Water conservation has become a necessity here, and one way you can help is to not waste water rinsing out your recyclables before putting them in your blue cart.

It is not necessary for you to rinse empty jars and other food containers before tossing them into your recycling cart. With advanced processing systems, E.J. Harrison & Sons and partner Gold Coast Recycling ask only that you empty containers of food. The rule is: "Empty but not rinsed."

And while you're at it, be sure to empty that food into a plastic or paper bag and then put those bags into your tan yard waste cart. It's part of our new food waste recycling program that began Jan. 3.

Do not, however, put your blue-cart recyclables into bags. They should be loose when tossed into your blue cart.

Materials that should be recycled include plastics 1-7, aluminum or metal, glass containers, paper and junk mail, newspapers and magazines, cartons, flattened cardboard, and cardboard food or shoe boxes.

Items not accepted include plastic bags and wrap, hoses, diapers, shredded paper and Styrofoam. For more recycling information, visit [ejharrison.com](http://ejharrison.com) and [goldcoastrecycling.com](http://goldcoastrecycling.com).



## Harrison is Hiring Drivers, Welders, Mechanics

E.J. Harrison & Sons is in growth mode and currently looking to hire drivers, mechanics and welders.

If you want to work in Ventura County for an established, family-owned, community-oriented employer that cares about the environment, you should consider joining our team.

Founded 90 years ago, Harrison is an equal opportunity employer committed to workforce diversity, environmental stewardship and support for our local community. Based in Ventura, with a vehicle operations facility in Saticoy, Harrison provides full-service trash and recycling collection and processing throughout Ventura County and in Carpinteria.

We share a deep pride knowing we are driving carbon-free trucks to mitigate climate change, sponsoring many community events and organizations like the Boys and Girls Club and St. Patrick's Day parade, and providing an employee-focused operation where workers routinely spend their entire careers with us.

We offer competitive salaries, excellent work conditions, opportunities for professional development and advancement, and comprehensive benefits for medical, dental, vision and life insurance needs.

All qualified applicants will receive consideration for employment without regard to race, color, religion, gender, sexual orientation or expression, national origin, age, disability, protected veteran status, genetic information, or any other characteristic protected by applicable law.

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### 2022 Holiday Schedule

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

Independence Day	Monday, July 4
(Delay for all Monday through Friday customers)	
Labor Day	Monday, Sept. 5
(Delay for all Monday through Friday customers)	
Thanksgiving	Thursday, Nov. 24
(Delay for all Thursday and Friday customers)	

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

Veterans Day	Friday, Nov. 11
Christmas	Sunday, Dec. 25

# 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



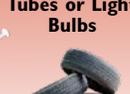
NO Electronics or Appliances



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 City of Ventura at 805-652-4525.

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## Yard/Organic Waste Guidelines

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



### YES

Loose in cart.



Scrap Lumber - NO Treated Wood Waste (TWW)



Plants



Flowers



Small Branches



Shrubs



Yard Trimmings



Grass



Leaves



Bagged Food Waste



Pasta, Rice Bread & Grains



Coffee Grounds



Meat, Poultry, Seafood (Bones & Shells)



Fruits & Vegetables



Eggs & Dairy



Leftovers



### 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



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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