



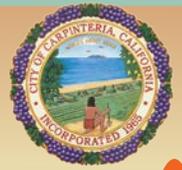
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# TRASH FLASH

FALL 2022

RECYCLING NEWS FOR CARPINTERIA BUSINESSES & MULTIFAMILY COMPLEXES



## Commercial Food Waste Recycling Picks Up Steam

Harrison Industries gives a big “thank you” to all of its restaurant and other commercial customers for their role in the success of food waste recycling this year. The state of California began in January to require the diversion of food waste from landfills and thereby reduce methane emissions that contribute to global warming.

Harrison began a pilot program years ago, so we already had much data and experience when the mandate started. The effort has continued to evolve and grow this year, thanks to your participation and help from our partner cities and counties, Agromin and Gold Coast Recycling. We continue to be a statewide leader on developing the programs and infrastructure needed to implement this ambitious project.

“We cannot thank our commercial customers enough for all the hard work they’ve put in so far,” Harrison spokeswoman Nan Drake said. “We must slow down what is happening to our climate, and it starts with all of our businesses and citizens simply keeping the organics out of landfills so methane is not created there and released.”

Commercial customers must now recycle all of their organic waste, including food waste, unless they have a waiver. Our contract compliance field supervisor, Donald Sealund, and his team have been contacting business owners to help them understand the new rules

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## Methane a Potent Greenhouse Gas

Food waste recycling is now the law in our state, but climate change should be reason enough for Californians to make sure their egg shells, chicken bones and other organic waste don’t end up in a landfill.

Anaerobic decomposition of organic waste in landfills creates methane, a greenhouse gas that is 84 times more potent than carbon dioxide when it comes to global warming, according to the California Department of Resources Recycling and Recovery, or CalRecycle. In fact, landfills are responsible for the majority of man-made methane emissions in California, CalRecycle says. Organic waste in landfills also produces air pollutants such as particulate matter, which can contribute to asthma and other health conditions.

State officials say compostable organic materials represent about a third of all the waste that ends up in our landfills. About 18 percent of all landfill waste is food.

Reducing “super pollutants” like organic waste is the quickest way to fight climate change, officials say. If we’re diverting food waste at the level hoped for by 2030, it would annually prevent 14 million metric tons of emissions over that waste’s lifetime of decomposition — the equivalent of taking

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# Food Waste Recycling is a Harrison Success Story

**H**arrison Industries, celebrating its 90<sup>th</sup> anniversary this year, has invested more than \$100 million in infrastructure to provide a range of trash collection and recycling services for its 90,000 customers in Ventura and Santa Barbara counties. Now, we're working with our partner cities and counties and using our comprehensive local network to ensure success of food waste recycling and other elements of the state's landmark climate change law SB 1383.

Harrison's commercial and residential organics/food waste recycling program involves every business we serve. We've been calling on business owners to help them understand the law and either set up a recycling program or assist with waivers.

**E.J. Harrison & Sons** is now collecting commercial and residential food waste at curbsides and businesses. From there, commercial food waste goes to the **Simi Valley Landfill & Recycling Center**, where our partner **Agromin** begins processing it into compost, mulch, fertilizer and other soil products. Residential



food waste goes to our partner **Gold Coast Recycling & Transfer Station** in Ventura, where it is sorted out and then sent to Agromin.

At the Simi Valley Landfill, Agromin also processes yard clippings, wood and construction debris. Agromin also accepts yard clippings, but not food waste, at its **Organics Recycling Compost Facility** on Arnold Road in Oxnard and at the **Calabasas Landfill**.

Two new facilities also are in the works, to accept and process food waste directly from Harrison. **Agromin-Limoneira's** compost facility near Santa Paula received county permits this year to expand to handle commercial and residential food waste. The **Agromin-Mountain View** facility in Oxnard processes green waste and is undergoing improvements to handle source-separated food material commercially later this year.

For more information on food waste recycling and SB 1383, visit [ejharrison.com/food-waste](http://ejharrison.com/food-waste).

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and either set up a recycling program or obtain a waiver.

Signed into law in 2016, California Senate Bill 1383 added food materials to the list of landscaping, agricultural and other green waste that should be recycled by commercial and residential customers, 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.

Another law, Assembly Bill 1826, requires businesses that generate as little as 2 cubic yards of solid waste a week to take action to recycle their organic materials. Those involved in food waste recycling programs must have bins available to customers and/or employees.

The SB 1383 rules apply to all businesses, organizations, nonprofits and multifamily properties with more than five units. Businesses must either have a recycling and organics curbside collection service or take recyclables and organic waste to a recycling or composting facility themselves.

All businesses must provide organic and recycling bins next to each trash bin for their employees, contractors, tenants and customers, except in areas that do not generate any recycling or organic waste. Waste bins must be clearly labeled to show which materials go where. And they must be inspected quarterly for cross-contamination.

A business can get a waiver from its city if it generates a minimal amount of paper, cardboard and organic waste or doesn't have adequate space for recycling and organic waste bins.

Every business owner customer of E.J. Harrison & Sons must participate in the recycling program. If you haven't signed up, contact us immediately to determine your individual requirements and waiver eligibility. 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 more information about food waste recycling and the state legislation that mandates it, visit [ejharrison.com/food-waste](http://ejharrison.com/food-waste).



## Agromin in the Spotlight

The incredible work being done by Agromin is no secret at Harrison Industries, and now the word about our Oxnard-based partner is being spread across the world by numerous publications.

Agromin, one of California's largest organic waste recyclers, was featured in the May 10 online issue of BioCycle, a worldwide authority on organics recycling since 1960.

Written by Nora Goldstein, the in-depth article tells the whole story of Agromin – from its early days trimming trees for utility companies to its current efforts to meet the demands created by new state rules on recycling food and other organic waste.

“Agromin is poised to increase its organic waste processing capacity considerably in 2022 to help cities, counties and other jurisdictions throughout California meet the organic waste mandates,” Agromin CEO Bill Camarillo tells BioCycle. Agromin last year composted more than 1 million tons of organics, now manages 21 processing and composting facilities throughout the state, and has three more in the works, the BioCycle story says.

You can read the article at [biocycle.net/california-composter-poised-to-process-more-organics](https://biocycle.net/california-composter-poised-to-process-more-organics).

In the May/June issue of the Recycling Product News trade magazine, Camarillo is featured in a Q&A headlined, “How Agromin is combating climate change through soil health.”

“The more we can create healthy soils and put organic carbon back into the soil through compost, we can start to consume more carbon out of the atmosphere through plants and trees, and then store it back in the soil like Mother Nature meant for it to be,” Camarillo tells the magazine.

To read this story, visit [recyclingproductnews.com/article/38700/qanda-how-agromin-is-combating-climate-change-through-soil-health](https://recyclingproductnews.com/article/38700/qanda-how-agromin-is-combating-climate-change-through-soil-health).

## Harrison Earns New Contract in Carpinteria

The Carpinteria City Council has approved a new Solid Waste Handling Services Franchise Agreement with E.J. Harrison & Sons, Inc.



The new 15-year contract, with the option for two five-year extensions, was approved May 23 and took effect July 1. Renegotiation of the old contract, set to expire Dec. 31, was spurred by state Senate Bill 1383, which requires food waste recycling and other measures to combat climate change.

Existing programs, including community cleanups, continue under the new contract. New or expanded programs include free bulky item pickups for multifamily residences, collection of commercial and residential organic waste, and SB 1383 compliance monitoring.

“The new contract allows the city of Carpinteria the comfort of knowing they will be in compliance with SB 1383,” said Daniel Harrison, the company's contract compliance manager. “The contract negotiations went well because it was the ultimate team effort. We trust each other and have open communication. We are excited to service the city of Carpinteria for the next 25 years.”

Harrison, which has served Carpinteria since 1993, earned praise from council members on May 23. “It's great to see you guys again, and thank you for being part of Carpinteria,” Vice Mayor Al Clark told Harrison representatives. “We really appreciate your services.”

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3 million vehicles off the road for a year, Scientific American reported.

To cut methane emissions, California Senate Bill 1383 aims to reduce disposal of organic waste by 75 percent by 2025. But our planet cannot wait that long — we all must be doing our part now.

# HARRISON COMMERCIAL & MULTIFAMILY COMPLEX CUSTOMERS

## Recycling Guidelines

Keep your recyclables clean and loose!

Clean = NO contamination; Loose = DO NOT put in plastic bags, except shredded paper



### 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



Bagged Shredded Paper



### NO



NO Plastic Bags



NO Hoses



NO Styrofoam or Straws



NO Medical Needles or Sharps



NO Food-soiled Paper



NO Film Plastic or Shrink Wrap



NO Diapers

## 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: 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



Flowers



Small Branches



Shrubs



Plants



Scrap Lumber – NO Treated Wood Waste (TWW)



Yard Trimmings



Grass



Leaves



### NO



NO Flower Pots



NO Pet Waste or Manure



NO Styrofoam



NO Plastic



NO Dirt or Rocks



NO Treated Wood Waste (TWW)



NO Film Plastic or Shrink Wrap



NO Glass or Metal



NO Diapers



NO Twist Ties, Produce Stickers or Rubber Bands



NO Hoses



NO Trash



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### 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  
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