



Happy Holidays to All

This past year has been a special time for us at Harrison Industries. We celebrated our 90th year in business, were honored by the Pacific Coast Business Times as the Family-Owned Company of the Year, and launched an important food recycling program.

But above all, we realized more than ever that the key to our success has been you, our customers. You have adapted and excelled in our changing world of recycling and waste disposal, and we can't thank you enough for working with us to make our community and planet a better place to live.

This holiday season, we also owe great thanks to our dedicated employees, who work hard every day to provide our essential services. We are proud to be a family-focused company where many employees spend their entire careers with us. And we give special thanks and holiday wishes to our first responders, medical professionals, military personnel and other essential workers, for continuing to keep us safe.

We also are grateful for the hard work of our community business partners, Gold Coast Recycling and Agromin, and of our partner cities and counties, especially as they helped make food recycling one of our 2022 success stories. Yet much work remains as we meet the challenges of our industry, such as the state's landmark climate change law SB 1383, which mandates food recycling.

Our message for this holiday season and the new year remains **"RECYCLE EVEN BETTER!"** Harrison is grateful that so many of you are now recycling your food waste. If you haven't started yet, make it your New Year's resolution. It's the perfect holiday gift for our planet.

From our family and employees, we wish you all a very happy holiday season and a wonderful New Year!

Myron, Jim & Ralph Harrison

Double Trash Weeks

This year, we will again pick up twice the usual amount of residential customers' trash, at no extra cost, for the two weeks after Christmas. From Monday, Dec. 26, through Saturday, Jan. 7, you can on your pickup day place bags of extra trash alongside your waste cart at the curb.

Please make sure to put the extra trash in bags. You can also put out extra recyclables next to your blue cart, but please be sure to flatten all boxes.



Clean Your Plate and Save the Planet

We know you probably have a lot on your plate during the holidays. We just want to remind you that when it comes to your holiday meals, any food left on the plate should be recycled, not thrown in the trash.

Food waste recycling is not only good for our environment, it's now the law in California. State Senate Bill 1383 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% the amount of organic waste ending up in landfills by 2025 (with the 2014 amount as the baseline). 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.

Harrison Industries and its partners at **Gold Coast Recycling** and **Agromin** have made participation in this important effort as simple as possible. Just collect your food waste in plastic or paper bags, secure them tightly and put them in your curbside yard waste/organics cart. Even if you only have food waste bags and no other yard waste, you can still put them 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.

All edible and inedible cooked and uncooked food items can be recycled, including:

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How to Recycle Your Christmas Tree

We're again providing Christmas tree disposal for our residential customers this year, and we encourage you to participate in this important recycling effort.

For two weeks after Christmas – from Dec. 26 through Jan. 7 – simply remove ornaments, hooks, lights, tinsel, bows, nails, stands and other items you put on the tree. Then just cut the tree into 4-foot sections and put them in your yard/organics waste cart on your regular pickup day. Flocked trees are accepted.



The trees will be processed into mulch by our partner Agromin. These products benefit our farmlands, orchards, nurseries, landscape projects and home gardens, so recycling your tree truly is a holiday gift to Mother Earth.

We appreciate your help, and thanks also to Agromin and our local municipalities for participating in this program.

Recycle Without the Rinse

Water conservation has become a necessity here, and one way you can help is to not waste water rinsing out empty cans, jars and other food containers before recycling them.

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."

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 boxes.

Items not accepted include plastic bags and wrap, hoses, shredded paper and Styrofoam. For more recycling information, visit ejharrison.com and goldcoastrecycling.com.

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- ◆ Poultry, seafood, beef and other meats.
- ◆ Bones, shells, skins and peels.
- ◆ Dairy, eggs and coffee grounds.
- ◆ Grains, fruits and vegetables.

Just remember to **securely bag your food waste**. This prevents contamination of yard trimmings used to make compost and other products.

If you do not have a yard waste cart, or have questions about Harrison's food waste program, visit ejharrison.com/food-waste.



Choose the Right Cart

When taking the trash out during these holidays and the rest of the year, please be sure to choose the correct cart for disposal.

- ◆ The **blue** cart is for dry recyclables, including paper and cardboard.
- ◆ Yard and food waste go in the **tan** cart.*
- ◆ All other trash goes in the **green** cart.*

We're now picking up all three carts weekly, giving you more room to recycle all you can. We hope you're taking full advantage of that. Trash cart contents go unsorted to the landfill, so any recyclable items put in those will needlessly take up space. Food or organic waste put in trash carts instead of yard waste carts emits harmful methane gas when it decomposes at a landfill, a major contributor to climate change.

Remember to put your food waste in plastic or paper bags and secure them tightly before tossing them into your yard waste cart. Thank you for working with us toward a better future and cleaner planet.

* In the coming years, based on statewide color coding laws, tan yard waste carts will change to green; and green trash carts will change to black.

2022-23 Holiday Schedule

Because Christmas Day and New Year's Day fall on a Sunday this year, there will be **NO** changes in collection service during those upcoming holiday weeks.

There will be a one-day delay in service for the following **collection days in 2023**:

Memorial Day	Monday, May 29 <i>(Delay for all Monday through Friday customers)</i>
Independence Day	Tuesday, July 4 <i>(Delay for all Tuesday through Friday customers)</i>
Labor Day	Monday, Sept. 4 <i>(Delay for all Monday through Friday customers)</i>
Thanksgiving	Thursday, Nov. 23 <i>(Delay for all Thursday and Friday customers)</i>
Christmas	Monday, Dec. 25 <i>(Delay for all Monday through Friday customers)</i>

There will be **NO** changes in collection service for the following holidays:

MLK Day	Monday, Jan. 16
Presidents Day	Monday, Feb. 20
Veterans Day	Saturday, Nov. 11



'Tis the Season to Think Green

Did you know that according to some estimates, Americans throw away at least 25% more trash than usual from Thanksgiving to New Year's? And that a big chunk of that is uneaten turkey, gravy and all the other "fixings," along with all the extra packaging we churn through during the holidays?

For the first time, when Californians clean up after their holiday meals this season, they'll be required by law to recycle their food waste, so the less waste you create in the first place, the better. The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency offers these tips on how to reduce your holiday food waste:

- ◆ Create and stick to shopping lists.
- ◆ First use items you already have in the refrigerator and pantry.
- ◆ Plan an "eat the leftovers" night.
- ◆ Freeze extra food such as side dishes or meat.
- ◆ Consider safely sharing extra food with family and friends, using reusable containers.
- ◆ Donate unopened, nonperishable food items to a local food bank or charity.

And what about all that other holiday waste? The EPA says if you host a party, consider using cloth napkins and reusable dishes, glasses and silverware. And save all those party hats, decorations and favors for next year. Also, make sure your guests know how and where to recycle their waste.

Finally, here are some EPA tips on green gift-giving:

- ◆ When shopping, always bring your reusable cloth bags, and buy items with minimal packaging and/or packaging made with recycled content.
- ◆ Use recycled or reused wrapping paper.
- ◆ Consider gifts that don't need much packaging or wrapping, like concert tickets or gift certificates.
- ◆ Send recycled-content or electronic greeting cards, and recycle any cards you get.
- ◆ Give homemade cookies or other goodies in reusable containers.



Methane a Potent Greenhouse Gas

Food waste recycling is now the law in our state, but climate change should be reason enough for all of us to make sure our 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 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% by 2025. But our planet cannot wait that long. 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.

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, except shredded paper



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 805-388-5392.

SHARPS WASTE

Camarillo residents can bring their used needles and lancets (sharps) to the Household Hazardous Waste Disposal events on the second consecutive Friday and Saturday of each month. Appointments are required. Call 805-987-0717.

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Yard/Organic Waste Guidelines

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



YES



NO



CAMARILLO HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE PROGRAM

Drop-off events take place the second consecutive Friday and Saturday of every month, **by appointment only**. For an appointment, call 805-987-0717 or online at cityofcamarillo.org/trashandrecycling (Hazardous Waste).

ACCEPTED ITEMS: Antifreeze, solvents, pesticides, household cleaners, pool & garden chemicals, household & car batteries, needles & lancets (in approved containers), fluorescent light tubes, cathode ray tubes (CRTs), compressed gas cylinders, fire extinguishers, oil based & latex paint, mercury-containing devices, motor oil & filters, and expired medication (no controlled substances). **The legal transport limit for household hazardous waste is 15 gallons or 125 pounds.**

ITEMS NOT ACCEPTED: Explosives, ammunition, fireworks, tires, radioactive waste, infectious waste and smoke alarms.

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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