



TRASH FLASH

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RECYCLING NEWS FOR OJAI RESIDENTS



Happy Holidays to All

It's been another special year for us at Harrison Industries. After celebrating our 90th business anniversary in 2022, this year we secured a new contract for residential trash collection in an expanded area of unincorporated Ventura County and were named Community Leaders of the Year by the Community Memorial Healthcare Foundation.

Our business partner Agromin was named Large Business of the Year by the West Ventura County Business Alliance. And together with Agromin, Gold Coast Recycling and our partner cities and counties, we continued to work on expanding our food waste recycling programs and facilities.

Above all, we know the key to our success has been you, our customers. You have adapted and excelled in meeting the ever-changing demands of recycling and waste disposal, and we thank you for working with us to improve our community and planet.

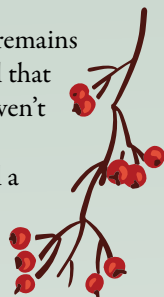
We also owe great thanks this holiday season to our dedicated employees, who work hard every day to provide our essential services. We are proud to be a longtime, local, family-focused company where many employees spend their entire careers. And we give special thanks and holiday wishes to our first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

We also greatly appreciate the hard work of Gold Coast Recycling, Agromin, cities and counties as we meet the challenges of our industry, such as the state's landmark climate change law SB 1383, which mandates food waste recycling.

Our message for the holidays and the new year remains "RECYCLE EVEN BETTER!" Harrison is grateful that many of you are recycling your food waste. If you haven't started yet, make it your New Year's resolution.

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

Ralph, Jim & Myron Harrison



Double Trash Weeks Ahead

This year, we will again pick up twice the usual amount of residential customers' trash, at no extra cost, during the two weeks after Christmas. From Tuesday, Dec. 26, through Saturday, Jan. 6, 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.



Recycling Food Waste Is Our Future

Climate change is here and we at Harrison are battling it. We are asking our residential customers to help out by recycling all of your food waste.

Four simple things to know:

- ◆ One-third of all food in this country goes uneaten.
- ◆ Until recently, virtually all food waste went to the landfill.
- ◆ Landfilled food waste emits methane gas that causes global warming.
- ◆ Food waste **IS NOW FULLY RECYCLABLE** (in the organic waste cart).

With countless tons of organic material decomposing in landfills, the state of California began in 2022 to require the diversion of food waste from landfills.

In response, Harrison and Agromin created two local, world-class organic waste recycling facilities and, with our partners at Gold Coast Recycling, added a food recycling program for all residential customers. And we have made participation as easy as possible.

Just collect your food waste in plastic or paper bags, secure them tightly and put them in your curbside organic (yard and food) waste cart. Even if you only have food waste bags and no yard waste, you can still put them in your organic waste cart and take it to the curb. Remember that we pick up all three carts – organics, recycling and trash – every week.

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



Deposits Coming for Wine, Liquor Bottles

Next year will bring a major change to the recycling of wine and liquor bottles and containers in California.

Beginning Jan. 1, 2024, wine and distilled spirits will be added to the California Redemption Value (CRV) program. The change was authorized by state Senate Bill 1013 and signed by Gov. Gavin Newsom in 2022.

Under SB 1013, the consumer deposit for wine (including alcohol-removed brands) and distilled spirits will be 5 cents for aluminum, glass, plastic or bimetal containers under 24 ounces; 10 cents for containers 24 ounces and larger (a typical wine bottle); and 25 cents for all boxes, bladders or pouches.

Although these containers will have deposit and redemption value starting Jan. 1, SB 1013 gives manufacturers until July 1, 2025, to label them as such.

The CRV cash incentive has led to the recycling of more than 300 billion aluminum, glass and plastic beverage containers since the program began in 1987, according to the California Department of Resources Recycling and Recovery (CalRecycle). Most beverages in aluminum, glass, plastic and bimetal containers are eligible for CRV. Milk and infant formula are among the biggest exceptions.

Our business partners at the Gold Coast Recycling & Transfer Station pay top prices for CRV aluminum cans, CRV plastics, CRV bimetal and CRV glass. The Gold Coast Buy-Back Center at 5275 Colt St. in Ventura is open from 7 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Mondays through Saturdays. Recyclables must be separated into categories of plastic, aluminum and glass. For more information, call 805-642-9236 or visit goldcoastrecycling.com. To learn more about the state CRV program, go to Calrecycle.ca.gov/bevcontainer.

Bulky Items Picked Up for Free

E.J. Harrison & Sons offers Ojai residents two bulky item pickups every calendar year, at no extra charge.

Commonly accepted items include mattresses, broken or old furniture, old bathroom and kitchen fixtures, washing machines and dryers, dishwashers, water heaters and other household appliances.

To schedule a bulky item pickup, complete the service request form at ejharrison.com/request-services or call E.J. Harrison at 800-41-TRASH.



Please Use Correct Carts

When you're disposing of your trash, please be sure that the right waste is going in the right place.

This is vital. When you throw your recyclable waste into the trash cart – or vice versa – you GREATLY slow down our complex sorting process and increase the chance of recyclables not being recycled. And recycling everything possible is our main objective always.

Remember:

- ◆ Dry recyclables go in the **blue** cart.
- ◆ Yard waste and bagged food waste go in the **green** (or **tan**, until new green cart is delivered) organics cart.
- ◆ All other trash goes in the **black** cart (or **green**, until new black cart is delivered).

For a complete list of what goes where, see the back page of this and every Trash Flash.

2023-24 Holiday Schedule

Because the upcoming Christmas Day and New Year's Day holidays fall on a Monday, there will be a **one-day delay** in service those weeks.

These other **2024 holidays** will also delay your usual Monday trash collection by one day:

Memorial Day	Monday, May 27
Labor Day	Monday, Sept. 2

These **2024 holidays** will **NOT** delay trash collection:

Martin Luther King Jr. Day	Monday, Jan. 15
Presidents Day	Monday, Feb. 19
Juneteenth	Wednesday, June 19
Independence Day	Thursday, July 4
Indigenous Peoples Day	Monday, Oct. 14
Veterans Day	Monday, Nov. 11
Thanksgiving	Thursday, Nov. 28
Christmas	Wednesday, Dec. 25

PAY BILLS ONLINE



PAY YOUR BILLS ONLINE WITH A CREDIT CARD OR E-CHECK. IT'S EASY. GO TO WWW.EJHARRISON.COM AND CHECK OUT YOUR PAYMENT OPTIONS.



'Green' Up Your Holidays

With parties, gift giving, large meals and other events in full swing during the holidays, Americans throw away at least 25 percent more trash than usual from Thanksgiving to New Year's Day, according to some estimates.

Fortunately, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency has some tips on how to reduce holiday waste:

- ◆ For parties, consider using cloth napkins and reusable dishes, glasses and silverware. Save your party hats, decorations and favors and reuse them next year. Also, make sure your guests know how and where to recycle their food and other waste.

- ◆ When shopping, always bring reusable cloth bags, and buy items with minimal packaging and/or packaging made with recycled content.

- ◆ Use recycled or reused paper for wrapping gifts and save the wrapping you receive for reuse.

- ◆ 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 receive.

- ◆ Give homemade cookies or other goodies as gifts, using reusable containers.

For more waste-saving ideas, visit epa.gov/recycle/reducing-waste-what-you-can-do.

Recycle Your Christmas Tree

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

During the two weeks after Christmas – from Dec. 26 through Jan. 6 – simply remove everything, including ornaments, tinsel and other items you put on the tree. Then cut the tree into 4-foot sections and put them in your organics/yard waste cart. Or, place the whole Christmas tree at the curb on collection day. (Flocked trees are accepted.)

The trees will be processed into mulch by our partner Agromin, which benefits our farmlands, orchards, nurseries and home gardens. 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.



How to Reduce Food Waste During the Holidays

When food waste is tossed in the trash and ends up at a landfill, it decomposes and creates methane, a potent greenhouse gas contributing to climate change. But if it's separated out and recycled, it becomes compost, animal feed and other organic products.



Food waste recycling is now the law in California, and you've worked hard to make Harrison Industries' program a success. Now, in this season of holiday meals and leftovers, it's important to remember that the best way to keep food waste out of our landfills is to create less of it in the first place.

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency offers lots of tips on how to reduce holiday food waste, including:

- ◆ 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.

Beyond the holidays, the EPA offers many other ideas on preventing food waste, such as:

- ◆ Buy food from bulk bins to get the exact quantity you need, rather than a packaged, predetermined amount. Remember that buying food in large quantities may not save you money if it spoils before you can use it all.

- ◆ Properly store fruits and vegetables for maximum freshness and lifespan. Veggies that can wilt, such as lettuce and broccoli, belong in the high-humidity drawer of your fridge. Most fruits, and veggies that can rot, like mushrooms and peppers, should go in your low-humidity drawer.

- ◆ Consider using the edible parts of food you normally throw away. Use stale bread to make croutons, sauté beet greens for a delicious side dish, or make soup stock with your vegetable scraps, for example.

Want more ideas? Check out epa.gov/recycle/preventing-wasted-food-home#ways.

GUIDELINES

Recycling

Keep it 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



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

Organics

Yard waste is loose in cart.



YES



Scrap Lumber - NO Treated Wood Waste (TWW)



Plants



Flowers



Small Branches



Shrubs



Yard Trimmings



Grass



Leaves

Food waste is bagged and sealed securely in cart.



Fruits & Vegetables



Pasta, Rice Bread & Grains



Leftovers



Coffee Grounds



Meat, Poultry, Seafood (Bones & Shells)



NO



NO Plastic



NO Dirt or Rocks



NO Flower Pots



NO Pet Waste



NO Styrofoam



NO Diapers



NO Twist Ties, Produce Stickers or Rubber Bands



NO Treated Wood Waste (TWW)



NO Film Plastic or Shrink Wrap



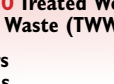
NO Glass or Metal



NO Trash



NO Twist Ties, Produce Stickers or Rubber Bands



NO Hoses



NO Oil or Grease



RECYCLE USED OIL

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

www.ejharrison.com



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www.goldcoastrecycling.com



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For information on how to dispose of items not accepted in the trash, please call the County of Ventura Hotline at 805-658-4323.

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