



## Happy Holidays to All

Another year has passed and we at Harrison Industries want to take this opportunity to once again thank you for allowing us to be such an important part of our community. This year, our 92nd in business, the Ventura Chamber honored Harrison for 50 years as a chamber member. That honor is a symbol of our commitment to all the communities we serve and to all our customers.

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've worked hard to make these important changes easier on you and you have responded. Together we are making a difference!

And along with Agromin, Gold Coast Recycling and our partner cities and counties, we continued to work on expanding our food waste recycling programs and facilities. With their help and yours, we are meeting the challenges of our industry, such as the state's landmark climate change law, Senate Bill 1383, which mandates food waste recycling.

Much of this success would have been impossible without our brother and longtime Harrison President Ralph Harrison. Ralph passed away on Jan. 29 at the age of 89. We've always been a forward-looking company and most of Harrison Industries' innovations are due to Ralph's ingenuity. He was also a valued member of the community through his work with many business and charity organizations. This will be our first holiday season without him and we miss him every day. But the legacy he built as business leader, philanthropist and active member of the community will continue to inspire us as we move forward without him.

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.

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 2025!

*Jim & Myron Harrison*



## Food Waste Recycling Makes a Difference

Wondering what kind of difference food waste recycling can make? This year's Ventura County Fair offers a vivid example.

E.J. Harrison & Sons set up Clear Stream Recycling systems throughout this year's fair. These systems allowed for easy disposal of compostable items such as food waste. In addition, we worked with food vendors to make it easy for them to recycle as much of their food waste as possible.

The result? In just under 2 weeks, we collected nearly six tons – 11,920 pounds – of waste for recycling. That's close to six tons of food waste removed from local landfills. According to estimates, one ton of food waste can produce up to 143 pounds of methane gas, and six tons could produce 858 pounds.

Methane, a so-called "super pollutant," is caused by anaerobic decomposition of organic waste, like food scraps, in landfills. It 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.

If you look at the Ventura County Fair as a small drop in the bucket of overall food waste in California, you start to see the picture. Consider all the homes, restaurants, schools and businesses in California recycling their food waste every day, and you realize what a difference we can all make together.

If you're not yet recycling your food waste, if you don't think you'll make much of a difference, please reconsider. It's state law.

California in 2016 passed Senate Bill 1383, which

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## Make Your Holidays Greener

Who remembers a Christmas morning mess of torn wrapping paper after all the gifts are opened? Or all the extra food thrown into the trash after that holiday party? As we all try to do our part to limit waste, these are scenes we'd like to change. And with a little bit of thinking ahead, we can!

It's no surprise that Americans throw away at least 25 percent more trash than usual from Thanksgiving to New Year's Day, according to some estimates. Not to worry. The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency has a list of steps you can take to help decrease that waste.

- ◆ Think green before you shop holiday sales. Bring your own reusable cloth bags for carrying your purchases, and try to buy items with minimal packaging and/or made with recycled content.

- ◆ If you host a party, set the table with cloth napkins and reusable dishes, glasses and silverware. Also save and reuse party hats, decorations and favors.

- ◆ Be sure your guests know where to properly dispose of and recycle their waste at your party. And make sure you have an area for food waste. You can also put leftovers in recyclable containers and share them with family, friends or others. Donate untouched leftovers from parties to a local food bank or homeless shelter.

- ◆ Wrap gifts in recycled or reused wrapping paper. Also remember to save or recycle your used wrapping paper. Give gifts that don't require much packaging, such as concert tickets or gift certificates.

- ◆ 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](https://www.epa.gov/recycle/reducing-waste-what-you-can-do).

## 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 Thursday, Dec. 26, through Friday, Jan. 10, 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.

## Recycle Your Christmas Tree

After giving your home a festive ambience during holiday celebrations, your Christmas tree can keep on giving after you've removed it.

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

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



During the two weeks after Christmas – from Dec. 26 through Jan. 10 – 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.)

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

## Bulky Items Picked Up for Free

E.J. Harrison & Sons offers Carpinteria residents two free pickups of bulky items every calendar year.

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](https://ejharrison.com/request-services) or call E.J. Harrison at 800-41-TRASH.



## Food Waste Recycling

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added food materials to the list of landscaping, agricultural and other green waste that should be recycled by commercial and residential customers. It went into effect on Jan. 1, 2022.

Harrison Industries began a pilot program for commercial food waste recycling years ago. The program has continued to evolve and expand these past two and a half years, thanks to your participation and help from our cities, counties and business partners Agromin and Gold Coast Recycling.

All you need to do is collect your food waste in plastic or paper bags, secure them tightly and put them in your curbside organics (yard and food) waste cart. Even if you only have food waste bags and no yard waste, you can still put them in your organics 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](https://ejharrison.com/food-waste).



## Holiday Wine and Liquor Bottles Now Returnable

**A** champagne toast on New Year's Eve. A holiday gathering where the host breaks out their best wine. A gift of a favorite bottle of bourbon among Dad's Christmas gifts.

Every year, scenes like these mean liquor and wine sales increase around the holidays. In the past, those empty bottles may have gone into the recycling bin. Or, worse, into a trash bin. This year can be different. They're all worth cash.

As of Jan. 1, 2024, wine and distilled spirits were added to the California Redemption Value (CRV) program. Even items like wine boxes, bladders and pouches are part of the program.

The change was authorized by state Senate Bill 1013, signed by Gov. Gavin Newsom in 2022. Under the law, deposits for wine (including alcohol-removed brands) and distilled spirits are:

- ◆ 5 cents for aluminum, glass, plastic or bimetel containers under 24 ounces
- ◆ 10 cents for containers 24 ounces and larger (a typical wine bottle)
- ◆ 25 cents for all boxes, bladders or pouches

Redemption and deposit value for these containers began on Jan. 1. However, some containers may not yet have the value on their labels. The law gives manufacturers until July 1, 2025, to add the information. The law also authorizes funding, market development and infrastructure improvements to promote glass recycling.

Our business partner, the Gold Coast Recycling & Transfer Station, pays top prices for:

- ◆ CRV aluminum cans
- ◆ CRV plastics 1 through 7
- ◆ CRV bimetel
- ◆ CRV glass

Find Gold Coast's Buy-Back Center at 5275 Colt St. in Ventura. Hours are 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](http://goldcoastrecycling.com). To learn more about the state CRV program, go to [Calrecycle.ca.gov/bevcontainer](http://Calrecycle.ca.gov/bevcontainer).



## Please Use Correct Carts

**W**hen 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** organics cart (or **tan**, until a new green cart is delivered).
- ◆ All other trash goes in the **black** cart (or **green**, until a new black cart is delivered).

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

## 2024-25 Holiday Schedule

**B**ecause the upcoming Christmas Day and New Year's Day holidays fall on Wednesdays, there will be a one-day delay those weeks in your usual Thursday trash collection.

There also will be a one-day delay in your Thursday service for these **2025 holidays**:

Memorial Day	Monday, May 26
Labor Day	Monday, Sept. 1
Thanksgiving	Thursday, Nov. 27
Christmas	Thursday, Dec. 25

These **2025 holidays** will **NOT** delay trash collection:

Martin Luther King Jr. Day	Monday, Jan. 20
Presidents Day	Monday, Feb. 17
Juneteenth	Thursday, June 19
Independence Day	Friday, July 4
Indigenous Peoples Day	Monday, Oct. 13
Veterans Day	Tuesday, Nov. 11

## PAY BILLS ONLINE



**P**AY YOUR BILLS ONLINE WITH A CREDIT CARD OR E-CHECK. IT'S EASY. GO TO [WWW.EJHARRISON.COM](http://WWW.EJHARRISON.COM) AND CHECK OUT YOUR PAYMENT OPTIONS.

# 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.



**NO**



## Trash

**YES**



**NO**



For information on how to dispose of items not accepted in the trash, please call 805-880-3415.

### MEDICAL WASTE

Call 805-880-3415, or contact **County Environmental Health Services** at <http://cosb.countyofsb.org/phd/environmentalhealth.aspx?id=53031> or **Med Project** at <https://med-project.org/locations/santa-barbara/>. Mail-back containers for SHARPS items can be requested from Harrison by calling 805-647-1414.

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### CITY OF CARPINTERIA

**CITY MANAGER:** MIKE RAMIREZ  
**COUNCIL MEMBERS:** NATALIA ALARCON, AL CLARK, WADE NOMURA, JULIA MAYER & MÓNICA SOLÓRZANO

## Organics

Yard waste is loose in cart.

**YES**



Food waste is bagged and sealed securely in cart.



**NO**



Call 1-800-CLEANUP for more certified used oil recycling locations. Funded by a grant from the California Integrated Waste Management Board.

## 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

**OPEN 2ND & 4TH SATURDAYS, 9 A.M. - 1 P.M.**

Used oil self-service drop-off also open during the week.

**EXTRA TRASH?** Rent a roll-off or 3-yard bin.

For information and rates, call 805-

647-1414 or

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