



Leading the Way With Successful Partnerships

Each week, you conscientiously place your trash, recyclables, green waste and food waste into the proper E.J. Harrison & Sons carts, close the lids and get those carts out to the curb on collection day. Your job is done. But what happens after those carts are emptied and hauled off by one of our trucks is worth celebrating.

Yes, the mechanics of the process – what goes where and how it gets there – can be interesting. But what we want to celebrate are the partnerships, the relationships and the teamwork that have allowed us to successfully stay at the forefront of California's recycling movement for more than 35 years.

Harrison Industries and our partners at Gold Coast Recycling (GCR) and Agromin work hand in hand to meet and exceed recycling mandates while serving the needs of customers like you.

In 1989, California Assembly Bill 939 went into effect, ushering in a new era of state recycling mandates. The law made all California cities, counties and regional solid waste management agencies responsible for developing and implementing programs to divert 25% of their solid waste from landfills by 1995 and 50% by 2000.

Gold Coast Recycling (GCR) was founded that same year – 1989 – with the sole purpose of helping cities meet those tough new mandates. The GCR facility was the first of its kind permitted under the law, and one of only four permitted in the state that first year.

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Gold Coast Now Accepts Carpet for Recycling

Gold Coast Recycling (GCR) recently expanded recycling efforts in Ventura County when it began accepting old carpet and carpet padding for recycling at its Ventura facility.

The new service commenced on March 3 with a VIP tour of GCR facilities by Ventura City Council members Rynn Schumacher and Alex Mangone. During the event, David Goldstein, an environmental resource analyst with Ventura County Public Works, presented Harrison's Nan Drake and GCR General Manager George Harrison with certificates of appreciation not only for the new program but also for adding carpet recycling to the extensive list of valuable services provided by Gold Coast Recycling.

Once per year, all Harrison residential customers can now bring one pickup truck load of old wall-to-wall carpet, carpet tile and carpet padding to GCR at 5275 Colt St. in Ventura. Area rugs are not allowed and carpet cannot be water, fire or smoke damaged. Carpet should be:

- ◆ Dry with no debris
- ◆ Cut into manageable sections and rolled
- ◆ Separated from the pad

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Ahead of the Organics Curve – With Your Help

When California's organic and food waste recycling law SB 1383 went into effect, it set 2025 as the target year for reducing organics going into landfills by 75%.

That would be the same as removing 3 million cars and their climate-damaging pollution from our roads, according to California's Department of Resources Recycling and Recovery (CalRecycle).

Statewide, much progress has been made toward that goal. While progress is good news, the bad news is the goal remains elusive.

"(California) is not going to make the 2025 goal (of 75% diversion)," said Evan Edgar of Edgar & Associates, Inc., Harrison's environmental consultant in Sacramento.

According to CalRecycle, since the law went into effect in 2022, 91% of state jurisdictions report having residential organics collection. That number does not include jurisdictions with rural or low population waivers, which give some communities more time to meet 1383's requirements.

While some communities continue to struggle with implementation, our commitment, the commitment of our partners and the commitment of our customers keep us ahead of the curve on organic and food waste recycling. As an example, Harrison's commercial food waste tonnage increased 114% between 2019 and 2024.

"Harrison's customers have been doing a great job," Edgar said. "And being a coastal, progressive environmental community, people are doing the right things. They want to do it in Ventura County."

To continue to do our part in reaching and surpassing California's goals, we need you to do your part. If you're not yet recycling your food or organic waste, take some time to review food waste recycling info at ejharrison.com/food-waste/ and



organics waste recycling info at ejharrison.com/organics-waste-guidelines. You'll see how easy it is to join so many other residents in your community.

And Harrison and our partners at Agromin will continue to make recycling our priority. Our expansion

of food waste recycling capacity will get a huge boost with the opening of Agromin's Mountain View facility in Oxnard and expansion of its Limoneira compost facility in the Santa Clara River Valley to handle commercial and residential food waste.

Bulky Items Picked Up for Free

EJ. Harrison & Sons offers Ventura residents four 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 or call Harrison at 1-800-41-TRASH.



Successful Partnerships

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Around the same time, the folks at Agromin saw an opportunity. Having started out in 1972 as a small soils company that turned tree trimmings into mulch, they saw a future in which recycling green waste would play an important role in helping clean our environment. And starting in 1990, Agromin began producing rich, chemical-free compost and mulch products from organic waste collected from consumers and businesses.

Now, all these years later, the items you toss into your recycling cart are picked up by Harrison trucks and join more than 90,000 tons processed each year at GCR's 7.8-acre Colt Street facility in Ventura. Together we serve the unincorporated areas of Ventura County, the cities of Ventura, Ojai, Camarillo and Fillmore, the Channel Islands Beach Community Services District and CSUCI as well as the city of Carpinteria in

Santa Barbara County.

And what ends up in your organics cart makes a stop at the GCR sorting facility, where green and bagged food waste is separated. Green waste is taken to Limoneira for composting. Food waste goes to Agromin's recycling facility at the Simi Valley Landfill. There it is decontaminated and blended with mulch and sent to Kern County for composting. Instead of going to a landfill, your green waste and food waste are turned into healthy soil products used in landscaping and agriculture.

For more than 35 years, Harrison Industries, GCR and Agromin have worked together to become leaders in recycling and environmental stewardship while helping communities and businesses meet important recycling mandates. We're proud of what we've done together and what we will continue to do into the future. And you should share in that pride for the part you play. By simply placing your waste into the right carts, you are a vital component in our partnership.

Free Mulch and Compost Available

Ventura residents can improve their home gardens and help the environment with free compost or mulch, thanks to a partnership between the city and organic waste recycler Agromin.

Small amounts of free compost are available from sunrise to sundown at Cornucopia Community Garden on Telephone Road east of Johnson Drive.

For larger amounts of compost or mulch, residents can place

an order for pickup or delivery directly from Agromin.

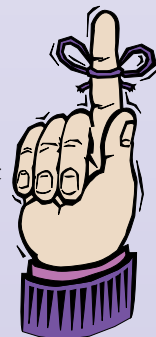
Find options and instructions online on the city's Environmental Sustainability Division Free Compost & Mulch Program page at cityofventura.ca.gov/CompostMulchProgram or by scanning the QR code.



Why use mulch and compost? They provide a host of benefits for soil in home gardens and residential landscapes, but there are also big-picture benefits. When we recycle food scraps into compost, we're diverting food waste from landfills and decreasing the amount of methane released. Methane is a potent contributor to climate change.

Reminder: Sort Your Waste and Recyclables Correctly!

When disposing of trash, do the right thing and sort it correctly! Placing recyclables in the trash (or vice versa) slows sorting and reduces recycling efficiency. Keeping waste in the right cart ensures more materials get recycled.



Why it matters: Doing your part helps save the environment:

- ◆ Recyclables in the wrong cart can end up in landfills instead of being reused.
- ◆ Organic waste (food and yard waste) belongs in the organics cart. If sent to a landfill, it decomposes and releases methane, a powerful greenhouse gas that contributes to climate change.

Follow these simple guidelines:

- ◆ 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, visit <https://ejharrison.com/recycling-guidelines>.

Carpet Recycling

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- ◆ Separated from all other trash or recyclables

GCR hours are 5 a.m. to 7 p.m. weekdays and 5 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturdays.

Carpets and padding will be loaded onto a trailer, which will then be taken to more specialized facilities in the Los Angeles area.

Recycling keeps these bulky items out of landfills and recycled carpet fibers and materials can be turned into a variety of useful products like new carpet, carpet underlayment, automotive parts, construction materials and even animal bedding.

The new service is part of California's Carpet Stewardship Program, which ensures post-consumer carpet is reused, recycled, or properly disposed of. The program is possible due to a subsidy paid to recyclers from carpet-industry-led nonprofit organization Carpet America Recovery Effort (CARE). You can learn more at calrecycle.ca.gov/carpet/.

2025 Holiday Schedule

There will be a one-day delay in service for these collection days in 2025:

Independence Day	Friday, July 4
<i>(Delay for all Friday customers)</i>	
Labor Day	Monday, Sept. 1
<i>(Delay for all Monday through Friday customers)</i>	
Thanksgiving	Thursday, Nov. 27
<i>(Delay for all Thursday and Friday customers)</i>	
Christmas	Thursday, Dec. 25
<i>(Delay for all Thursday and Friday customers)</i>	

There will be NO changes in collection service for the following 2025 holidays:

Juneteenth	Thursday, June 19
Indigenous Peoples Day	Monday, Oct. 13
Veterans Day	Tuesday, Nov. 11

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

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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Organics

Yard waste is loose in cart.



YES



Scrap Lumber
- NO Treated
Wood Waste
(TWW)



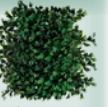
Plants



Flowers



Small
Branches



Shrubs



Manure



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)



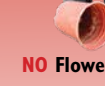
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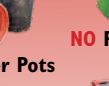
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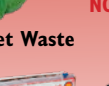
NO Dirt or Rocks



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 Oil or
Grease



RECYCLE
USED OIL

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centers in your neighborhood,
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