



TRASH FLASH

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CHANNEL ISLANDS BEACH
COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT

RECYCLING NEWS FOR CHANNEL ISLANDS
BEACH COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT RESIDENTS

Happy Holidays to All

As we approach the holiday season, we're looking back at another successful year of environmental progress and looking forward with enthusiasm as we continue our efforts to remain at the forefront of California's recycling movement. In our 93rd year in business, we take great pride in being part of a community that takes environmental stewardship so seriously.

We know that you, our customers, are just as committed as we are to halting the destructive effects of climate change through organic and food waste recycling. You have adapted to the demands of recycling and waste disposal, and we thank you for working with us to improve our community and planet!

It's also a great time to thank our partners. This year marked the 35th anniversary of our partnerships with Gold Coast Recycling and Agromin. Working together, we've become leaders in recycling, helping businesses and communities meet and exceed recycling mandates while serving the needs of customers like you.

This year also marks a huge leap forward in local food waste recycling. Agromin's Mountain View Food Waste Processing Facility in Oxnard opened in October. (Read more about the facility in the story to the right.)

And thank you 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. 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.

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

Jim & Myron Harrison

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.

Recycling your tree truly is a holiday gift to Mother Earth. Instead of giving off climate-damaging methane gas in a landfill, your tree is processed into mulch by our partner Agromin, which benefits our farmlands, orchards, nurseries and home gardens.

During the two weeks after Christmas – from Dec. 26 through Jan. 12 – 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. (This is the preferred method, which we highly encourage.) Otherwise, 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.



A Leap Forward In Local Food Waste Recycling

Even before food waste recycling became law under Senate Bill 1383, E.J. Harrison & Sons was focusing on the future with a pilot recycling program for commercial customers. From there, our food waste recycling programs have evolved with the help of our partners at Agromin and Gold Coast Recycling. More and more of you have successfully joined our efforts to keep food waste out of landfills.

And now, we've taken another huge leap forward. Local recycling capabilities recently expanded dramatically thanks to the long-awaited opening of our partner Agromin's new Mountain View Food Waste Processing Facility in Oxnard.

The plant, which brings much-needed efficiencies to local food waste recycling, is currently capable of handling 300 tons of food waste a day, keeping the food waste out of landfills and turning it into eco-friendly products.

Agromin spent several years and \$15 million working with us and local officials to launch the new facility. It's the latest and largest step forward in the efforts of Harrison Industries and our partners to keep us at the forefront of recycling technology and environmental stewardship.

"We started the process in 2017. We leased the property and started the permitting process, and finally, here we are eight years later," said Agromin CEO Bill Camarillo.

Previously, commercial food waste was taken to the Simi Valley landfill, where it was manually processed, decontaminated, mixed with mulch made from

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Grand Opening Celebration!

We were on hand to celebrate the grand opening of the Channel Islands Beach Community Services District's new operations facility. CIBCSO invited local officials and members of the community to a ribbon cutting and open house in July. E.J. Harrison & Sons' Daniel Harrison (left) and Jimmy Hampton (right) joined CIBCSO General Manager Pete Martinez (center) and members of the community for the festivities. Congratulations CIBCSO on a beautiful new building!



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. On your pickup days between Friday, Dec. 26, and Monday, Jan. 12, you can 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 flatten all boxes.

A Leap Forward

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green waste, and sent to Kern County for composting. Residential food waste was taken to our partners at Gold Coast Recycling for separation.

All commercial and residential food waste Harrison collects will now end up at the Mountain View facility.

Bill Camarillo explained the new automated process. "There's a lot of food waste generated in the commercial sector, so all of that material today is being collected and it has contamination like plastic bags, knives, forks, spoons, glass bottles, things that are all nonfood material. Once the food waste is loaded into the hoppers, it never touches the ground again and it has no personnel manually processing it like we were doing. This machine shreds the material, presses it like a big press to squeeze the food out of the material, and then runs that food over really fine screens with water to remove any final pieces of glass, metal or plastic. We end up with this baby food-like material that's completely clean that we can make four different things out of such as renewable natural gas, organic fertilizers, animal feed and compost."

Composting and dehydrating happens elsewhere, but Agromin is working on producing organic fertilizer on the premises.

Agromin is also in the process of expanding its Limoneira Ranch green waste composting facility in Santa Paula. The Limoneira expansion is expected to be completed in 2026.

"Once Limoneira's expansion is open, it will be able to accept all the food waste for composting. It will be a commercial site whereas now it's an agricultural site," Camarillo said.

For information on how to dispose of items not accepted in the trash, please call 805-985-6021.

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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.



NO



Organics Guidelines



YES

Yard waste is loose in cart.



Food waste is bagged and sealed securely in cart.



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

