Happy Holidays from the Harrisons

The Harrison Family wishes a Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays to you, our customers. There also is no better time to thank you and the communities we serve, and as we enter our 85th year in business we promise to maintain the highest level of service to you in 2017 – and beyond.

Our motto has always been “Service is Everything,” and in recent years we’ve added “Moving toward Zero Waste.” We’re working hard – with your help – to achieve this goal.

We hope you all celebrate during this joyous time with family and friends, and that you can reflect on the message of peace and goodwill in our world. We also hope that our military personnel overseas are safe and will return home soon.

Again, we wish you and yours the very best this Holiday Season and a Happy and Prosperous New Year!

Ralph, Jim & Myron Harrison

Extra Trash Allowed After Holidays

As a special holiday feature, E.J. Harrison & Sons’ customers may put out twice the amount of trash at no extra charge during the two weeks after December 25. Please make sure the trash is in bags alongside the green trash barrel. We also collect extra recyclables, but please make sure to flatten all boxes and place alongside the blue recycling barrel as well.

Recycle Your Christmas Tree

Give the Earth a gift by recycling your Christmas tree. E.J. Harrison & Sons and the City of Ventura make it easy for you, so do the right thing.

All you need to do is remove the ornaments, hooks, lights, tinsel, bows, nails and tree stand. Cut the tree into four-foot sections and place in your tan yard waste barrel on your scheduled pickup day. Also, E.J. Harrison & Sons now accepts flocked Christmas trees for recycling.

Trees we collect will be processed into various sizes of mulch. The material is used by our strategic partner Agromin to make several products that benefit our farmlands, orchards, nurseries and our own gardens.

Make Your Holidays ‘Greener’ with These Tips

Christmastime and the holiday season are joyous times for families and friends to get together, but the season also creates mountains of unnecessary waste. It’s estimated that an extra million tons of waste each week is generated between Thanksgiving and New Year’s. Enough ribbon is thrown away – about 38,000 miles – to tie a bow around the entire earth!

With a little thought and planning, you can make your holidays a little “greener.” Try the following:

- Give gift certificates, tickets, memberships or services, or make a donation to a favorite charity.
- Do not use wrapping paper! Wrap gifts in reusable paper or cloth bags, or be creative and use hand towels, tablecloths, napkins, fabric scraps, maps, craft paper, newspaper or old posters.
- Consider consumable gifts. Visit your local farmers markets or growers for ideas.
- Give gifts such as T-shirts, backpacks,
Harrison and City of Ventura Reach Contract Extension

Harrison Industries will continue to serve residential, commercial and industrial customers in Ventura for up to the next 25 years.

The Ventura City Council unanimously approved a 10-year renewal of our franchise agreement – with three, five-year extensions added based on performance. Under the contract, which went into effect on Sept. 1, Ventura residents will continue to enjoy the low monthly trash, recycling and yard waste hauling rates. Food waste collection for businesses is now part of the franchise agreement.

Other highlights of the agreement include:

◆ Residents now get four bulky items in two free pickups rather than two in one free pickup per year.
◆ City facilities will be serviced at no cost to Ventura by Sept. 1, 2017. The no-cost service will be phased in over a 12-month period.
◆ We will provide residents up to four community cleanup and recycling events per calendar year.
◆ We will collect up to 120 bulky waste items discarded illegally per year in the public right-of-way.

For years 1 through 5 of the contract term we will divert 60 percent of all construction and demolition debris collected.

For years 6 through 10 of the contract term we will divert 75 percent of all C&D debris collected.

City Provides Household Bins, Tote Bags for Recyclables

The City of Ventura’s Environmental Sustainability Division provides two options to assist residents in participating in its recycling program.

The division provides either a kitchen-sized container or a durable bag with handles to make transporting recyclables to your outside bin even easier.

Call 652-4525 to pick up your free recycling container. The Environmental Sustainability Division office is located at 336 San Jon Road.

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hats and socks made from recycled-content materials manufactured from recycled plastic bottles, or toothbrushes made from recycled yogurt containers.

◆ Save gas and support our local merchants by buying locally.

◆ When shopping, bring your own reusable bags.

◆ Use LED holiday lights for safety and energy savings. Solar-powered holiday lights are also available.

◆ For holiday parties and get-togethers put a marked paper bag, box or special container for recycling next to a trash container for your guests’ convenience.

◆ Be sure to recycle aluminum, glass and plastic containers; metal cans; food boxes; cardboard; cartons; gift wrap (except foil or cellophane); gift boxes; greeting cards and catalogs. (No styrofoam, film plastic, shrink wrap or plastic bags, please.)

◆ Email holiday cards.

◆ Check with local mail centers to see if they will take boxes and packing material for reuse.

◆ Plan meals carefully to avoid excessive leftovers, or send food packs home with your guests.

Remember, if you receive a new cellphone, laptop, flat-screen TV or any other computer gadget as a holiday gift, don’t throw your old one away. Bring your old electrical waste to Gold Coast Recycling & Transfer Station, 5275 Colt St. in Ventura, for free disposal.

Have a Happy and “Green” Holiday Season!
**Remove Curbside Barrels Following Weekly Pickup**

Reminder: E.J. Harrison & Sons reminds residential customers that city ordinances require you to remove your curbside barrels after weekly pickup. So remove them and keep them out of sight – except on pickup day. Thank you.

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**2016 Ventura County Coastal Cleanup Day Was A Success**

The City of Ventura and Harrison Industries were proud to sponsor this year's California Coastal Cleanup Day that was held on Sept. 17. Over 2,700 volunteers met up at 23 sites in Ventura County and cleaned nearly 40 miles of beaches and inland waterways.

During the three-hour cleanup, 8,022.6 pounds of trash and 1,797.5 pounds of recyclables were collected and properly disposed of, or recycled.

Every year, in addition to cigarette butts and takeout containers, we find a few unusual items. This year was no exception. Volunteers reported finding a cash register, two mattresses, two couches, 40 tires, light ballast, 53 pounds of tennis balls and an inflatable turtle.

Harrison Industries provided free trash and recycling bin service at several sites in Ventura, Camarillo, Ojai and Carpinteria.

Tonmage figures collected statewide in 2016 are not yet finalized, but in 2015 more than 68,000 volunteers removed nearly 1,143,000 pounds of trash and recyclables from California's beaches, lakes, and waterways. That's 571.5 tons.

For more information about next year's event set for Sept. 16, 2017, visit www.vccoastcleanup.org or give @VenturaCountyCoastalCleanupDay a “like” on Facebook.

Businesses interested in sponsoring the 2017 Ventura County Coastal Cleanup Day should contact Tobie Mitchell at tmitchell@cityofventura.net.

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**2017 Holiday Schedule**

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

- New Year's Day
  - Sunday, January 1
- Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
  - Monday, January 16
- Presidents’ Day
  - Monday, February 20
- Veterans Day
  - Saturday, November 11

There will be a One Day Delay in service for collection days listed below:

- Memorial Day
  - Monday, May 29
  - Delay for all Monday through Friday customers.
- Independence Day
  - Tuesday, July 4
  - Delay for all Tuesday through Friday customers.
- Labor Day
  - Monday, September 4
  - Delay for all Monday through Friday customers.
- Thanksgiving
  - Thursday, November 23
  - Delay for all Thursday and Friday customers.
- Christmas
  - Monday, December 25
  - Delay for all Monday through Friday customers.
E.J. HARRISON & SONS
Recycling, Yard Waste and Trash Guidelines

What goes in the Trash?
Hopefully, very little. After you have recycled, composted, filled the yard waste cart, donated old clothing and goods, and done all of those good things and more – most of the rest can go in the trash.

What Doesn’t go in the Trash or any other cart?
STOP NO HAZARDOUS WASTE!!

These items are NOT accepted for Trash or Recycling.

- Hazardous Waste
- TVs/Computer Monitors
- Closed Containers
- Fluorescent Light Tubes & Bulbs
- Batteries
- Oil or Paints
- Medical Needles & Sharps

For information on how to safely dispose of these items, please call City of Ventura, (805) 652-4525.

Open 6 days a week for self-haul trash, e-waste and recyclables buy-back.
www.goldcoastrecycling.com

EXTRA TRASH?
Call for roll-offs and bin rentals.
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www.ejharrison.com

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