

Yard Waste

Landfill

Yard waste that is placed in the trash bin will be taken to a landfill where it decomposes with the rest of the waste stream, wasting the significant amount of nutrients in the yard waste that could be turned into a valuable soil amendment.

Appropriate Disposal

Yard waste that is placed in the proper container (the brown dumpster or bin), is taken to the Agromin Limoneira facility where it is turned into mulch and compost.

Business Yard Waste

There are new mandatory commercial green waste recycling requirements in California due to the enactment of Assembly Bill 1826. Beginning April 1, 2016, all businesses (including multi-family residential dwellings of five or more units) that generate 8 cubic yards per week of green waste (landscape and pruning waste) are required to recycle their green waste by either:

1. Arranging for the composting of landscape waste at a permitted facility through the contracted landscape maintenance contractor (verification required)
2. Composting landscape waste on site (verification required)
3. Signing up for E J. Harrison and Sons commercial organics recycling services

NEW RECYCLING REQUIREMENTS FOR BUSINESSES

The City of Ventura and E.J. Harrison & Sons want to help you prepare your business to comply with the State of California's Mandatory Commercial Organics Law.

AB 1826
Starting in 2016, California state law requires businesses, including schools, hospitals, restaurants, government buildings and other establishments to begin separating and recycling organic waste.

Implementation Schedule

- 8 Cubic Yards of Organic Waste**
Businesses with a 3-yard dumpster that is serviced **five or more times** per week will need to arrange for a business waste assessment by **April 1, 2016**.
- 4 Cubic Yards of Organic Waste**
Businesses with a 3-yard dumpster that is serviced **three or more times** per week will need to arrange for a business waste assessment by **January 1, 2017**.
- 4 Cubic Yards of Commercial Waste**
Businesses with a 3-yard dumpster that is serviced **at least twice per week** will need to arrange for a business waste assessment by **January 1, 2019**.

Please contact the City of Ventura for information about complying with AB 1826.

Free Business Waste Assessment Includes:

- 30-minute onsite consultation with City of Ventura Environmental Sustainability and E.J. Harrison staff
- Evaluation of your current trash and recycling service
- Information about organics recycling service and service level determination
- Information about food donation (if applicable)
- Customized training and educational materials for your staff and customers
- FREE indoor recycling containers provided by the City of Ventura

Schedule your **FREE** business waste assessment
<http://surveymonkey.com/r/vtaorganics>

For more information, visit: www.cityofventura.net/foodwaste • 805-652-4525

Special needs can be met by calling (805) 667-6500 or the California Relay Service.

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Intent

The intent of this legislation is to increase the overall recycling rate in California and reduce the amount of methane gas generated in landfills by removing organic material. Organic material has more environmental and community benefits when it is collected and processed separately from trash.

Waste Assessment

The City of Ventura and E J. Harrison and Sons can provide free waste assessments to help businesses comply with this law. Options for recycling landscaping waste can be discussed during free waste assessments.

You may make online [reservations for assessments](#). We look forward to working with you to protect Ventura's environment and keep our City safe and clean.

Residential Yard Waste

Residents can sign up for yard waste collection service from EJ. Harrison by calling 805-647-1414, or by emailing [customer service](#).