

CITY OF AZUSA

NEW WASTE, RECYCLING, AND ORGANICS PROGRAM



Effective January 1, 2022, all Azusa residents and commercial businesses will be required to comply with Senate Bill (SB) 1383. SB 1383 requires all California cities to implement and comply with specific waste, recycling, and organics collection services to reduce methane emissions from landfills. To comply with this unfunded mandate, the City of Azusa and Athens Services have collaborated to establish new waste and recycling programs.

NEW ORGANICS LAW

Beginning January 1, 2022, all residents and commercial businesses in California must recycle their organic waste by placing it in a separate container. Edible food will be recovered from business food generators and distributed to food recovery organizations to help those facing food insecurities. Acceptable organics waste includes the following:

- Green waste
- 100% fiber-based, food-soiled paper
- Food scraps



NEW CONTAINERS

Athens Services will provide all single-family residences with three 96-gallon carts: (1) blue for recyclables, (1) black for all non-recyclable waste, and (1) green for organics materials.



Capacity is key: each one of your new 96-gallon carts will be equivalent to three of your current 30-gallon customer-provided containers. This container consolidation will help Azusa comply with state regulations and help maintain a cleaner, safer community.

SINGLE-FAMILY AUTOMATED RESIDENTIAL COLLECTION SERVICES

Beginning in early 2022, Athens Services will deploy collection vehicles equipped with a mechanical arm for automated collection.

MULTI-FAMILY ORGANICS COLLECTION

All multi-family buildings will be visited by an Athens team member to determine the adequate level of service for organics collection.

RESIDENTIAL BULKY ITEM COLLECTION

Bulky item collection will continue for all residents at no additional cost. Residents will be required to schedule a bulky item pickup at least 24 hours before their regular service day by contacting Athens directly.

NEW BILLING AND CUSTOMER CARE

Customer service and billing will transition from the City of Azusa to Athens Services. Multi-family customers can anticipate their new bill provided by Athens Services on January 1, 2022. Single-family customers can expect to receive their first Athens bill on March 1, 2022.



Please be on the lookout for additional correspondence regarding Azusa's new waste and recycling program. Visit AzusaCa.gov/Recycle to learn more about SB 1383.