

CITY OF AZUSA

INTRODUCING AZUSA'S NEW ORGANICS PROGRAM



Effective January 1, 2022, all Azusa residents and commercial businesses will be required to comply with Senate Bill (SB) 1383. SB 1383 targets the reduction of methane emissions from landfills. The law establishes targets to achieve a 75% reduction in the level of the statewide disposal of organics waste from the 2014 level by 2025. It also requires that at least 20% of currently disposed edible food be recovered for human consumption statewide by 2025. 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 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.

WHAT IS ORGANICS WASTE?

Organics waste includes food scraps, yard trimmings, and 100% fiber-based food-soiled paper.

Organics DOES NOT include plastics, palm fronds, food stickers, hard shells, gloves, fats, oils, and grease, parchment and wax papers.

NEW CONTAINERS

Beginning in early 2022, Athens Services will start delivering commercial customers new green carts for organics waste recycling and collection. Representatives from Athens will work with your business to determine the appropriate number of carts, as well as, the proper placement for your new container(s). This same team will also be available to provide organics recycling education and training to your staff. Organics recycling training is extremely important to ensure the proper participation and compliance of your business. The misuse or contamination of your green organics recycling cart may result in citations and/or fines.

In order to manage the impacts of the unfunded mandate, Athens will be phasing in the cost of organics to commercial rate payers. From January 2022 through June 30, 2022, customers will not be charged for the service. Beginning July 1, 2022, Athens will begin to phase in the cost of organics by providing a discount.

Customers will receive a discount on their bill through June 2025, as outlined below.

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| • July 1, 2022- June 30, 2023:
75% Organics Rate Discount | • July 1, 2024 - June 30, 2025:
25% Organics Rate Discount |
| • July 1, 2023 - June 30, 2024:
50% Organics Rate Discount | • July 1, 2025 and beyond:
0% Organics Rate Discount |



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Call Athens Customer Service at
(888) 336-6100 to arrange for a free organics
recycling assessment for your business



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