

### **Why is the City of Montebello adding a recycling cart?**

To comply with state recycling laws and support environmental sustainability, the City of Montebello is enhancing its waste services to include source-separated recycling. This helps meet the requirements of SB 1383 and ensures recyclable materials are properly diverted from landfills.

### **What is Senate Bill (SB) 1383?**

In 2016, California Senate Bill (SB) 1383 was signed into law, requiring a statewide reduction in methane and other greenhouse gas emissions. To comply, cities and waste haulers must implement a three-stream collection system that separates trash, recycling, and organics. As a result, the City of Montebello has adopted a recycling collection program that requires all residential and multifamily properties to participate in this three-stream collection system.

### **What change is happening to my service?**

Athens will deliver a (1) 96-gallon blue recycling cart to all residential and multifamily customers.

### **What if I need more carts?**

You may request extra carts for recycling, trash, or organics at an additional cost. To adjust your service, contact the Athens Customer Care Center at (888) 336-6100.

### **Will my pick-up day change?**

Your service day will remain the same. You will be notified in advance if any changes take place.

### **What are the benefits of this new program?**

The program increases recycling and composting, which helps reduce greenhouse gas emissions and extend landfill space. It also ensures the City remains in compliance with state mandates.

### **What is acceptable in each cart?**

- Recyclable materials include plastics, metals, paper (clean and dry), cardboard, and glass
- Organics waste includes green waste, food scraps, and food-soiled paper (100% fiber-based)
- All other materials should be disposed of in the black cart

For a full breakdown of acceptable materials, check out the Athens interactive recycling guide at [CanIRecycleMy.com](https://www.CanIRecycleMy.com). The guide features more than 450 items and is the go-to resource for correctly reducing, reusing, recycling, composting, and disposing of unwanted waste material. For recycling signage and additional education materials, visit [AthensServices.com/Outreach](https://AthensServices.com/Outreach).

### **Who do I contact if I have questions?**

Online self-service options are available 24/7 at [AthensServices.com](https://AthensServices.com). Customers can also speak with a local customer service representative by calling (888) 336-6100. The Athens Customer Care Center is available Monday – Friday, from 8:00 am – 5:00 pm, and on Saturday, from 8:00 am – 12:00 pm.

