



December 8, 2021

**Subject: New Refuse Containers and Recycling Requirements Starting January 1, 2022**

Dear Valued Customer:

Effective January 1, 2022, the City of Azusa will implement a source-separated solid waste and recycling system. The Citywide program will maximize the recovery of recyclables, such as cans, bottles, cardboard, and paper. The program will also ensure organics waste is recycled into compost, mulch, or biogas instead of decomposing in landfills, which releases methane gas into the environment. These changes will make trash collection cleaner and more efficient, using fully-automated collection services, and support environmental sustainability in Azusa.

In recent years, California has passed several unfunded environmental laws, such as SB 1383, requiring California Cities to implement and comply with waste, recycling, and organics collection services. As a result, the City and Athens have worked closely to develop an enhanced program that best serves the community's needs.

Early next year, Athens will deliver new waste collection containers to single-family customers. Single-family residents will receive three (3) 96-gallon carts, including (1) blue for recyclables, (1) black for non-recyclable waste, and (1) green for organics waste, including yard waste, food scraps, and food-soiled paper. Each of your new 96-gallon carts is the equivalent to three (3) of your current 30-gallon trashcans. This new system will help the City of Azusa comply with the latest state regulations and help maintain a cleaner community.

Athens will continue to offer residents FREE weekly bulky item collection services. The service is provided on your regular scheduled collection day, at no additional cost. Requests for bulky item pickups will need to be made directly with Athens Services to ensure items are collected from your property.

In addition, as part of this new program, Athens Services will assume billing for your waste and recycling services. Your trash bill will no longer appear on the Azusa Light & Water (ALW) bill. Residential billing will transition from a monthly to a quarterly billing schedule in advance. You can expect to receive an Athens bill in March of 2022. Concurrently, you will also receive your last bill from ALW in the same month. More details will be following in the coming months on this transition.

Along with the changes in collection service, Athens will provide additional cleaning services throughout the City. New services include regular power washing of the bus stops and shelters throughout the City and power washing of the downtown district.

Athens will provide customers with additional outreach and education regarding this transition. Important dates and deadlines will also be communicated in the coming weeks. Please see attached Frequently Asked Question (FAQ) for further information.

If you have any questions regarding the City of Azusa's new recycling program, please contact Athens Services at (888) 336-6100.

Sincerely,

*City of Azusa*

*Athens Services*