



We are happy to serve you. The following guidelines are provided to assure that you receive the full benefit of your solid waste management service.

General Information

Athens Services

14048 E. Valley Blvd., City of Industry, CA 91746

P.O. Box 60009, City of Industry, CA 91716

Phone: (877) 764-5551 • Fax: (323) 720-1293

www.athensservices.com/altadena.htm

Office Hours: 7:00 A.M. - 5:00 P.M. (Monday–Friday)

7:00 A.M. – 12:00 Noon (Saturday)

Collection Hours: 6:00 A.M. - 6:00 P.M.

Excellent Customer Service is our priority

Our customer service staff is specially trained to respond quickly to your needs and special service requests. We are able to translate over 175 languages! Tell us how we are doing. Your comments are appreciated and valued. We want to hear from you! Please visit our web site at www.athenservices.com to complete our survey.

Holiday Collection Schedule

Collection may be delayed one day after the following holidays: Thanksgiving Day, Christmas Day, New Year's Day, Memorial Day, Independence Day (4th of July), Labor Day. If the holiday falls on a Saturday or Sunday there will be no delay in service. **Please Note: During holiday weeks if your collection falls on a street sweeping day place your carts on the curb, not in the street.**

TREES are 100% recyclable!

Athens Services collects holiday trees on your normal pickup days from the day after Christmas through the second week of January each year. This program replaces the former Christmas tree drop off program in City Parks. Leaving trees at any City park is illegal and can lead to criminal prosecution. Trees are delivered to Puente Hills Landfill where they are ground up and used as mulch or cover material at the landfill.

Tips to ensure collection of your Christmas tree:

- Remove stands, ornaments, lights and tinsel.
- Place Christmas trees next to your regular trash containers.
- Trees over 6 feet in length must be cut in half.
- Trees with flocking or fire retardants ARE acceptable.

If you miss the date for recycling, please cut up your tree and place it in your yard waste container(s).

Please help keep our parks clean and safe during the holidays. If you see anyone illegally dumping Christmas trees in city parks, please call the Azusa Police Department at (626) 812-3200.

Material Recovery Facility (MRF)

All trash collected by Athens Services is taken to a MRF located in the City of Industry. At the MRF, the following materials are recycled:

- **Paper** – all grades, including junk mail, office paper and computer paper, newspaper, magazines, telephone books, cardboard boxes.
- **Plastics** – soft drink bottles, milk jugs, cleaning bottles, plastic pipes, plastic bags, plastic screw-on bottle and lids.
- **Metal** – all metals including aluminum cans, tin cans, steel cans, and bi-metal cans.
- **Glass** – all glass containers including jars and bottles.
- **Organic** – most landscape debris including grass cuttings, leaves, prunings, wood.
- **Inert** – rocks, dirt, asphalt from roll off containers is hauled directly to mining pits to reclaim land

Some items that are not recyclable through this program are taken to an incinerator in the City of Commerce where waste is converted to electricity.

Other Benefits:

The MRF program guarantees 100% participation by all Azusa trash customers. Under this program, residential customers enjoy a high level of trash service and are not limited to two or three barrels like in some cities.

To ensure your trash is collected, please make sure that your barrels are:

- Out the night before trash day or by 6:00 a.m.
- Within the weight limit of 50 lbs
- Not hidden behind a vehicle or other obstruction
- Free of prohibited materials (e.g. hazardous or construction waste)

Other reasons for missed collections are:

- Yard waste barrel is contaminated with regular trash.
- Trimmings are not tied or bundled and exceed four-foot length.

Yard waste is recyclable! Yard waste is recycled into a landfill cover, fertilizer or soil amendment.

IMPORTANT NOTICE: Green waste pick-up time has changed!

The Los Angeles County Sanitation Districts (LACSD) reported that all yard waste delivered after 3:30 p.m. would be charged at a rate of \$46.24 per ton versus \$22.95 per ton for deliveries before 3:30 p.m. effective February 14, 2011. Athens Services agreed to re-route trucks to pick-up green waste by 11:00 a.m. to avoid the much higher costs, which could trigger a rate increase.

PLEASE SET OUT YOUR YARD WASTE BARRELS BY 6:00 A.M. ON COLLECTION DAY (OR THE NIGHT BEFORE) TO ENSURE PICK-UP.

Acceptable green waste includes grass and shrub clippings, leaves, and tree trimmings. Tree trimmings larger than 6 inches in diameter, palm fronds, cactus, succulents, and yucca plants cannot be mulched and should be thrown in regular trash.

Tips:

- Place your Yard Waste directly into barrel(s).
- To avoid contamination of Yard Waste, DO NOT put yard waste into plastic or paper bags.
- Tie trimmings into bundles no more than 4-feet in length and place next to barrels.
- Set the Yard Waste barrel(s) next to your regular trash barrels on your regular collection day.
- Use decals to mark your yard waste barrels with decal facing street.

Free Bulky Waste Pick-Up

Free bulky waste collection is available for single and multi family residents. Bulky waste includes large items that do not fit into barrels or bins such as: Water heaters, furnaces, bed springs, mattresses, dressers, couches, washers, dryers, stoves, tables, chairs, refrigerators, freezers, air conditioners, patio furniture, etc.

These items may be placed at curbside for pick-up on your regular garbage collection day. Call Athens Services at (626) 336-6100 to ensure collection. Service is available all year-round to all residential customers.

IMPORTANT:

REMOVE AND SECURE ALL APPLIANCE DOORS TO PROTECT CHILDREN!

For free bulky waste pick-up, missed residential pick-ups, commercial refuse services, or temporary bins, call Athens Services at (626) 336-6100.



Module Azusa Recovery Stations (MARS-1)

The City of Azusa in partnership with Athens Services is providing special compartmentalized containers to schools and non-profits to raise money by recycling. The following materials are accepted for donation: • Mixed Papers-including magazines, telephone books, junk mail and colored papers • Newspaper • Aluminum cans • Empty plastic bottles (soft drinks, milk, water, juice, and detergent bottles)

Needles and sharps banned from trash

It is illegal to dispose of home-generated sharps, such as needles or syringes, into the trash. This disposal ban was imposed by SB 1305 and went into effect September 1, 2008. Azusa is offering mail back containers to residents which may be picked up from the following locations:

- Foothill Drug Pharmacy, 680 E. Alostia Avenue, (626) 334-1502
- Azusa Medical Pharmacy, 507 N. Azusa Avenue, (626) 969-4202
- Azusa Senior Center, 740 N. Dalton, (626) 812-5204

Each container is pre-paid and pre-addressed so once the container is full; all you have to do is drop it off at the post office. To get your mail back container, take copy of your recent utility bill and proof of necessity such as prescription or receipt from sharps purchase, to a participating location. Call in advance to ensure containers are available. First container is FREE. Subsequent containers are \$5 each.

Recycle Your Used Oil and get paid 40 cents per gallon!

There are five certified used oil collection centers in Azusa that will accept used motor oil. Azusa residents can pick up FREE oil recycling drain pan at these centers (while supplies last). Be sure to contact centers for business hours and quantities accepted.

- Dick's Auto Supply – 101 S. Azusa Avenue, (626) 334-2008
- Jiffy Lube #640 – 808 E. Alostia Avenue, (626) 33-4581
- O'Reilly Auto Parts (formerly Kragen)* – 345 N. Citrus Avenue, (626) 969-7941
- Y Tires – 350 N. Citrus Avenue, (626) 969-1771
- Firestone – 123 E. Gladstone Avenue, (626) 812-9712

Universal Waste:

In February 2006, new laws went into effect that prohibit disposal of universal wastes. These are hazardous wastes that may contain harmful chemicals, which, when put into trash, may harm people or the environment. These include:

- Common batteries
- Fluorescent tubes and bulbs and other mercury containing lamps
- Electronic devices such as TV and computer monitors, computers, printers, VCRs, cell phones, telephones, radios and microwave ovens.
- Other mercury containing devices such as thermostats, gauges, switches and relays, waste heaters, greeting cards that play music when opened, etc.

U-wastes may be taken to the County's HHW/E Waste collection events or permanent facilities free of charge and open to all L.A. County residents. For more information on upcoming events, visit www.888CLEANLA