



City of Azusa

September 5, 2019

RE: Assembly Bill 1826, Mandatory Organics Recycling

Dear Business Owner:

As of January 1, 2019, your business is now required to separate all organic or compostable materials (food waste, food soiled papers, and green waste) from your regular trash and recycle the organics per the requirements outlined in Assembly Bill (AB) 1826. The law states that all commercial customers (businesses and multi-family dwellings with 5 units or more) generating four or more cubic yards of solid waste (garbage, recycling, and organic waste combined) per week must separate and recycle their organic or compostable materials. At this time, multi-family dwellings with 5 units or more only need to separate their green waste (not food waste).

The City of Azusa is working with Athens Services, the City's franchised hauler, to help you comply with the law. Businesses can do any of the following:

- Subscribe to Athens Services organics recycling service (new recycling rates effective July 1, 2019 apply).
- Recycle your organic waste on site, or self-haul your separated organic waste off site to a composting facility or other organics recycling facility. (Note: Self-haul means the business is using own vehicles and employees, not a third party hauler. Business must provide a Self-Haul Certification by March 31 for the prior calendar year).
- Sell or donate the generated organic waste to an accredited facility.

The City may exempt commercial customers on a case-by-case basis from the requirements of the law if they meet any of the criteria specified by AB 1826.

An Athens Services representative will contact you to help you implement an organics recycling program for your business. If you have any questions or would like to request an exemption, please contact the Athens Services Organics Team at OrganicsRequest@athensservices.com or at (888) 336-6100.

Sincerely,

Manny Robledo
Director of Utilities

AB1826 – Law requires that California businesses arrange for recycling services for organics waste.

• Who Must Comply:

- All businesses that generate organics waste might eventually be subject to comply, including multi-family residential dwellings that consist of five or more units (multi-family dwellings are only required to have green waste recycling services).

• Organics Waste Examples:

- Green Waste:

- Grass clippings; leaves and branches; flower and hedge trimmings; weeds; and not painted or treated lumber, scrap wood and plywood.

- Food Scraps:

- Fruits and vegetables; cheese and dairy; meat, bones, poultry and seafood; bread, rice and pasta; cut flowers and herbs; coffee filters and teabags; and any putrescible matter produced from human or animal food production, preparation, and consumption activities.

- Food-Soiled Paper:

- Food-stained paper; napkins and paper kitchen towels; paper egg cartons; paper food boats (no plastic lining); paper packaging; paper plates and cups (no plastic lining); pizza boxes; and 100% fiber based, compostable serving-ware and to-go containers.

• Timeline:

- **January 1, 2017:** Businesses generating four cubic yards of organics waste weekly must arrange for organics waste recycling services.
- **January 1, 2019:** Businesses generating four cubic yards of solid waste weekly must arrange for organics recycling services.

• Our Organics Solutions:

- Athens Services provides a separate container for your separated organics waste.
- Athens Services recycles your organics through composting and mulching at our compost facility, American Organics.

• Consider Food Donation:

- Participating in a food rescue program is an important part of reducing waste and is protected under the law. LA County Department of Public Health supports safe food donation; for resources or assistance, please visit <http://publichealth.lacounty.gov/eh/misc/LACFRI.htm>.

• For more information, please visit

- <http://athensservices.com/organic-waste-and-ab-1826/>
or visit calrecycle.ca.gov.

Contact Athens Services at 888.336.6100.



AB341 – Law requires that California businesses arrange for recycling services.

• Who Must Comply:

- All commercial or public entities, including multifamily dwellings of five units or more, that generate four or more cubic yards of solid waste per week.

• Is My Business Compliant?

- Yes! If you are a customer of Athens Services, you are compliant with AB341.

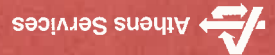
• Our Recycling Solutions:

- Athens Services customers can recycle using a single bin. Our state-of-the-art Material Recovery Facilities (MRFs) allow us to separate waste from recyclables to ensure AB341 compliance.
- Recyclable materials are baled into single commodities, which are shipped to foreign and domestic markets for recycling.
- These methods are convenient, efficient and economical.

• For more information, please visit <http://athensservices.com/diversionab-341> or visit calrecycle.ca.gov.



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Customer Service Hours:
Mon-Fri: 7:00a.m.-5:00p.m.
Sat: 7:00a.m.-12:00p.m.
Sun: Closed

Customer Service:
(888) 336-6100

- ▶ Recycling Services
- ▶ Organics Diversion
- ▶ Solid Waste Collection
- ▶ Street Sweeping
- ▶ Construction & Demolition Removal
- ▶ Community Investment



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