



City of Glendora | Public Works
116 E. Foothill Blvd.
Glendora, CA 91741

FAQ | Athens Services

Proposition 218 Public Hearing Notice

GENERAL

Why did I receive this notice?

In 2022, residential customers transitioned to a three-container collection system for trash, recycling, and organics in response to the unfunded State mandated requirements for recycling and organic waste diversion.

The proposed rates included in the Notice by Athens Services would similarly support the transition of commercial and multi-family properties to a standardized three-container collection system and establish a new maximum rate schedule for solid waste collection services.

State law requires the City to mail a Proposition 218 Notice to all property owners before considering changes to solid waste collection rates or establishing a new maximum rate schedule. Property owners receive the notice even if they do not directly pay for waste collection services or if their current rates are not changing.

What is Proposition 218?

Proposition 218 is a California law that requires local agencies to notify affected property owners and provide an opportunity to protest before certain property-related fees or charges are increased. For solid waste collection services, the City must conduct a public hearing and consider any written protests received before adopting new rates or maximum rate schedules.

When is the Public Hearing?

The Public Hearing will be held on **Tuesday, July 14, 2026, at 7:00 p.m.** in the City Council Chambers at Glendora City Hall, 116 E. Foothill Boulevard, Glendora, California.

Where can I view the proposed rates?

The proposed rates are included in Exhibit A attached to [the Proposition 218 Notice](#) and are also available on the [City's website](#).





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Do I need to do anything if I do not object to the proposed rates?

No. No action is required if you do not object to the proposed rates or do not wish to protest them.

How do I protest the proposed rates?

You may submit a written protest by mail or in-person before the close of the Public Hearing on July 14, 2026. Instructions for submitting a protest are included in the [Proposition 218 Notice](#).

What happens if a majority protest is received?

If written protests are submitted by a majority of affected property owners, the City cannot approve the proposed rates requested by Athens Services.

What is the Trash CPI Adjustment?

The Trash CPI Adjustment is based on the Consumer Price Index (CPI) for Trash and Garbage Collection published by the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, plus one percent, as provided in the Franchise Agreement. This adjustment helps account for increases in operating costs such as labor, fuel, equipment, and disposal expenses experienced by Athens Services.

What is the 11% City fee included in the rates?

The 11% City fee is a franchise fee included in the existing solid waste collection rates. This fee is not new and has been in place for the last two decades. Under the Franchise Agreement, Athens Services remits the fee to the City. The fee helps support City services, including public safety and helps to offset the financial impact of trash services and vehicles on City streets and infrastructure, as well as the administration of the solid waste collection program.

What is Senate Bill 1383 (SB 1383)?

SB 1383 is California's statewide organic waste reduction law. The law requires residents, businesses, and multi-family properties to separate recyclable materials and organic waste from trash to reduce landfill disposal and greenhouse gas emissions.





RESIDENTIAL

Will my residential rates change in 2026?

Yes. Under the existing Franchise Agreement, which was approved following a Public Hearing on September 27, 2022, residential rates will increase by 5% on July 1, 2026, based on the annual Trash CPI Adjustment (Consumer Price Index for Trash and Garbage Collection, plus one percent). This adjustment is separate from the upcoming Proposition 218 Public Hearing. The Public Hearing will not result in a second residential rate increase in 2026.

I have basic residential services from Athens. What will my new rate be?

The July 1, 2026 annual Trash CPI Adjustment increases rates by 5%. For example, a resident receiving the standard three-container residential service (trash, recycling, and organics) currently pays \$50.20 per month and will pay \$52.71 per month beginning July 1, 2026. Actual rates may vary depending on your residential service level. This rate adjustment was previously approved as part of the existing Franchise Agreement adopted by the City Council on September 27, 2022.

Are residential rates increasing twice this year?

No. The Public Hearing will not create a second residential rate increase after the Public Hearing on July 14, 2026. The next rate adjustment for residents will not occur until July 1, 2027.

Why did I receive this notice if my residential rates are not changing as part of this Public Hearing?

State law requires the City to mail a Proposition 218 Notice to all property owners before considering changes to solid waste collection rates or establishing a new maximum rate schedule. The Notice includes proposed commercial and multi-family rate changes, as well as a proposed new maximum rate schedule for all customers. While the methodology for annual residential rate adjustments is not changing from that approved in 2022, the proposed maximum rate schedule would extend that methodology through July 14, 2031. The hearing establishes the maximum rates that may be charged over the next five-year period, even though residential customers will not receive a second rate increase this year after the July 1, 2026 Trash CPI Adjustment.



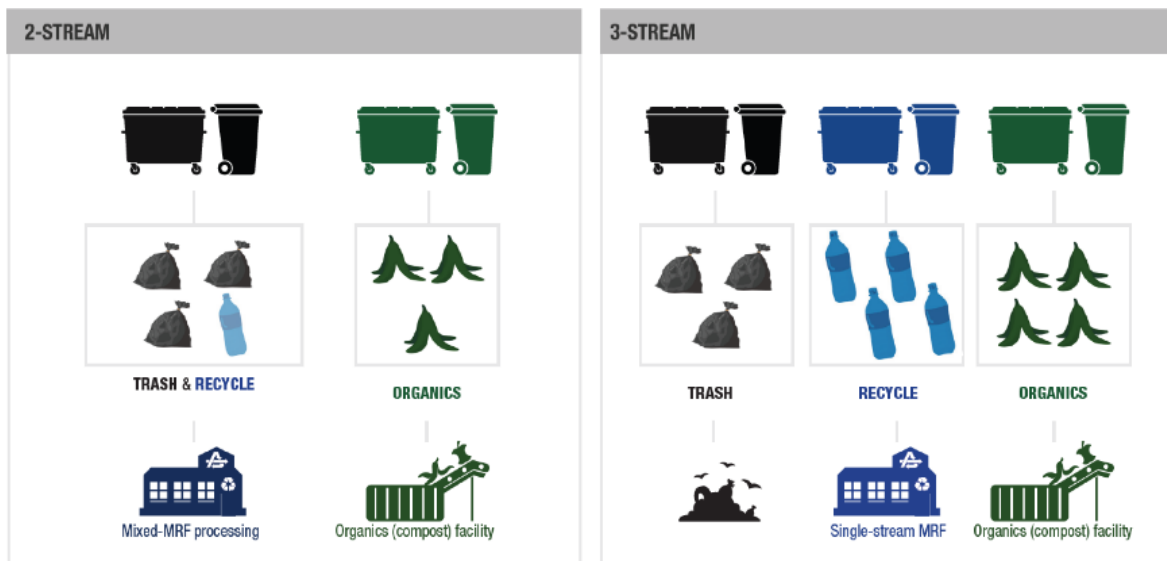
Will there be any changes to my residential service from Athens?

No. Residential customers will continue receiving three-container collection service for trash, recycling, and organics. The Notice does not change residential service levels.

COMMERCIAL & MULTI-FAMILY

What is changing for commercial and multi-family service?

Commercial and multi-family properties will transition to a standardized three-container collection system consisting of separate containers for trash, recycling, and organics, similar to the residential collection system implemented in 2022. This change supports compliance with State recycling and organic waste diversion requirements and improves the ability to recover recyclable and organic materials.



Why are commercial and multi-family rates changing?

The proposed rates reflect the costs associated with providing solid waste, recycling, and organics collection services, including compliance with State requirements for recycling and organic waste diversion. Under these requirements, commercial and multi-family properties must maintain separate collection containers for trash, recycling, and organics, which increases collection and program administration costs.





Why is a supplemental fee included in the proposed rates?

The proposed rates by Athens Services include a supplemental fee to help offset costs associated with commercial and multi-family collection programs, including organics collection, customer education, contamination monitoring, reporting, and other State-mandated requirements.

How much is the supplemental fee?

The proposed maximum rate schedule by Athens Services includes a supplemental fee of \$23.05 annually for commercial and multi-family accounts beginning July 15, 2026, and on each July 1 thereafter through July 1, 2030.

What are the proposed maximum rates?

The proposed maximum rates shown in Exhibit A of the [Proposition 218 Public Hearing Notice](#) are the highest rates that Athens Services may charge for solid waste collection services during the five-year rate period if approved through the Proposition 218 Public Hearing process.

How will I know what my specific rate will be?

Rates vary based on service level, container size, collection frequency, and service type. Customers may refer to [Exhibit A](#) or contact Athens Services at (888) 336-6100 for information regarding their specific service configuration.



Are businesses already required to separate recycling and organic waste from trash?

Yes. California law already requires businesses and multi-family properties to participate in recycling and organics collection programs and to properly separate recyclable materials and organic waste from landfill trash.

More questions?

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