

## 8 Things You Didn't Know About... Inglewood Garbage & More...

### Top 4 Materials in Inglewood Household Disposal

<i>Specific Material Type</i>	<i>%</i>	<i>Tons</i>
Food	20.0%	9,922
Leaves and Grass	10.5%	5,200
Remainder/Composite Organic	9.5%	4,703
Remainder/Composite Paper	8.1%	3,998

- In 500 B.C. Athens created the first municipal dump, requiring trash to be disposed of at least a mile from city walls.
- Today Americans generate 472 billion pounds of trash every year, including 96 billion pounds of food—more than 300 pounds per person.
- And that's only about 2 percent of the total waste stream. The rest is industrial refuse, including mine tailings, agricultural waste, construction debris, and exotics like "pickle liquor," an acid solution used to clean steel.
- One quart of motor oil, improperly disposed of, can pollute 250,000 gallons of drinking water.
- Each year, consumers in the United States spread 300 million pounds of chemical insecticides, including compounds that the EPA says may impair the nervous system, disrupt hormones in the body, or cause cancer.
- Landfills are actually the No. 1 human-generated source of methane, belching 7 million tons into the atmosphere each year.
- Americans receive roughly 100 billion pieces of junk mail each year.

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