

# Eastern Kern Universal Collection Area

## 2025 Residential Waste and Recycling Service Guide

### Proud to Serve Kern County

WM and Kern County are proud to present Eastern Kern Universal Collection Area residents with this updated service guide to your recycling, organic waste, and trash collection services to comply with California State Senate Bill (SB) 1383.

### Residential Cart Service

EKUCA Standard Residential Service will include one 96-gallon recycling cart serviced every other week, one 96-gallon organic waste collection cart serviced weekly and one 96-gallon trash cart serviced weekly. A listing of which items may be placed in each container is noted in this guide and on the lid of each cart as are instructions on placing the carts for service.

### Container Color Transition

California regulations under State Senate Bill (SB) 1383 require that collection containers be standardized across the state by 2036. In the Eastern Kern Universal Collection Area, the new color scheme for carts will be as follows: recycling carts will have a blue lid, organic waste carts will have a green lid, and trash carts will have a black lid. New carts will be delivered in this color scheme, while existing carts will be gradually updated to minimize service disruptions. Please check the lid or label for instructions on how to use your carts correctly and avoid contamination.

#### Recycling



Your dark gray cart with a blue lid is for recycling collection.

#### Organic Waste



Your dark gray cart with a green lid will be for organic waste collection.

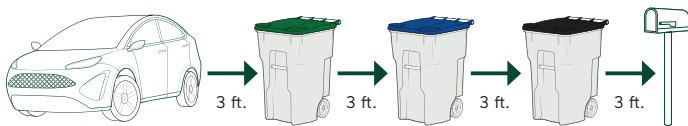
#### Trash



Your dark gray cart with a black lid is for trash collection.

### Cart Service Reminders

1. Place all waste and recycling in the appropriate container and close the lid so that it fits tight to the cart body. Trash, organics, and recyclables left outside the carts will not be collected.
2. Place your carts at the curb by 6 a.m. on collection day. Emptied carts should be removed from curbside following service.
3. Roll carts into street and place them against the curb with the handles facing your home. Place carts at least three feet apart from other carts and objects.



### Additional Carts

EKUCA residential customers with extra trash, recycling, or organics can request an additional 96-gallon cart for an additional charge (rates are listed at the end of this guide). WM will bill separately for this additional service.

### Holidays

WM observes the following holidays.

New Year's Day | Memorial Day | Independence Day  
Labor Day | Thanksgiving Day | Christmas Day

When your collection day falls on or after one of these holidays, your collection will be delayed by one day that week only. Visit [home.wm.com/kern-county](https://home.wm.com/kern-county) for a collection calendar.

## Organics | Recycling | Trash

### Right Materials - Right Container - Know Which Container to Use

#### What Goes in the Organics Container:



Food Waste



Yard Waste



Produce



Food Soiled Paper,  
Coffee Filters & Tea Bags



Meat, Fish & Poultry



Dairy



Bread, Pasta, Rice,  
Grains, Coffee Grounds

Place organics materials directly into your organics cart - **To reduce odor, put food waste in a paper bag, layer with yard trimmings, freeze, or add baking soda. You may also use a compostable bag that meets ASTM D6400 standards.**



#### Do Not Include:

Plastic Bags or Film  
Serveware/Utensils  
Plastic Containers  
Foam Containers  
Hazardous Waste  
Fats, Oils, or Greases

#### What Goes in the Recycling Container:



Plastic Bottles & Containers



Food & Beverage Cans



Glass Bottles & Containers



Paper



Flattened Cardboard & Paperboard

Place recyclables directly into your recycling cart - **Don't bag your recycling materials.**



#### Do Not Include:

Food Or Liquids  
Plastic Bags or Film  
Foam Containers  
Clothing, Furniture or Carpet  
Batteries  
Electronics  
Hazardous Waste  
Yard Waste

#### What Goes in the Trash Container:



Foam Cups &  
Containers



Garden Hose



Broken Ceramic  
Dishes & Pots



Candy, Snack &  
Food Wrappers



Plastic Bags & Film



Diapers



Pet Waste



Clothing & Textiles



#### Do Not Include:

Organics/Recyclables  
Hazardous Waste  
Electronics & CFL Bulbs  
Batteries, Tires or Paint  
Flammable Material

## ADDITIONAL SERVICES

### Walk-Out Service for Disabled Customers

WM offers a walk out service at no charge for qualified disabled customers with a single-family residence. To request this service, contact Customer Service.

### Bulky Item Collection

Each EKUCA residential customer is entitled to up to twelve (12) bulky item pick ups per year, of up two (2) items per pick up, at no additional charge. Collection must be scheduled at least 48 hours in advance of your regular service day. To get started and request your Customer ID, contact Customer Service at (661) 947-7197. Visit [home.wm.com/kern-county](http://home.wm.com/kern-county) to schedule your bulk item collection.

**Acceptable Bulky Items:** furniture (chair, mattress, sofa), appliances (dishwasher, microwave), electronic waste (TVs, computers), area rugs, etc.

**Unacceptable Bulky Items:** household hazardous waste (such as paint, oil and batteries), tires, spas, pianos, vehicle parts, items requiring more than two persons to safely handle.



### Household Hazardous Waste

EKUCA residents can dispose of household hazardous waste, such as batteries, sharps, household cleaners, pesticides, paint products, swimming pool chemicals and automotive fluids at the following County Special Waste

#### Facilities:

##### Ridgecrest

###### Ridgecrest Kern County Special Waste Facility

3301 W. Bowman Road at the Ridgecrest Landfill

Hours: 2nd & 4th Saturday of each month –  
10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

##### Bakersfield

###### Metro Kern County Special Waste Facility

4951 Standard Street (Southwest corner of Standard and Foster Streets)

Hours: Tuesday –Saturday – 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

##### Mojave

###### Mojave Special Waste Facility

17035 Finnin Street (Southwest corner of Finnin & Sabovich Streets on the Mojave Airport property)

Hours: 1st Saturday of every odd month  
(January, March, May, July, September, November) –  
9 a.m. to noon

### Holiday Tree Collection



EKUCA residential customers can recycle real and unflocked trees and wreaths during the first two service days following December 25 at no additional charge. Just place them at the curb, or inside your organics cart on your service day. Trees longer than six (6) feet must be cut in half. Please remove all decorations including tinsel, lights, ornaments, and tree stands.

### One-Day Kern County Collection Events.

For upcoming dates and locations, visit [kernpublicworks.com](http://kernpublicworks.com)

ACCOUNT MANAGEMENT AND SPECIAL SERVICES

Property Tax Inquiries

EKUCA Standard Service is billed annually via Kern County Residential Property Tax Bills. For questions about your property tax bill, please contact Kern County Public Works at (661) 862-5100 or visit their website at [kernpublicworks.com](http://kernpublicworks.com).

WM Invoices and Payments

Additional services for EKUCA residential customers are invoiced by WM.

Ways to Pay

My WM

With a My WM amount you can pay your bills and even set up autopay and paperless billing. Head to [wm.com/mywm](http://wm.com/mywm) to get started!

My WM App

Download the My WM App from Google Play or the Apple App Store for on-the-go convenience!

In Person

Payments can also be made by mail to P.O. Box 541008, Los Angeles, CA 90054-1008 or dropped off in person at 416 N. Dennison Rd, Tehachapi, CA 93561.



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- Create your My WM Account: [wm.com/mywm](http://wm.com/mywm)
- Get the My WM App: Google Play or the Apple App Store
- Let's chat: [wm.com/support](http://wm.com/support)
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Eastern Kern Universal Collection Area Residential Service Rates Monthly Rate

EKUCA Standard Residential Three Cart Service.....\$631.32/year  
Paid annually through property tax and includes \$12 Kern County Administration Fee.

Additional containers and services are invoiced separately by WM, Including:

Additional trash cart (Weekly Service) ..... \$15.38/month  
Additional recycling cart (Every Other Week Service).....\$11.55/month  
Additional organics cart (Weekly Service) .....\$12.75/month

