

City of Tehachapi

Business Waste and Recycling Services Guide



Proud to Service the City of Tehachapi

WM and the City of Tehachapi are proud to present this service guide for business waste and recycling services. Services and rates are effective July 1, 2026.

Service Overview

Businesses must be subscribed to recycling and organic waste collection services along with their trash collection service unless issued a waiver by the City of Tehachapi.

Recycling Collection

In accordance with California's Short-Lived Climate Pollutants regulations under State Senate Bill (SB) 1383, businesses must participate in a recycling program or, in lieu of service, receive an exemption from the City of Tehachapi by submitting a waiver exemption application.



Organic Waste Collection

Also, in accordance with California's Short-Lived Climate Pollutants regulations under State Senate Bill (SB) 1383, businesses must participate in a program to recycle their organic waste (food, food-soiled paper, and yard waste) or, in lieu of service, receive an exemption from the City of Tehachapi by submitting a waiver exemption application.



To assist businesses in complying with SB 1383, WM is proud to offer recycling and organic waste recycling services to meet your needs. To get started, contact WM Recycling Manager Frank Vasquez at (661) 569-7626 or by email at fvasque1@wm.com.

Trash Collection

Regardless of the size of your business, we can create a customized collection program that meets your needs and protects the environment. Trash containers are available in a variety of sizes, including 96-gallon carts and 1.5- and 3-cubic yard dumpsters. Roll-off containers and compactor services are also available.



City of Tehachapi - Commercial Generator Waiver Program

State regulations allow the City of Tehachapi to grant recycling and/or organic waste diversion program participation waivers to qualifying businesses for lack of material generation or physical space constraints (lack of adequate space to store collection containers).

For more information and waiver qualifications, contact WM Recycling Manager Frank Vasquez at (661) 569-7626 or by email at fvasque1@wm.com.

California's SB 1383: Reducing Waste, Feeding Communities, and Protecting the Climate

SB 1383 is a statewide effort to cut down on climate pollution by keeping organic waste out of landfills and redirecting surplus edible food to Californians facing hunger.

Every year, millions of tons of food are discarded in California—much of it still safe to eat. At the same time, nearly one in four Californians struggles with food insecurity. SB 1383 aims to bridge this gap by requiring that at least 20% of edible food currently thrown away be recovered and distributed to those in need.

Organic waste—like food scraps and yard trimmings—makes up a large portion of what ends up in landfills. When this material decomposes, it releases methane, a greenhouse gas that traps significantly more heat than carbon dioxide. These emissions not only accelerate climate change but also contribute to poor air quality, which can affect the health of nearby communities.

By composting organic materials and recovering edible food, SB 1383 helps reduce harmful emissions, conserve resources, and support vulnerable populations across the state.

For information on how your business can donate edible food, please visit <https://www.liveuptehachapi.com/496/SB-1383-Food-Rescue-Partnership-Program> or contact the Salvation Army Tehachapi Community Center at (661) 823-9508.

Container Color Transition

SB 1383 requires that collection containers be uniform colors across the state by 2036. In the City of Tehachapi, existing carts and bins will be gradually transitioning to the new color scheme—recycling carts will have a blue lid, recycling dumpsters will have a blue body with black lid, organic waste carts will have a green lid, and trash containers will have a black body with a black lid. We will make these changes gradually to minimize disruption to your service.

Holiday Schedule

Collection does not occur on the following holidays:

- New Year's Day (January 1)
- Memorial Day (Last Monday in May)
- Independence Day (July 4)
- Labor Day (First Monday in September)
- Thanksgiving Day (Fourth Thursday in November)
- Christmas Day (December 25)

When a holiday falls on a weekday, your collection will be delayed by one day for the remainder of the week. If a holiday falls on Saturday or Sunday, there will be no delay in service.

Standard Service Account Management

Standard business service includes one (1) 96-gallon trash or (1) 3-cubic yard trash dumpster serviced once weekly, (1) 96-gallon recycling cart serviced once every other week, and one (1) 64-gallon organics cart serviced once weekly. Standard business service is billed monthly by the City of Tehachapi. To manage your standard services account, contact the City of Tehachapi at (661) 822-2200.

Additional services beyond the standard business service are billed directly by WM at the rates listed in this service guide.

Account Management



Manage Your Services Anytime, Anywhere with My WM

Take control of your waste services with My WM.
Scan or visit wm.com/mywm to create your account
and get started.

For City of Tehachapi Business Customers:

Additional services beyond standard collection are billed monthly.
Payments can be made online, through the mobile app, by mail, or in person using the drop box.

- **Website:** business.wm.com/tehachapi
- **Mobile App:** Download the app from the Apple App Store or Google Play™
- **Mail:** WM, P.O. Box 541065, Los Angeles, CA 9054-1065
- **Drop-off:** 416 N. Dennison Rd., Tehachapi, Monday-Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Monthly Service Rates

Service rates effective July 1, 2026

Commercial Trash Cart Service	
Commercial 96-gallon Trash Cart	\$64.83

Commercial Trash Bin Service	
1.5-Cubic Yard Trash Serviced 1X Per Week	\$158.37
3-Cubic Yard Trash Serviced 1X Per Week	\$170.01
3-Cubic Yard Trash Serviced 2X Per Week	\$292.26
3-Cubic Yard Trash Serviced 3X Per Week	\$414.41
3-Cubic Yard Trash Serviced 4X Per Week	\$536.26
3-Cubic Yard Trash Serviced 5X Per Week	\$658.69
3-Cubic Yard Trash Serviced 6X Per Week	\$781.31

Commercial Recycling Bins	
96-gallon Recycle Cart Serviced 1x Every-Other-Week (first cart included with commercial trash service)	\$-
Additional 96-gallon Commercial Recycling Cart (Every-Other-Week)	\$10.86
3-Cubic Yard Recycle Serviced 1X Per Week	\$121.43
3-Cubic Yard Recycle Serviced 2X Per Week	\$208.75
3-Cubic Yard Recycle Serviced 3X Per Week	\$306.97

Commercial Organics Services	
64-gallon Organics Cart Serviced 1x Per Week (first cart included with commercial trash service)	\$-
Additional 64-gallon Organics Cart (WM billed)	\$33.66

Listed rates are WM Hauling Rates for the most common services. For a complete list of rates, please visit business.wm.com/tehachapi. Listed rates do not include Kern County Disposal Fees

Organics | Recycling | Trash

Right Materials - Right Container - Know Which Container to Use

Place Organics, Recycling and Trash containers together with proper signage so everyone places the right materials in the right container.

What Goes in the Organics Container:



Food Waste



Yard Waste



Food Soiled Paper, Paper Bags,
Coffee Filters & Tea Bags



Meat, Fish & Poultry



Dairy



Bread, Pasta, Rice & Grains

You may use a paper bag, a compostable bag that meets ASTM D6400 standards, or place organic waste loosely in the cart.



Do Not Include:

- Plastic Bags or Film
- Serveware/Utensils
- Plastic Containers
- Foam Containers
- Hazardous Waste
- Fats, Oils, or Greases
- Batteries
- Flammable Material

What Goes in the Recycling Container:



Plastic Bottles,
Cups & Containers



Food & Beverage Cans



Glass Bottles & Containers



Paper & Paper Cups



Flattened Cardboard &
Paperboard



Food & Beverage Cartons



Do Not Include:

- Food or Liquids
- Bagged Recyclables
- Foam Containers
- Furniture or Carpet
- Batteries
- Electronics
- Hazardous Waste
- Yard Waste

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

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



Do Not Include:

- Food Waste
- Recyclables
- Hazardous Waste
- Electronics
- Batteries, Tires or Paint
- Flammable Material