

City of Tehachapi

Residential Waste, Recycling,
and Organics Service Guide



Proud to Serve Tehachapi

WM and the City of Tehachapi are proud to present Tehachapi residents with this updated service guide to your recycling, organic waste, and trash collection services to comply with California State Senate Bill (SB) 1383. By sorting out food scraps, food soiled paper, and green waste, we're making great strides in reducing greenhouse gas emissions, enhancing air quality, and protecting our beautiful environment.

Thank you for being such an important part of our journey toward a greener tomorrow.

For more information about Senate Bill 1383, feel free to check out: <https://calrecycle.ca.gov/organics/slcp/>.

Residential Cart Service

Tehachapi Standard Residential Service includes one 96-gallon recycling cart serviced every other week, one 64-gallon organic waste collection cart serviced weekly, and one 96-gallon trash cart serviced weekly.

From Kitchen to Cart:

Tips for Separating Your Food Waste



Step 1

Properly prepare your organic waste for pickup by layering the bottom of a bowl or bucket with newspaper or lining it with a paper bag before filling it with acceptable organic waste.



Step 2

Empty contents into your WM organic waste cart prior to service.



Step 3

Wipe out any remaining residue from your kitchen counter bowl or bucket, then lightly spray the interior with a vinegar solution if needed. Allow it to air-dry completely, and line the container with newspaper or a paper bag to absorb moisture and minimize odors.

For more information about organic waste recycling, visit the California Department of Resources Recycling and Recovery (CalRecycle) website at www.calrecycle.ca.gov/organics/slcp/

Container Color Transition

California regulations under State Senate Bill (SB) 1383 require collection containers to be uniform across the state by 2036. In the City of Tehachapi, the new cart color scheme 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. While new carts will be delivered in this color scheme, existing carts will be transitioned gradually to minimize service disruptions. Make sure to check the lid or label for instructions on how to use your carts correctly and avoid contamination.

Holidays

WM observes the following holidays. 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/teahachapi for a collection calendar.

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



Have a question? Find service information, collection schedules, and self-service tools at home.wm.com/teahachapi



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.

City of Tehachapi residential customers who regularly generate excess trash, recycling and/or organics can request additional carts for an nominal charge invoiced separately by WM.

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- A sequence diagram illustrating a path. It starts with a car on the left. An arrow points from the car to the first of three trash bins. Below this arrow is the text "3 ft.". The three trash bins are arranged in a row. Arrows point from the first bin to the second, from the second to the third, and from the third to a mailbox on the far right. Each of these three arrows is labeled "3 ft." below it.



For upcoming dates and locations, call Kern County Public Works at (661) 862-8900 or visit **kerncountypublicworks.com**.



SB 1383 Organics Recycling

Why Organic Waste Matters

Did you know? Keeping food scraps and yard waste out of landfills helps reduce methane emissions—a major contributor to climate change. Composting and recycling organics is a simple way to make a big impact!

Health & Environmental Impact

Landfilling organic waste creates harmful greenhouse gases and leachate. Recycling organics protects air quality, soil health, and our community.

For more information about Senate Bill 1383, feel free to check out: www.calrecycle.ca.gov/climate/slcp.

How to Handle Organics

Place food scraps, yard trimmings, and other organic materials directly into your green container. You may also use a paper bag, cardboard box or a compostable bag that meets ASTM D6400 standards. Do not use plastic bags. Looking to take the next step? Consider starting a backyard compost pile. Learn more at www.calrecycle.ca.gov/organics/homecompost

Preventing Organic Waste

Plan meals and store food properly to reduce waste. Donate edible food whenever possible.

Organics | Recycling | Trash

Right Materials - Right Container - Know Which Container to Use

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, Coffee Grounds

Do Not Include:

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



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

What Goes in the Recycling Container:



Plastic Bottles,
Cups & Containers



Paper & Paper
Cups



Glass Bottles &
Containers



Flattened Cardboard
& Paperboard



Food & Beverage
Cans

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 recyclables.**

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



ACCOUNT MANAGEMENT AND SPECIAL SERVICES

Standard Service/Utility Bill Inquires

The City of Tehachapi Standard Service is billed monthly by the City of Tehachapi. For questions about your utility bill, please contact the City of Tehachapi at (661) 822-2200 ext 2 or visit <https://www.liveuptehachapi.com/132/Utility-Services>.

Invoicing & Payment Options

WM provides invoicing for additional services offered to City of Tehachapi residential customers. Payments can be made easily and securely in any of the following ways:

Online: Visit wm.com to view and pay your invoice.

Mobile App: Use the My WM Mobile App, available for both Apple and Android devices.

By Mail: Send payments to P.O. Box 541008, Los Angeles, CA 90054-1008.

In Person: Drop off your payment at the WM office located at 416 N. Dennison Rd, Tehachapi, CA 93561.

Walk-Out Service for Customers with Disabilities

WM provides complimentary walk-out service for eligible customers with disabilities who reside in single-family homes. To learn more or to request this service, please contact Customer Service.

City of Tehachapi Residential Service Rates

July 1, 2026 through June 30, 2027.

Residential Rates	Monthly Rate
Tehachapi Standard Residential Three Cart Service	\$37.26/month
Additional containers are invoiced separately by WM, Including:	
Additional trash cart (Weekly Service)	\$11.25/month
Additional recycling cart (Every Other Week Service)	\$10.86/month
Additional organics cart (Weekly Service)	\$11.25/month

Connect With WM

Visit Your Community Website

We’re excited to welcome you to your dedicated community website at home.wm.com/tehachapi. You can easily check pickup schedules, review service guidelines, submit service requests, and contact us—all in just a few clicks.

My WM

Creating a My WM account makes it easy to stay on top of your waste services—all in one place. Scan or visit wm.com/mywm to get started!



My WM App

Download the My WM app for easy, on-the-go access to your account.

Let’s Chat

Visit us at wm.com/support to chat with our virtual assistant or connect with one of our customer service representatives.

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