

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. We're excited to share that the residential organics recycling program, launched last year, is fully integrated into Tehachapi's waste collection services! 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. We hope your transition to the program has been smooth and that you're finding it easy to use.

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/

home.wm.com/tehachapi

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/tehachapi for a collection calendar.

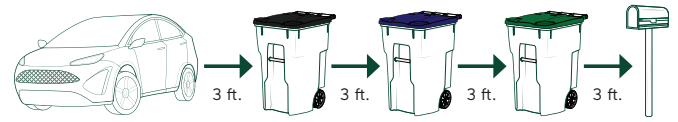
- New Year's Day (January 1st)
- Labor Day (first Monday in September)
- Memorial Day (last Monday in May)
- Thanksgiving Day (fourth Thursday in November)
- Independence Day (July 4th)
- Christmas Day (December 25th)



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 SERVICES

Bulky Item Collection

WM provides convenient curbside bulky item collection to residents of the City of Tehachapi for just \$25.00 per item. Collection must be scheduled at least forty-eight (48) hours in advance of your regular service day and can be scheduled by visiting home.wm.com/tehachapi. Tehachapi residents are also allowed to self haul their bulky item waste to the Tehachapi Landfill at no charge. You can call the Tehachapi Landfill to confirm acceptable items at (661) 862-8900.

- **Acceptable Bulky Items** — furniture (chair, mattress, sofa), appliances (dishwasher, microwave), electronic waste (TVs, computers, DVD players), tree branches and scrap wood.
- **Unacceptable Bulky Items** — household hazardous waste (such as paint, oil and batteries), spas, pianos, camper shells, items requiring more than two persons to safely handle.

Holiday Tree Drop Off (Available for 2 weeks following December 26)

City of Tehachapi residential customers can recycle real, unflocked Christmas trees and wreaths at no additional charge during the first two weeks after December 26. Simply bring them to the WM Yard at 416 N Dennison Road, Tehachapi, CA 93561. Trees over six (6) feet must be cut in half, and all decorations—including tinsel, lights, ornaments, and tree stands—must be removed.

Prefer curbside pickup? You can also place your real, undecorated, unflocked tree in your green organics cart for composting. Trees must fit completely inside the cart with the lid closed, so those taller than four (4) feet should be cut in half.

Additional Carts

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



Household Hazardous Waste (HHW)

City of Tehachapi 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:

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.

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.

Mojave

Mojave Special Waste Facility

17035 Finin Street (Southwest corner of Finin & 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

One-Day Kern County Collection Events.

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

Recycling

- Your dark gray cart with a blue lid is for recycling collection.
Place the following items loose in your cart, do not bag your recyclables.



Plastic Bottles, Cups
& Containers



Food & Beverage
Cans



Glass Bottles
& Containers



Paper &
Paper Cups



Flattened Cardboard
& Paperboard

Do Not Include:

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

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

Organic Waste

- Your dark gray cart with a green lid is for organic waste collection.
You may use a paper bag, a compostable bag that meets ASTM D6400 standards or place organic waste loosely in the cart.



Food Waste



Yard Waste



Produce



Food Soiled Paper,
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
Fats, Oils, or Greases | Hazardous Waste

Trash

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



Foam Cups, Containers
& Straws



Plastic Bags & Film



Garden
Hose



Broken Ceramic
Dishes & Pots



Candy, Snack &
Food Wrappers



Diapers



Pet Waste



Clothing & Textiles

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, 2025 through June 30, 2026.

Residential Rates	Monthly Rate
Tehachapi Standard Residential Three Cart Service	\$35.53/month
Additional containers are invoiced separately by WM, Including:	
Additional trash cart (Weekly Service)	\$10.73/month
Additional recycling cart (Every Other Week Service)	\$10.35/month
Additional organics cart (Weekly Service)	\$10.73/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 from Google Play or the Apple App Store 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.

Visit Us

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