

Tulare County

2026 Multifamily Waste and Recycling Services Guide

Proud to Serve Tulare County

WM and Tulare County are proud to present this service guide for multifamily collection services.

Service Overview

All multifamily properties are required to subscribe to trash service, which includes a minimum level of recycling and organics services. Services are billed monthly.

Understanding SB 1383

SB 1383 aims to slow climate change by diverting organic materials from landfills, recovering 20% of edible food, and redirecting it to food-insecure Californians. Organic waste in landfills emits 20% of the state's methane, a climate super pollutant that heats four times more than carbon dioxide. (Source: CalRecycle, <https://calrecycle.ca.gov/organics/slcp>)

Recycling Collection Services

In accordance with regulations under California State Senate Bill (SB) 1383, multifamily properties must participate in a recycling program.

To assist multi-family properties in complying with SB 1383, WM is proud to offer recycling collection services as follows:

- If your property has cart service, one (1) 96-gallon recycling cart serviced is included with all levels of service at no additional charge. Additional or larger recycling containers are available in either 96-gallon carts or 3-cubic yard bin sizes with collection taking place from 1-3 times per week at an additional cost.
- Valley Floor multifamily customers receive every other week recycling service.
- If your multifamily property already has a recycling bin on site, collection services will continue as scheduled.

To add additional recycling collection services or get more information, contact Customer Service at wm.com/support or visit business.wm.com/tulare.



Organics Collection Services

Also, in accordance with regulations under SB 1383, multifamily properties must participate in a program to recycle their organic waste (food, food-soiled paper, and yard waste).

To assist multifamily properties in complying with SB 1383, WM is proud to offer organics recycling services to meet your needs as follows:

- One (1) 96-gallon organics cart is included with all levels of service, at no additional charge. Additional organics containers are available in 96-gallon carts for an additional cost.
- Foothill multifamily customers may receive up to two (2) 96-gallon organics carts serviced every other week. Additional 96-gallon carts beyond two (2) are available for an additional cost.



Trash Collection Services

Regardless of the size of your multifamily property, 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-, 3-, and 6-cubic yard bins. Roll-off containers and are also available.



Household Hazardous Waste

State law prohibits placing household hazardous waste—including electronic devices—in your trash, recycling, or organics carts. If prohibited items are found, your cart will be tagged and not serviced.

Household hazardous waste includes everyday items such as paint, pesticides, motor oil, solvents, batteries, fluorescent lights, aerosol cans, and electronics like TVs, computers, monitors, and phones. These items may be flammable, toxic, corrosive, reactive, or pressurized, which means they can cause fires, injuries, or environmental harm if placed in regular collection carts.



Where to Dispose of your Household Hazardous Waste

- **Cutler Recycle Center HHW Collection:**
12094 Avenue 408 Culter, CA.
Open Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday.
Hours: 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. (559) 528-3909
- **Visalia HHW Collection Facility:**
335 N. Cain St. Visalia, CA.
Open Saturdays. Hours: 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. (559) 713-4531
- **Porterville Recycle HHW Collection Facility:**
555 N Prospect St. Porterville, CA.
Open: Third (3rd) Saturday of the month.
Hours: 8 a.m. to noon. (559) 782-7514

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 (1st Monday in September)
- Thanksgiving Day (4th Thursday in November)
- Christmas Day (December 25)

If a holiday falls on a weekday, collections for the rest of the week will be pushed back a day. For example, for a Thursday holiday, service would be on Friday, and Friday service would be Saturday. For holidays on Saturday or Sunday, there are no delays.

Container Color Transition

SB 1383 requires that collection containers be uniform colors across the state by 2036. In the Tulare County, 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 with a grey body, and trash containers will have a black lid with a black body.

We will make these changes gradually to minimize disruption to your service. Please make sure you check the lid or label for instructions on how to use the container correctly and avoid contamination.

Events

Bulky waste drop off events are held during the county's half-priced disposal week for Tulare County multifamily property residents throughout the year. For upcoming dates and locations, please visit business.wm.com/tulare.



Acceptable Bulky Items: furniture (chairs, mattresses, sofas), appliances (dishwasher, microwave), electronic waste (TVs, computers), area rugs.

Non-acceptable Items: household hazardous waste or HHW (such as paint, oil, and batteries), tires, spas, pianos, vehicle parts, items exceeding 200 pounds.

Holiday Tree Collection

Tulare County multifamily residents can recycle real, holiday trees and wreaths during the first two service days following December 25 at no additional charge.

How to Prepare Your Tree

- Remove all decorations, tinsel, lights and stands. Cut it into 2-foot sections.
- Place pieces in your green waste cart or set it out at the designated collection area of the multifamily property (near bins or the enclosure). Live wreaths can also go in your green waste cart if decoration-free.

Note: Flocked or artificial trees cannot be accepted.

Commercial Edible Food Recovery Program

As part of SB 1383, businesses classified as Tier One and Tier Two Edible Food Generators must recover the maximum amount of edible food that would otherwise be disposed of, by contracting for food donation with food recovery organizations or services and maintaining donation records.

Tier One and Tier Two Commercial Edible Food Generators

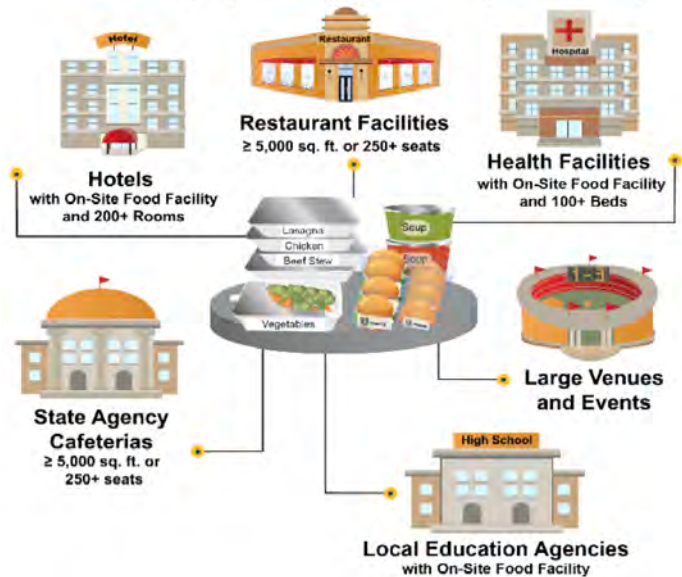
Tier 1

Tier one businesses typically have more produce, fresh grocery, and shelf-stable foods to donate.



Tier 2

Tier two businesses typically have more prepared foods to donate, which often require more careful handling to meet food safety requirements (e.g. time and temperature controls).



To learn more about edible food recovery organizations serving the community, please contact Tulare County at <https://tularecounty.ca.gov/solid-waste/information-request>

Connect With WM

Your Community Website

Visit business.wm.com/tulare to check pickup schedules (including holidays), review service guidelines, submit requests, and contact us—all in just a few clicks. It's your one-stop hub for staying informed and in control.

Let's Chat

Visit wm.com/support to chat with our virtual assistant or connect with a customer service representative who's ready to help.

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,
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.**



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, Cups
& Containers



Paper & Paper
Cups



Glass Bottles
& Containers



Flattened Cardboard
& Paperboard



Food & Beverage
Cans

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



Do Not Include:

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



Plastic Bags & Film



Diapers



Pet Waste



Clothing & Textiles