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Kern County Public Works 2023 Holiday and Winter Recess Closures

KERN COUNTY, Calif., December 14, 2023 – In observance of the upcoming holidays, observances, and Winter Recess, Kern County Public Works would like to inform the public of the following:

Friday, December 22, 2023 – Christmas Eve Observed

- **CLOSED:** Kern County Public Works Offices
- **OPEN:** County Disposal Sites and Special Waste Facilities will be operating under normal business hours

Monday, December 25, 2023 – Christmas Day

- **CLOSED:** Kern County Public Works Offices
- **CLOSED:** County Disposal Sites and Special Waste Facilities

December 26-28, 2023 – Winter Recess

- **CLOSED:** Kern County Public Works Offices
- **OPEN:** County Disposal Sites and Special Waste Facilities will be operating under normal business hours

Friday, December 29, 2023 – New Year's Eve Observed

- **CLOSED:** Kern County Public Works Offices
- **OPEN:** County Disposal Sites and Special Waste Facilities will be operating under normal business hours

Monday, January 1, 2024 – New Year's Day

- **CLOSED:** Kern County Public Works Offices
- **CLOSED:** County Disposal Sites and Special Waste Facilities

Included with Kern County Public Works Offices Closures are the following details:

- **Building Inspection** (Building Permits, Inspection, and Plan Check) will be closed during Winter Recess as well as the Building Inspection Offices in Lebec, Lake Isabella, Ridgecrest, and Tehachapi.

During these holiday closures, Building Inspection will not be processing new permits or conducting inspections.

Last Day for New Permits:

Thursday, December 21, 2023, by 4:00 p.m.
(NO code changes for the upcoming 2024 calendar year)

Last Day for Inspections:

Thursday, December 21, 2023

- **Code Compliance** will be closed during Winter Recess.

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- **Flood, Drainage, and Grading** will be closed during Winter Recess.
- **County Service Areas (CSA)** will be closed during Winter Recess.
- **Sanitation Districts** will be operating with adequate staff to operate the respective wastewater treatment facilities, as well as respond to emergency calls during Winter Recess. In the case of a Sewer Emergency, call 661-203-6026.
- **Construction Projects** will not be operating between December 24, 2023, through New Year's Day.
- **Road Maintenance** will be on call for emergencies including impacts related to weather.
- **Traffic Signals and Sign Maintenance** will be on call for emergencies including impacts related to weather.
- **Encroachment Permit Inspection** will be operating during normal hours as needed.
- **Transportation Permits** will be operating during normal hours with reduced staff.
- **Public Services Building** Cashier Counter and 1st Floor Kiosk will be closed during Winter Recess.
- **Kern Transit** will operate its regularly scheduled service, except for the following:
 - Kern Transit will be fully closed on Christmas Day and New Year's Day. Kern Transit will operate reduced service hours for Route 100 only on December 24, 2023, and December 31, 2023.
 - ❖ Route 100 EB departing at 3:15 p.m. & Route 100 WB departing at 7:35 p.m. will not be running on December 24, 2023, or December 31, 2023.
 - Kern Transit Dispatch can be reached throughout the Winter Recess as normal at 800-323-2396, except during the reduced service hours and on full closure days.

For information on County Disposal Sites and Special Waste Facility hours of operation visit www.kernpublicworks.com.
 For updates, follow us on Facebook [@KernCountyPublicWorks](https://www.facebook.com/KernCountyPublicWorks).

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