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Kern County Public Works 2025 Holiday and Winter Recess Closures

KERN COUNTY, Calif., December 3, 2025 – In observance of the upcoming holidays and Winter Recess, Kern County Public Works would like to inform the public of the following:

Wednesday, December 24, 2025 – Christmas Eve

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

Thursday, December 25, 2025 – Christmas Day

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

December 26, 29, & 30, 2025 – Winter Recess

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

Wednesday, December 31, 2025 – New Year's Eve

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

Thursday, January 1, 2026 – 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)

In observance of the upcoming holidays, Kern County Public Works – Building Inspection Division (BID), wishes to inform the public of the following closure:

December Winter Recess Closure

Closed from Wednesday, December 24, 2025, through Thursday, January 1, 2026
During the closure, no new permits will be processed, and no inspections will be conducted.

Permit Submittals During Closure**Online Permit Portal:**

The online portal will remain open throughout the holiday period.
Applicants are encouraged to continue submitting permit applications online at any time.

Important:

Complete plans must be uploaded within 30 days of the initial application date.
Applications not actively pursued within 30 days will be canceled in accordance with the Building Official's determination.

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Important Dates

Last Day to Apply in Person: Tuesday, December 23, 2025, by 4:00 p.m.

Last Day for Inspections: Tuesday, December 23, 2025

Upcoming Code Change

The 2025 California Building Standards Code (Title 24) takes effect on Thursday, January 1, 2026.

All applications submitted on or after this date must comply with the new code.

Contact Information

For questions, please contact Building Inspection at 661-862-8650.

Normal business operations will resume on Friday, January 2, 2026.

Code Compliance will be closed during Winter Recess.

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, 2025, through January 1, 2026.

Road Maintenance will be on call for emergencies including impacts related to weather during Winter Recess. **To report a road maintenance emergency, contact California Highway Patrol (CHP) or your local law enforcement agency.**

Traffic Signals and Sign Maintenance will be on call for emergencies including impacts related to weather during Winter Recess. **For emergencies related to traffic signals and roadway signs, contact California Highway Patrol (CHP) or your local law enforcement agency.**

Encroachment Permit Inspection will be closed during Winter Recess.

Transportation Permits will be operating with reduced hours and reduced staff during Winter Recess.

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 & 250 only on December 24, 2025, and December 31, 2025.
 - ❖ **Route 100** will not be running the following trips:
 - EB departing Bakersfield at 3:50 p.m. & WB departing Lancaster at 7:30 p.m.
 - EB departing Bakersfield at 5:15 p.m. & WB departing Lancaster at 8:50 p.m.
 - ❖ **Route 250** will not be running the following trip:
 - EB departing California City at 8:35 p.m. to Mojave
- Kern Transit Dispatch can be reached throughout 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 Facilities hours of operation visit www.kernpublicworks.com.
For updates, follow us on Facebook [@KernCountyPublicWorks](https://www.facebook.com/KernCountyPublicWorks).

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