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Kern County Residents Can Recycle their Christmas Trees at Twenty-two Drop-off Locations



KERN COUNTY, Calif., December 16, 2025 – Kern County Public Works’ Christmas Tree Recycling Program, which runs from Friday, December 26, 2025, through Friday, January 9, 2026, provides residents an opportunity to recycle one of their most cherished holiday centerpieces – their Christmas tree!

The program encourages residents throughout the County to recycle their Christmas trees at various County and partnering locations to prevent trees from being illegally dumped and to promote the proper recycling of the tree in the green container.

Kern County residents can recycle their Christmas trees in one of the following ways:

1. Residents can recycle their Christmas trees into their green container if the tree is **cut into small pieces to fit into their container with the removal of the tree stand, all decorations, and nails. The container lid must be able to securely close.** Whole trees, flocked trees, and artificial trees are not accepted.
2. Residents can self-haul whole Christmas trees to one of 22 drop-off locations throughout Kern County from December 26, 2025, through January 9, 2026.
3. Compost at home! Christmas trees can be cut up and used in compost piles as part of a healthy compost mix. Make sure it’s free of flocking and other contaminants.

If you prefer to take your Christmas tree to one of the drop-off locations, please tarp and secure your load properly. **Don’t forget to remove all ornaments, bulbs, lights, decorations, and plastic or metal tree stands before dropping off your Christmas tree. No flocked or artificial trees.**

Attachment: 2025-2026 Christmas Tree Recycling 22 Drop-off Locations

For more information, visit <https://www.kernpublicworks.com/services/solid-waste/recycling/christmas-tree-recycling-program>.



Kern County Public Works is a department of the County of Kern and is responsible for the planning, design, construction, maintenance, and operation of roads, bridges, traffic signals, sanitary landfills, and publicly owned facilities. Kern County Public Works strives to provide quality public services including road permit inspection, building permit inspection and plan check, code compliance, engineering and surveying review of proposed land development, solid waste and hazardous waste disposal, wastewater treatment, public transportation, and community outreach, which serve to protect and enhance the lives of the people of Kern County. For more information, visit www.kernpublicworks.com and follow us on Facebook and Instagram @kerncountypublicworks.

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25-26 Christmas Tree Recycling Drop-Off Locations

Available December 26, 2025 – January 9, 2026

All Kern County Disposal Sites: landfills, transfer stations, and bin sites, including special waste facilities will be closed, December 25, 2025, for Christmas Day & January 1, 2026, for New Year's Day.

Please remove tree stands, nails, lights, and decorations – No bags please

Metro Bakersfield	Bena Landfill: 2951 Neumarkel Road, 17 miles east of Bakersfield, off Highway 58 at Tower Line Road (7 Days: 8 AM-4 PM)
	DiGiorgio Park – Parking Lot: Corner of Meyer Street and Haven Drive in Arvin (Daylight Hours)
	Kern County Fairgrounds – Parking Lot: North corner of Belle Terrace and South P Street (7 Days: 6 AM-5 PM)
	Mt. Vernon Organics Recycling and Composting Facility: 2601 S. Mt. Vernon Avenue, 2 miles south of Highway 58 (Tue-Sat: 7 AM-4 PM; except for New Year's Day)
East Kern	Roberts Lane Transfer Station: 1900 Roberts Lane, (Mon & Thu: 5 PM-8 PM; Sat: 8 AM-2 PM)
	Bear Valley Springs Solid Waste Transfer Station: 28999 S. Lower Valley Road (Normal Hours); refer to website .
	Boron Landfill: 11400 Boron Avenue, ½ mile south of Boron (Sun, Mon, Tue, Thu: 12 PM-4 PM; Sat: 8 AM-4 PM)
	Kern Valley Transfer Station: 6092 Wulstein Avenue, 4 miles south of Kernville off Sierra Highway (Sun-Sat: 8 AM-4 PM; closed Wed)
	Mojave-Rosamond Landfill: 400 Silver Queen Road, 5 miles south of Mojave (Sun, Tue, Thu: 8 AM-12 PM; Mon, Wed, Fri, Sat: 8 AM-4 PM)
	Ridgecrest Landfill: 3301 W. Bowman Road, 5 miles south of Mojave (7 Days: 8 AM-4 PM)
	Tehachapi Landfill: 12001 E. Tehachapi Boulevard (Sun: 8 AM-12 PM; Mon-Sat: 8 AM-4 PM)
	Waste Management, Inc.: 237 County Line Road, Ridgecrest (Mon-Fri: 7 AM-3 PM)
	Waste Management, Inc.: 1731 Sierra Highway, Rosamond (Mon-Fri: 7 AM-4 PM)
	Waste Management, Inc.: 416 N. Dennison Road, Tehachapi (Mon-Fri: 7 AM-3 PM)
West Kern	Lebec Transfer Station: 300 Landfill Road, take I-5 to Lebec exit (Sun, Mon, Thu, Fri, Sat: 9 AM-5 PM)
	Taft Landfill: 13351 Elk Hills Road, 4 miles north of Taft and 1 mile north of Highway 119 (Sun: 12 PM-4 PM; Mon, Wed, Fri, Sat: 8 AM-4 PM)
	Westside Waste Management: 274 Bob Hampton Road (Daylight Hours)
Northwest Kern	City of Delano Corporation Yard: 725 South Lexington Street (Mon-Thu: Daylight Hours)
	City of Shafter Corporation Yard: 1251 East Ash Avenue (Daylight Hours)
	McFarland-Delano Transfer Station: 11249 Stradley Avenue, 1 mile south of Delano (Sun, Mon, Thu, Fri, Sat: 8 AM-4 PM)
	Shafter-Wasco Landfill: 17621 Scofield Avenue, 8 miles west of Shafter (7 Days: 8 AM-4 PM)
	Vacant Lot in Wasco: Northeast corner of Annin Avenue and Gromer Avenue (Daylight Hours)