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Temporary Tehachapi Transfer Station to Open in Preparation for the Closure of the Tehachapi Sanitary Landfill

Serving the Tehachapi community for more than 50 years

KERN COUNTY, Calif. January 30, 2026 – Effective Monday, February 9, 2026, Kern County Public Works will open a temporary Tehachapi Transfer Station as the Tehachapi Sanitary Landfill nears its waste capacity.

Important Service Changes Starting February 9

The temporary Tehachapi Transfer Station will service the solid waste handling needs for residential and commercial customers. Due to operational limitations at the temporary Tehachapi Transfer Station, the following waste materials and load types from customers will no longer be accepted and will be redirected to nearby [Bakersfield Metropolitan \(Bena\) Sanitary Landfill](#) or [Mojave-Rosamond Sanitary Landfill](#).

Commercial Customers

Inerts (Concrete, Dirt)
Dead Animals (Livestock)
Trailers > 12 feet
Loads > 10 cubic yards
End Dumps
Double Roll-Offs

Residential Customers

Inerts (Concrete, Dirt)
Dead Animals (Livestock)
Trailers > 12 feet
Loads > 10 cubic yards

Nearby Disposal Options: distance from Tehachapi site

37 miles

Bena Landfill

2951 Neumarkel Road
Bakersfield, CA 93307

Hours of Operation

Sunday - Saturday
8 AM - 4 PM

21 miles

Mojave-Rosamond Landfill

400 Silver Queen Road
Mojave, CA 93501

Hours of Operation

Sunday, Tuesday and Thursday
8 AM - 12 PM
Monday, Wednesday, Friday and Saturday
8 AM - 4 PM

Temporary Tehachapi Transfer Station

(located at the same address as the current landfill)
12001 East Tehachapi Blvd.
Tehachapi, CA 93561

Hours of Operation

Monday - Saturday
8 AM - 4 PM
Sunday
8 AM - 12 PM

Kern County Public Works' Solid Waste division is currently designing a new permanent transfer station to serve the Tehachapi community. The facility is anticipated to be operational in 2028.

What to Expect During the Transition

- Temporary increase in wait times may occur
- No change to [current Gate Fees](#)
- No additional fees will be applied
- Monthly Household Hazardous Waste Collection Events will continue as scheduled at this location

Background

The Tehachapi Sanitary Landfill has served the greater Tehachapi community for more than 50 years, with landfill operations beginning in 1973.

Over the course of these decades, the Solid Waste division has diligently maintained landfill operations efficiently and economically, while implementing several recycling programs at the landfill to limit waste disposal and preserve valuable landfill capacity.

The current projections indicate that the Tehachapi Landfill is anticipated to reach full capacity, which equates to the handling and disposal of nearly 4 million cubic yards of waste, by late February or early March of this year. Upon closure of the Tehachapi Sanitary Landfill, the temporary Tehachapi Transfer Station will service the Tehachapi community with the operational limitations described above.

Landfill vs Transfer Station: What's the Difference?

In general, a landfill's capacity, depending on the size, has an operational lifespan between 20 to 50 years. A landfill site is where waste is directly disposed of to be permanently buried. A transfer station serves as an intermediate facility where waste is transported to a landfill or diverted to another final disposal or recycling facility, depending on the waste material.

Questions? Contact Us

Call the Solid Waste division at 661-862-8900 or by email at waste@kerncounty.com with questions you may have.

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