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New Gate Fees at all Kern County Public Works Disposal Sites Effective July 1, 2026

KERN COUNTY, Calif. June 25, 2026 – Effective July 1, 2026, new gate fees at all Kern County Public Works landfills and transfer stations will be applied. For more information, check out [New Gate Fees and Frequently Asked Questions](#).

Gate Fees

Waste Type	Gate Fee
Ordinary Residential Waste (Self-Haul)	No charge
Standard Gate Fee	\$69.35 per ton
Transfer Station Fee	\$11.96 per ton (added to non-residential gate fees)
Construction & Demolition	\$95.66 per ton
Clean Dirt (free of debris, trash, and contaminants)	\$5.98 per ton
Clean Inerts (free of debris, trash, and contaminants)	\$17.94 per ton
Dirty Inerts	\$95.66 per ton
Dead Animals	\$119.57 per animal \$179.36 per ton for multiple animals or parts of animals requiring special handling <i>Dead animals from outside of Kern County are not accepted at any County waste facility.</i>
Travel Trailers	\$597.85 each
Treated Wood Waste at Unlined Landfills (maximum of 2 cubic yards per load)	Treated Wood Waste in the form of railroad ties: \$17.94 per tie Treated Wood Waste other than railroad ties: \$179.36 per ton
Treated Wood Waste at Lined Landfills (Bena, Shafter-Wasco, Taft; contacting Kern County Public Works prior to delivery is required)	Treated Wood Waste in the form of railroad ties: \$17.94 per tie Treated Wood Waste other than railroad ties: \$179.36 per ton
Untarped/Unsecured Loads	2x the gate fee or \$20 minimum charge
Returned Check Fee	\$25 each

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Other Hard to Handle Items	\$239.14 per ton
Department Hourly Rate	\$107.61 per hour
Non-Residential Bin Fee	\$3.59 per cubic yard
Non-Residential Transfer Station Bin Fee	\$0.62 per cubic yard additional fee
Out-of-County Waste Fee	\$107.61 per ton (plus, applicable transfer fee)
Out-of-County Bin Fee	\$5.14 per cubic yard

Non-Residential Waste at Facilities with Scales

Transfer fee and out-of-County fee apply, as appropriate

Waste Type	Gate Fee
Cars	\$14.35 per vehicle
Pickup trucks	\$32.28 per vehicle
Pickup trucks loaded above cab	\$40.65 per vehicle
Trailers, large vehicles, or roll-offs	\$69.35 per ton

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Tires (Residential & Non-Residential)

Waste Type	Gate Fee
Bulk loads & earth mover tires	\$298.93 per ton
Light duty tires (18" diameter rim or smaller)	\$3.59 per tire
Heavy duty tires (19" to 24" diameter rims)	\$17.94 per tire
Oversize tires (racing tires and tires with more than 24" rims)	\$23.91 per tire

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.