

Howard's Garbage Service, Inc.

RESIDENTIAL COLLECTION PROGRAM

CUSTOMER SERVICE: 661-399-2944

Collection Day Reminder

On collection day, please place your trash, green waste and recycling carts in the street, at the curb, or near the corner of your driveway. DO NOT place carts on the curb or sidewalk. Carts should have the handles facing towards your home and placed 1 foot apart from each other. Carts need to be placed at least 3 feet away from any obstruction such as a fence, mailbox, or vehicle. All carts must be curbside by 5:00 a.m. on your service day.

Organics Recycling

Senate Bill 1383 (the "Short - Lived Climate Pollutant Reduction Strategy") is a California law requiring all residents to participate in a food waste recycling program to divert organics from landfills. The goal is a 75% reduction in organic waste disposal statewide by 2025. This law required that Kern County comply, and on 7/1/23, SB 1383 was implemented throughout unincorporated Metro Bakersfield.

Customers should now be placing their food waste directly into their green cart along with their loose green waste. Food waste collection is already part of residential curbside service, but it should now be sorted into your green organics cart, instead of the trash cart.

All residents and businesses are now required to recycle food waste. What is food waste? Fruits, eggshells, bread, rinds, peels, cooked meat and seafood, vegetables, food soiled paper, coffee grounds and filters, tea bags, expired food and plate scrapings are all considered food waste.

PLASTIC BAGS ARE NOT ALLOWED IN THE GREEN CART. Many customers choose to line their in-house food waste container with a plastic bag and then dump the contents of the bag in the green cart, but please do not put the plastic bag in the green cart. Plastic film and bags go in the trash cart.

Once collected, your food waste will be sorted and processed for composting at one of our material recovery facilities where it will be turned into compost, mulch, soil amendments, and landscaping material.

Recycling food waste helps reduce greenhouse gases by composting food waste instead of sending it to a landfill.

For more State SB 1383 information, please see: <https://calrecycle.ca.gov/organics/slcpl/>.



Spring Cleaning Tips

1. Rent a temporary bin to assist with household spring cleaning.
2. Before dropping off donations call to check business hours and ask if they are able to accept all of the items you have. Be sure to drop off items during business hours. It is illegal to leave donations outside of a closed center, and illegally dumped items could ultimately end up in the trash.
3. Flatten cardboard boxes to create more room in your recycling cart.
4. Utilize your bulky item pick-up services for large items that do not fit in your trash cart. Please contact us for more details.
5. Do not bag recyclables that you are placing in your recycling cart.
6. No wipes down the pipes! Do not flush wipes or paper towels.
7. Spruce up your garden by adding compost and mulch. Using compost and mulch reduces waste, improves soil health, reduces the need for chemical fertilizers, reduces greenhouse gas emissions, and improves overall health of plants. Residents can visit the City of Bakersfield Greenwaste Facility at 2601 Mt. Vernon, 93307, to pick up mulch or compost.





Battery Fires

Fire hazards are becoming increasingly prevalent in our facilities and trucks, with batteries being the primary culprit. As California moves towards electrification in all areas, including lawn care tools, the waste and recycling streams will be impacted by the proliferation of large, rechargeable batteries. Lithium batteries are somewhat fragile, so compression can cause a short that ignites the reactive lithium inside. They can also overheat, causing fires. It is crucial to properly dispose of these items.

What can you do? Remember to never throw any electronic items or flammable materials into your trash or recycling carts (this includes all batteries, electronic parts, hot barbecue coals, flammable liquids, old cell phones, wires, cables, fireworks, etc.) and arrange for electronic waste (e-waste) pickups or take your e-waste to a designated drop-off facility or event in your area.

Household Hazardous Waste It's as easy as 1-2-3!

For legal, safe disposal of Residential Hazardous Waste, bring it to one of the permanent Kern County Special Waste Facilities in Bakersfield, Mojave, or Ridgecrest, or find out about one-day Household Hazardous Waste Collection Events in your community.

Acceptable items include: automotive fluids, batteries, cooking oil, and e-waste.

Below are some more helpful tips for Household Hazardous Waste:

- Only buy what you can use. Share leftovers with friends, neighbors, etc.
- Buy safer alternatives to hazardous household products.
- Store unused products in a safe, dry, cool place.
- Follow label directions.

DO NOT PLACE ANY AUTOMOTIVE FLUIDS, PAINT PRODUCTS, BATTERIES, NEEDLES, ELECTRONICS, HOUSEHOLD CLEANERS, LIGHT BULBS, DEODORIZERS, PESTICIDES, HERBICIDES, INSECTICIDES, PET CARE PRODUCTS, PHOTOGRAPHIC CHEMICALS OR SWIMMING POOL CHEMICALS IN ANY OF YOUR RESIDENTIAL CARTS.

1. KEEP products in original containers or properly labeled with a sealed lid.
2. SECURE products so they won't spill or leak during transport.
3. TAKE them to your nearest collection center.

Please NEVER place any needles or sharps in ANY of your refuse or recycling containers. Free Biohazard Sharps containers are available at the Kern County Special Waste Facilities.

Residents can safely dispose of unused household cleaners, paint products, batteries, used motor oil, and electronics for free at the County's Special Waste Facility. For more information, please visit: KernPublicWorks.com/Hazardous-Waste.

The Bakersfield Special Waste Facility is located at:

4951 Standard St., Bakersfield, CA 93308

Tuesday- Saturday 8:00 a.m.- 4:00 p.m.

For Business Hazardous Waste information, please visit: KernPublicWorks.com/services/solid-waste/hazardous-waste/business-hazardous-waste.



Holiday Schedule

We observe the following holidays: Christmas Day, Independence Day, New Year's Day, and Thanksgiving Day. When a holiday falls on a weekday, service will be delayed by one day. There is no service interruption or delay when the holiday falls on a Saturday or Sunday.

Temporary Bins

We have temporary (or "temp") bins available for small to medium household clean-ups. We can also provide large 25-yd or 40-yd roll-off bins for large clean-ups and remodels. Please fill out applications for these services or contact us for further information.

Facility Information:

Landfills:

Bena Landfill
2951 Neumarkel Rd.
Bakersfield, CA 93307

Shafter-Wasco
Landfill
17621 Scofield Ave.
Shafter, CA 93263

Organics/Greenwaste Facility:

City of Bakersfield
2601 S. Mt. Vernon Ave.
Bakersfield, CA 93307

Construction & Demolition Facility:

Metropolitan Recycling
2601 S. Mt. Vernon Ave.
Bakersfield, CA 93307

Special Waste/Hazardous Waste:

Kern County Special Waste
4951 Standard St.
Bakersfield, CA 93308

Transfer Station:

(Residential material only)
Roberts Lane Transfer Station
1900 Roberts Ln.
Bakersfield, CA 93308

Contact Us

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