

Refuse and Recycling Responsibilities of the City

- Collect residential and commercial waste & deliver to local landfills
- Collect residential greenwaste for organic recycling programs
- Sponsor recycling programs and other waste management programs in efforts to reduce the overall quantity of refuse deposited in landfills
- Provide public education and outreach regarding waste management issues

Trash and Recyclable Materials Collection

Westside Waste Management is contracted to collect trash from local residents and businesses & deliver it to the Landfill. Questions or problems regarding City trash collection can be directed to Westside Waste Management at 661-763-5135. You may also visit the website at www.WestsideWaste.com

The Landfill is owned and operated by the Kern County Public Works Department. Contact the Public Works Department at 661-862-8900 or at www.kerncountywaste.com

Residential

Pick-up Days

- East of 4th Street – Monday and Thursday
- West of 4th Street – Tuesday and Friday
- All bins must be accessible by 5:00 a.m. on pick-up days

Garbage Service Level

One 300-gallon container will be put in the alley for four houses to use. Households that have front pick-up or do not have access to the alley will be provided with a 95-gallon wheeled carts.

This container is for household trash and yard waste (e.g., grass clippings and leaves) only. Please do not put any of these materials in the bin:

- Dirt
- Building Materials
- Concrete
- Demolition Materials
- Scrap Metal
- Appliances
- Tires
- Hazardous Waste
- Hot Ashes
- Dead Animals
- Liquid

Bulky Item Pick-up

Residential bulky items are picked-up in the alley (on Wednesdays in the City of Taft). Items must be placed next to the bin. Contact www.WestsideWaste.com for schedule and acceptance criteria.

Tree branches must be cut to 4-foot lengths, bundled, and placed next to the trash container.

Recycling

Voluntary recycling services are available in the City. Contact www.WestsideWaste.com for information regarding recycling pricing and options.

Acceptable Materials

The following items can be placed in your recycling container (i.e., blue cart):

- Paper, catalogs, junk mail, magazines, newspaper, and phone books (material must be clean and dry)
- Aluminum cans
- Cardboard
- Glass bottles and jars
- Metal (e.g., tin or steel) cans/containers
- Plastics #1 through #7

Unacceptable Materials

Do not place any of the following items in your blue cart:

- Plastic bags or plastic foam (e.g., packing materials or take-out containers)
- Waxed cartons or waxed paper
- Rubber or hard plastics
- Garden hoses, rope, or cords
- Toys
- Mirrors, tempered glass, or ceramics
- Electronics or household batteries
- Sharps containers, light bulbs, or hazardous waste

For more information regarding recycling, check Kern County's website, www.kerncountywaste.com

Commercial

Garbage Service Level

Commercial service is provided in accordance with the needs of the business. Minimum service level is ¼ of a 300-gallon container with twice a week pick-up. To set up services for your business, call the City of Taft at (661) 763-1350 ext. 21.

The container is for business trash and yard waste (e.g., grass clippings and leaves) only. Please do not put any of these materials in the bin:

- Scrap Metal
- Construction/Demolition Materials
- Tires
- Hazardous Waste
- Dead Animals
- Liquids

Recycling

California law requires most businesses and multi-family residential developments to recycle. CalRecycle has identified recycling benefits, including:

- Opportunities for businesses or multi-family complexes to save money
- Creation of jobs in California by providing recycling manufacturing facilities
- Reduction of greenhouse gas emissions
- Diversion of valuable materials from the landfill
- Preservation of landfill capacity
- Creation of a healthier environment for the community and future generations

If your business generates 4 or more cubic yards (approximately 695 gallons) of trash per week, you must recycle to be in compliance with State and County laws. If your apartment complex has 5 or more units, you must also recycle to be in compliance with the law. The property owner of a qualifying business or multi-family development may require employees or tenants to source separate their recyclable materials to aid in compliance with the law.

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Useful Resources

Local Franchise Hauler – Westside Waste Management www.WestsideWaste.com

Kern County Recycling Information – Kern County Public Works Department www.kerncountywaste.com

State Commercial Recycling Requirements – CalRecycle www.calrecycle.ca.gov/Recycle/Commercial