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Household Hazardous Waste Collection Events in December

KERN COUNTY, Calif. November 25, 2026 – Kern County Public Works hosts monthly Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) Collection Events throughout the County. Residents can drive up and drop off their hazardous waste free of charge at any of these one-day collection events. HHW Collection Events are for residential hazardous waste only. Commercial or business waste is not accepted. Check out these one-day collection events in December:

December 4 & 5, 2026

Tehachapi Transfer Station (Temporary): 12001 Tehachapi Boulevard, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

December 19, 2026

Kern Valley Transfer Station: 6092 Wulstein Avenue, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Additionally, residential HHW can always be dropped off at these permanent Kern County Special Waste Facilities (SWF):

- **Bakersfield SWF:** 4951 Standard Street: open Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
- **Mojave SWF:** 17035 Finnin Street, Building #2: open the first Saturday of every other month (Jan, March, May, July, Sept, Nov), from 9:00 a.m. to noon
- **Ridgecrest SWF:** 3301 W. Bowman Road: open the second and fourth Saturday of each month, from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

When traveling with HHW to any event or facility, it's important to practice safe transportation procedures. Please follow these safety guidelines:

- Transport no more than 15 gallons or 125 pounds of waste per trip, and no more than 5 gallons per single container.
- Make sure containers are not leaking and are properly labeled.
- Do not mix materials.
- Keep materials separated and away from passengers.

What is Household Hazardous Waste? Residential hazardous wastes are products, purchased for use in or around the home, that when improperly discarded, may threaten human health or the environment. These products include: household cleaners, deodorizers, personal hygiene products, pesticides, batteries (home & auto), fluorescent bulbs, herbicides, insecticides, pet care products, paint products, photographic chemicals, swimming pool chemicals, and automotive products & fluids. Even though a product can be easily purchased at the local store, it can still be harmful to you, your family, and the environment.

For more information on household hazardous waste, collection events, and guidelines, visit us at www.kernpublicworks.com/hazardouswaste.

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