

WATER • WASTEWATER • RECYCLED WATER • STORMWATER • SOLID WASTE

Regional Water Agencies and Cities Seek to **Protect Water Rights**

Following release of the Delta Stewardship Council's Delta Plan draft, the City of Roseville is joining with other Northern California communities to create a consortium that represents our shared need to protect our local water supplies. Despite purporting to move toward "co-equal" water planning, the new plan favors lower central and Southern California's water needs. By doing so, it backburners the water needs of all Northern California communities.

California's differing environmental, business, and human needs for a finite resource will always present conflicts for which there are no easy solutions. While we support efforts to find suitable compromises, the Delta Plan draft misses the mark. It directly contradicts agreements forged decades ago guaranteeing that in exchange for sharing water, Northern California suppliers would always be able to use local water to meet local demands. Instead, the plan imposes serious restrictions on Northern California water use, including limiting access to supplies generated through conservation efforts. It also seeks funding through imposing higher rates and fees on communities like ours for using the locally sourced water supplies we developed.

We hope that by being part of a unified consortium we can move the plan closer to one that is fair to all Californians

City Offices Holiday Schedule





Get creative and keep waste reduction in mind as you wrap gifts this holiday season. Instead of buying new wrapping paper, look around the house for things you can use instead. Old maps, calendars, magazines, gift cards or fabric can work. If you're feeling ambitious, vou can personalize each recipient's package using pictures cut out of old cards, calendars, or magazines. Letting children help is also a great way to get them excited about gift giving.

Keep the Presents, Return the Tree

Your Christmas tree can keep on giving when you recycle it into beneficial compost and woodchip mulch. These simple options make tree recycling easy:

- Green waste bin Remove all branches from unflocked trees and cut the trunk into sizes small enough to fit within the bin. Make sure the tree fits completely within the bin with the lid closed.
- **Drop-off sites** Bring your unflocked trees to one of the city's Christmas tree drop-off sites on January 1 and 2; or January 8 and 9. Please be sure to remove tree stands, lights, and ornaments. Visit www.roseville.ca.us/eu for drop-off locations.
- Curbside pickup As a community service and fundraiser, Roseville Boy Scouts of America troops will pick up Christmas trees throughout the city on December 31, January 1, January 7, or January 8. Simply place your tree at the curb before 9:00 a.m. Donations are appreciated and are used to cover Boy Scout Summer Camp costs.
- Materials Recovery Facility (MRF) If the dates above pass, you can take your tree to the MRF for recycling. For hours and directions, visit WPWMA.com.





Roseville EXCEEDS Waste Diversion Goals

Disposal Rate	Residents pounds/person/day	Employment pounds/person/day
Target	8.9	14.4
2007	5.8	9.3
2008	5.4	9.0
2009	4.6	8.3
2010	4.3	8.7

Thanks to you, the city has once again exceeded its target goal for waste reduction. The target goal, set by the State of California for each of its more than 400 jurisdictions, measures the amount of waste each resident and employee (people that work in Roseville) sends to the landfill daily. The numbers reflect how many pounds each person sends to the landfill daily—so lower numbers are better.

Keep up the good work!

Let Mother Nature water for you, turn off your sprinklers.



City Completes Water Meter Retrofit Project



Mayor Pauline Roccucci assists Water Utility Leadworker Larry Kostakis in installing the last residential water meter in a north Roseville neighborhood on October 18, 2011.

Recycling and Disposal Made Easy www.onebigbin.com



Think of Your Home's Pipes as Arteries

Your heart's arteries and home plumbing pipes have a lot in common. Neither does well when you fill them with fats, oil or grease. They can clog up, back up and cause a world of hurt-especially during the holidays, when heart attacks and sewer backups are most common.

Although there's no comparison between the seriousness of heart attack and the inconvenience of a holiday sewer backup, you can help prevent both by keeping out the fats, oils and greases. Instead of putting **fats**, **oils and greases (FOG)** down the drain or into the garbage disposal, cool and place them into a sealable plastic container, such as an old milk jug with a screw-on lid. Don't worry if there are pieces of meat and other foods, just seal the container, label it, and give us a call to schedule a **free** pickup at your home.

Free Pickup Service!

Our doorstep pickup service is especially handy at the holidays. When we come out for your FOG containers, we'll also take away your used batteries; spent fluorescent light bulbs and tubes; and old televisions, computers and monitors, printers, cell phones and other electronics. For a list of items we pick up, visit www.roseville.ca.us/foodfats. Call 774-5780 to schedule your free pickup.

WHAT TO DO

When Sewer Backups or Water Emergencies Happen

IMPORTANT NUMBERS

Wastewater (sewer) 774-5750

Water 774-5750

Clogged Storm Drain 746-1000

Unfortunately, most residential sewer backups and water leaks or floods result from problems with property owners' pipes and equipment. With water leaks, property owners are responsible for repairing broken pipes or equipment on the house side of the water meter, located near the sidewalk or street. The reasons for sewer backups are less obvious, but generally result from clogged or broken pipes on the property, often caused by fat buildup or tree roots. If you turn on the faucet and nothing comes out, however, the city may be experiencing a rare equipment breakdown.

Depending on the emergency, here are the steps we suggest you take:

- **Sewer backup** A sewer backup is a health hazard that requires immediate attention. As a courtesy, we will come out to assess the problem and determine the likely cause before you incur the expense of hiring a plumber. Please call us at 774-5750.
- Water leaks and floods Locate your water shutoff valve located close to an exterior wall. Turn off the water and call a plumber to repair the break. Standing water or flooding on streets or other public areas caused by broken water mains or fire hydrants is our responsibility. We want to hear about any you see, so please call us at 774-5750.
- **No water coming from faucets** If you turn on the faucet and nothing happens, make sure your water shutoff valve is open. If it is, give us a call at 774-5750.
- If you see a sewer overflow or standing water on roads or other public property, please let us know. For sewer backups, call 774-5750. If a clogged stormwater drain is causing flooding, call 746-1000. If you see or suspect a broken water main or fire hydrant, call 774-5750.

FYI: Why We Flush Fire Hydrants

You may see our crews opening fire hydrants and wonder why they're letting out all that water. The state requires that we flush out fire hydrant to maintain water quality and by flushing the hydrant, we clear out rust and sediment build-up to ensure hydrants perform properly when needed. Flushing also allows us to clean out water mains and maintain water quality throughout the system. We flush each of our more than 4,000 hydrants at least once every four years using filters that minimize the amount of chlorinated water flowing down storm drains and into our creeks.



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