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City Passes Measure to Protect Local Creeks

Most people are aware that the stormwater drains found on our streets lead straight into our city's numerous creeks. To ensure our creeks continue to provide a healthy habitat to salmon, steelhead and other fish and wildlife, Roseville City Council recently passed a Stormwater Ordinance. The ordinance is required by the state and is part of a federal initiative to protect our natural waterways.

Advice on how to save money on your water bill.

How?

Call us today for a free

Water Wise
House Call.

774-5761

Under the new ordinance, residents and businesses must keep anything other than stormwater from entering stormwater drains and flowing into the creeks. There are some exceptions allowed:

- Runoff from lawn and landscape irrigation
- Individual residential car washing (call 774-5751 for group carwash information)
- Dechlorinated pool water discharge
- Other low-impact sources outlined on the web at www.roseville.ca.us/stormwater

The new ordinance, set to go in effect on July 7, 2006, is enforceable by city officials and violations may incur fines and cleanup costs.

To find out more about the ordinance and what it covers, call 774-5751 or visit www.roseville.ca.us/stormwater.

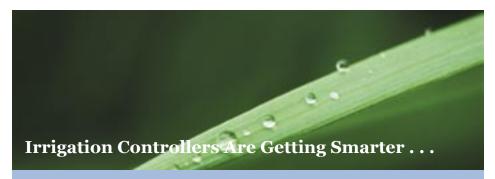
Before Repaving Your Driveway, Call Us!

The new possibilities in stamped and stained concrete have inspired a number of residents to enhance their property by repaving driveways. If you're considering a driveway or sidewalk upgrade, please contact us first. In some neighborhoods, your water service line may be under the proposed driveway or hardscape. As homes are metered as part of our meter retrofit program, our crew must install a meter box, which then may be difficult to blend in with color or texture.

Even if your home is not scheduled for a meter retrofit in the near future, we'll be happy to come out and install the new meter box in advance so that we won't disturb the concrete when we install the new meter. This will result in a better job in both quality and appearance.

To schedule a meter box evaluation in advance of improvements, call 774-5750.





Anyone who has watched sprinklers watering during a rain storm knows that most irrigation controllers aren't too smart. Traditional irrigation controllers are simply timers that turn the water on and off when they are told, regardless of the weather. Smart controllers, on the other hand, monitor and use information about environmental conditions for your specific location and landscape, such as soil moisture, rain, wind, the plants evaporation and transpiration rate and, in some cases, plant type. Smart controllers use this data to determine when to water.

...and more helpful.

Smart controllers use the right amount of water, when and where it's needed. That helps reduce water usage—typically by about 30 percent—and lower your water bills while keeping plants and grass looking great.

... when used correctly.

While smart controllers offer many benefits, they are only as good as the system they control. Make certain your system provides correct coverage and that watering stations only cover plants with the same need for water. Also check for buried sprinkler heads and broken sprinklers, pipes or valves.

Would you like one?

For a limited time, we're offering a free smart controller to those who qualify. Visit www.roseville.ca.us/savewater or call 774-5761 to find out more. While you're at it, take advantage of the other free water conservation services available, including brochures on landscape maintenance, landscape design, and efficient water use tips. We also have a free interactive CD to assist you with design, plant selection and irrigation installation. And we're always available to answer your questions!



When the State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB) adopted its General Waste Discharge Requirement (WDR) this past May, Roseville was in the enviable position of being almost completely in compliance—well ahead of schedule. The new regulations govern reporting of sanitary sewage overflows and other aspects of operating a sanitary sewage collection system that the city had already adopted as responsible business practices.

Because the vast majority of sewage overflows result from build up of fats, oils and greases (FOG) in sewage lines, the state's new regulations place more stringent guidelines on FOG discharge than the city currently requires. To ensure compliance with state regulations set to take effect over the coming years, Roseville will be initiating FOG policies and procedures in advance of the mandated deadlines. The new requirements for FOG handling will mainly affect restaurants and will be developed and implemented with a public awareness campaign directed at affected businesses.

Complete information about the new state regulations, including an informative fact sheet can be found at www.waterboards.ca.gov/sso.



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Comments and suggestions are welcome—please send to the attention of Sean Bigley.

RECYCLED PAPER

Great Ideas for Controlling Pests and Weeds

Our Stormwater Management Program is partnering with Our Water Our World and local garden centers to bring you information about a number of less toxic pesticides and fertilizers that have come to market in the past few years. Information will be available right where you need it—at the point of purchase—at the following nurseries:

- Green Acres at 901 Galleria Blvd.
- Sierra Nursery & Rock at 3985 Douglas Blvd.

Our Water Our World literature is available at both nurseries to help you select the right product for your gardening needs. Green Acres and Sierra Nursery staff is trained on integrated pest management and can help you select the product that will work best for you and help protect the wildlife in our local creeks.

www.OurWaterOurWorld.org

Our Water Our World, an award winning non-profit organization, is now celebrating its eighth year of success in public education. Their integrated pest management program started in the Bay Area and has spread inland with over 200 participating nurseries and hardware stores. They have 24 fact sheets on such topics as how to get rid of ants, fleas and other pests. Most are available in both English and Spanish.

Special Event—Don't miss it!

If you receive this newsletter in time, you can take advantage of a visit by an Our Water Our World representative on August 5. The event will be held from 8:00 a.m. until 11:00 a.m. at Sierra Nursery & Rock. It's a great opportunity to learn more about less toxic alternatives and to get your questions answered by an integrated pest management professional. For a list of future events, visit our web site at www.roseville.ca.us/eu.

Hats Off to Our HEROES

Each month, our Customer Service Recognition Committee selects one of our employees to receive the department's Honoring Excellence and Rewarding Outstanding Employees (HEROE) award.

In April, Associate Engineer **DAVE SAMULESON earned** recognition for his quick responsiveness. Dave was asked to meet a difficult deadline by reviewing a large set of plans in five working days. Dave did it in three days—and with a level of accuracy typical for this dedicated employee.

May's award went to



RUBEN HERNANDEZ, utility maintenance worke in our Water Distribution Department. In his 16 vears of service, Ruben has received countless letters of recognition from customers who describe him as personable, enthusiastic, courteous and well qualified.



Ruben Hernandez

If there's an Environmental Utilities Department employee who has provided you with outstanding service, we'd love to hear about it—please call us at 774-5770.