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**Fall Leaf
Pick-up
Program
begins Nov. 7**
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HEADS UP! New law says: "Don't put that in the trash."



A California law set to go into effect in February 2006 requires residents to help protect our air and water by properly disposing of items you may be used to throwing in the trash.

These items include:

- Batteries of all types
- Fluorescent light bulbs and tubes
- Thermometers and thermostats containing mercury
- Computer monitors and televisions*
- Electronic devices*

* These items are not accepted at the Hazardous Household Waste (HHW) Facility, see below for proper disposal information.

Because landfills emit gases into the atmosphere and can allow pollutants to seep into the groundwater, it's important we all do our part to keep our environment pollution free. The items above are in addition to the traditional list of household hazardous waste (HHW), which includes paints, cleaners, solvents, petroleum oils, poisons, and chemicals. A complete list of HHW items is located on the Western Placer Waste Management Authority's web site at www.wpwma.com.

What do we do with them instead?

The best way to dispose of items that are illegal to place in your regular trash container is to place them in a separate container or area away from children and pets. You can take household hazardous waste items, including batteries, fluorescent lights, thermometers and thermostats to Western Placer Waste Management Authority's Permanent HHW Facility at 3033 Fiddlyment Road, Roseville. The facility accepts HHW items at no charge to Placer County residents and is open Wednesday, Saturday and Sunday from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Computer monitors and televisions are accepted at no

charge, any day of the week, at the Materials Recovery Facility (MRF) located on the same property. The MRF also accepts electronic equipment, any day of the week, for fees listed on their web site at www.wpwma.com. Residents may also take automobile batteries, oil and oil filters to the City's new oil trailer located at the west entrance of the Corporation Yard, 2005 Hilltop Circle, on Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. or to one of the retailers listed on the City's web site www.roseville.ca.us/recycle.

■ For more information about household hazardous waste disposal or the new law, please visit us at www.roseville.ca.us/eu or call 774-5780. Information is also available on the California Integrated Waste Management Board's website at www.ciwmb.ca.gov/wpie/hazsub/UniWaste.htm.

Materials Recovery Facility Set to Expand

One of the benefits Roseville residents enjoy is effortless recycling. Instead of providing recycling containers and pick-up service, the City sends all trash collected to the Western Placer Waste Management Authority's Materials Recovery Facility (MRF) where employees carefully remove recyclable items. By sorting through all trash collected from homes and businesses, cities like Roseville generally reclaim a higher percentage of recyclable materials than those who operate voluntary programs.

The MRF processes about 1,000 tons of garbage each day and will soon begin an expansion project that will increase its processing capacity to more than 2,000 tons a day. In addition, the expansion will include new mechanical screening technology that will dramatically increase the amount of paper the facility can reclaim.

For more information on the MRF, visit www.wpwma.com.

Find out where to drop off

Household Hazardous Waste



www.roseville.ca.us/recycle

Leaf Pick-Up Program Returns to Fall Line-Up

Each year, the City works hard to keep fall leaves and debris from washing down storm-water drains and clogging our streams and creeks. One of the most important ways we do that is by providing residents with free leaf pick-up service. From approximately November 7 through January 13 (weather permitting), you can participate in the the Leaf Pick-Up Program two ways—

Front Yard Bagged Leaf Pick-Up—Available City Wide

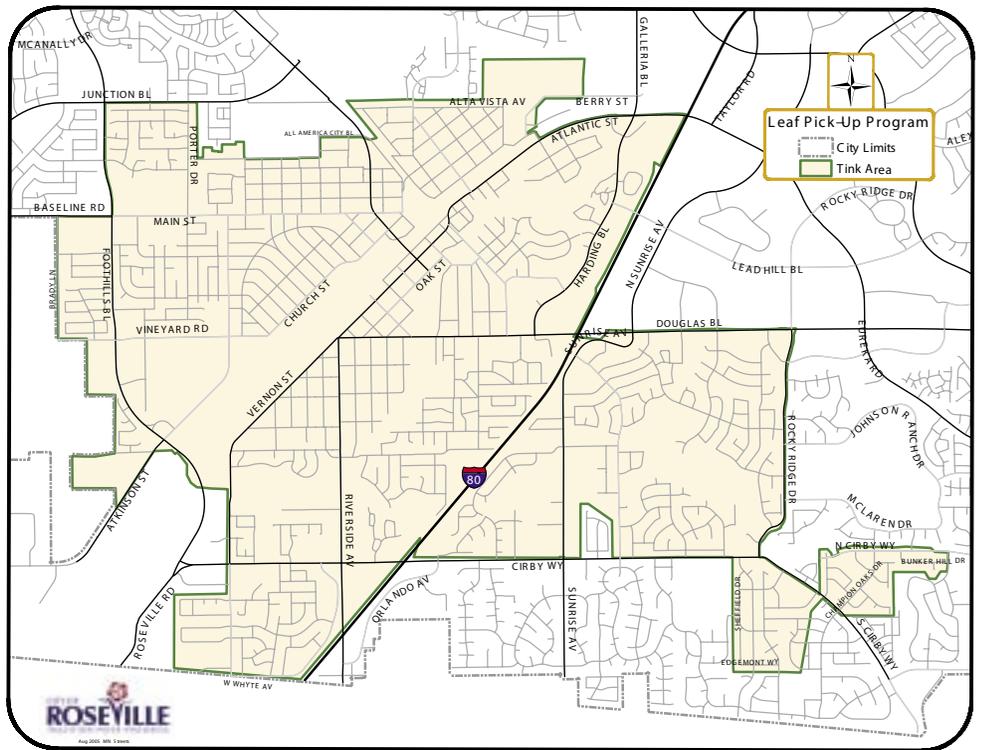
City crews will save you a trip to the landfill by collecting bagged leaves from **front yard** trees.

- Place leaves, from **front yard** trees only, in a secure bag. Make sure that each bag weighs less than 40 pounds.
- Set the bags in your driveway near the curb or in the street away from standing water and out of the gutter so you do not impede water flow.
- Call the Community Bulletin Board at 774-5842 and specify the number of bags to be picked up and your **ten-digit home telephone number**.

Leaf bags will be picked up on Tuesdays and Fridays starting at 6:30 a.m. Please remember, our crews can only collect leaves and will not take any bags that contain green waste, branches or limbs, rocks, animal waste or metal. Unfortunately, crews cannot remove bagged leaves from gated or private communities.

Front Yard Leaf Pile Pick-Up—Available in Certain Parts of the City of Roseville

Residents living in heavily treed areas of the City do not have to bag leaves for pick-up. Our special “Tink” machine will scoop up the leaves and place them into a refuse truck for recycling. City crews will collect leaf piles placed in the street by residents living within the area shown on the inset map. Leaf piles should be placed in



front of your house at least 3 feet from parked cars to prevent obstructing traffic. Please do not place leaf piles in the gutters where they may block water flow.

Our Tink machine crew makes a complete rotation of the mapped area about every two weeks. Weather permitting, crews will start at the north end of the mapped area and work south. Please remember that our Tink machine can remove the majority, but not all, leaves left in the roadway. Leaves left behind can

be placed in refuse bins for regular pick-up.

Remember, the Tink crews can only collect leaves and will not take any piles that contain green waste, branches or limbs, rocks, animal waste or metal. If a pile contains any unacceptable materials, it will be tagged and left for the owner to remove.

■ **If you have questions about the Leaf Pick-Up Program please call 774-5790, or visit www.roseville.ca.us/pw/street_maintenance.**



Did you know?

Last year, the City collected 5,365 gallons of motor oil. This year, we expect to collect even more thanks to a **NEW OIL RECYCLING TRAILER** that offers clean, convenient disposal of used motor oil, oil filters and automotive batteries. The state-of-the-art trailer features motion sensor lighting, easy disposal areas for each item, and hand towels for quick clean up.

The trailer is located at the City's Corporation Yard, 2005 Hilltop Circle, Roseville. It is open Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m.

Green Recycling Program Growing Strong

Each month, the average Roseville home generates about 70 lbs. of grass clippings, prunings, leaves and weeds that once went straight to the City's landfill. That's all changing with the City's program for recycling green waste now reaching almost half of Roseville residents.

While reviewing the program during their July and August 2005 meetings, the City Council was so impressed with the program's popularity and success that they directed the Solid Waste Division to complete the rollout to all residents within the next 18 months. As the program moves into each neighborhood, residents will receive a green 90-gallon waste container. The containers are emptied every other week, with standard trash pickup continuing on a weekly basis. For more information about the City's Green Waste Program, please call 774-5780.



Illegal Dumping Makes a Costly Mess

A little confusion about recycling is understandable, but each year the City spends hundreds of hours and thousands of dollars cleaning up items dumped illegally at its recycling sites. It's money you provide to us through taxes and utility bills—and we'd rather use to keep your rates low and invest in more and better recycling programs for our community.

► **SO PLEASE, IF YOU SEE SOMEONE LEAVING TRASH OR OTHER ITEMS AT A RECYCLING SITE, REPORT THE DETAILS BY CALLING 774-5786 OR 774-5780.**

A Time for 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.

Roy VanNess, mapping manager, was named June's HEROE for completing a time-sensitive federal government report. Though he had never compiled this type of report, Roy made phone calls, did research, and gathered the data necessary to organize the information in the format needed. Roy's performance on this report an example of the above-and-beyond attitude Roy's fellow employees have come to depend on.



John Josephian, plant and equipment mechanic at the Pleasant Grove Wastewater Treatment Plant, earned HEROE honors in July for using his ingenuity and persistence on a chemical line repair that would have otherwise cost the City thousands of dollars. On one of July's many 100+ degree days, John worked in a physically demanding position under the full summer sun until he successfully corrected the problem.



✓ **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.**



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