

Close the Loop: Buy Recycled Products



T-Shirt is made from 50% Fortrel® EcoSpun® which is a fabric derived from recycled soda bottles and 50% recycled cotton.

Backpack is 98% recycled from resin derived from eight 2-liter soda bottles.

Three-Ring Binder made from recycled 7-Up bottles.

If you live in Roseville, you're automatically a recycling superstar. Your trash is sorted at the Materials Recovery Facility (MRF) and everything that can be recycled is sent to companies who convert it into useable materials.

You can help the process even more by stepping back into the picture and buying products made from recycled materials. There are a surprising number of items for your home and garden now being made from reclaimed paper, glass, plastic, tires and industrial materials.

The California Intergrated Waste Management Board now features its RecycleStore, showcasing everything from jewelry to furniture to floor tiles—and much more.

Visit www.ciwmb.ca.gov/RecycleStore

Lots of Color ... Maybe a Little Fame!

Help us keep Roseville bright and beautiful by submitting your colorful entry for the 2008 Student Art Calendar. The *Colors of Roseville* is this year's theme—so dazzle us by showing our city at its colorful best!

The contest is open to K-12 students and the deadline for entries is Friday, September 28, 2007. Get the rest of the details call 774-5600 or visit www.roseville.ca.us/artcal.

2008 Student Art Calendar Contest



Establishing a Healthy New Lawn

Getting new lawns off to a healthy start requires a little extra attention for the first four weeks or so, until the sod establishes a strong root system. After installation, sod should be kept moist by applying enough water to keep it from drying out, but not too much water to cause runoff or puddling. Once your lawn is established, remember to reduce your watering schedule to every other day or every third day depending on the weather. Rather than helping your new lawn, over-saturating soil eliminates the oxygen roots need to grow strong.

If you would like assistance on developing a proper irrigation schedule please contact us at 774-5761. We would be happy to help you determine a watering schedule that is healthy for your landscape and the environment.



Car Washing Tips

The fish and wildlife living in and around our city creeks need us to help keep their homes clean by preventing car-washing dirt, grease and soap from running into stormwater drains. Here are a few simple ways you can help keep our creeks healthy:

- Use minimal amounts of biodegradable phosphate-free soap
- Wash your car on a grass or gravel area, or divert runoff to grass or gravel
- Put a spray nozzle on your hose to conserve water
- Empty any remaining soapy water into a toilet or sink

Also, commercial car washes are piped to keep runoff out of creeks. So now you have a great excuse for getting out of hand washing your car at home!

Charity Carwash Kits Available

Charity car washes are great for fundraising but they're not so great for fish. To prevent grease, dirt, soap and metals from washing into our creeks, new environmental regulations prohibit charity fundraising events from discharging carwash runoff to the storm drain.

To bridge this gap, the City of Roseville will now make special carwash kits available to local charities to help them comply with these laws. Charities can use these kits free of charge to stay within the new regulations by making sure their spent carwash water stays out of the storm drain. These loaner kits contain a mat to cover the stormwater drain, a diversion berm to direct runoff to a collection point, and a pump to move the water to a porous landscaped area where it can soak into the ground. We've also created a short training video showing how to use the kit. **To reserve a car wash kit—call 774-5751.**



We turn on the tap and water pours out. We flush the toilet and sewage disappears. Those are facts of life we simply take for granted—and the city works hard to ensure that we can. It's a big job in a system that dates back to 1906 and covers almost 36 square miles. At present, the city is in the middle of a comprehensive program of assessing the current state of its drinking water and wastewater systems to locate and repair problems that might result in future leaks, spills or backups.

Video touring city sewer pipes

Thanks to technology advances, inspecting underground wastewater pipes has become considerably easier and a lot more thorough in recent years. Digital technology now makes it possible for city crews to clean sewer pipes and then insert a compact video camera that travels through the pipes taking still and motion pictures. This tour through the pipes gives crews a remarkably accurate look at every inch of city sewer pipe. Beginning in the city's oldest section, crews have been inspecting, cataloging and prioritizing needs for two years and will start replacing the most critical sections this summer. Considering that the first pipes inspected are 75 to 100 years old, the city has been pleased to find the system to be in surprisingly good condition.

The video inspection is now complete for pipes installed through the mid 1970s, with the remainder scheduled for inspection and analysis over the next four years. In addition, the city is beginning a condition assessment of its Dry Creek Wastewater Plant this year and will make upgrades to that facility as part of the larger rehabilitation program.

No cameras allowed

The high-tech video system cannot be used in the city's drinking water delivery system, which remains closed and pressurized to assure water safety and quality. Instead, the city has studied maintenance records, performed visual inspections during construction projects, and removed pipe sections for analysis when performing repairs. System upgrades, including pipe replacement, are now being identified across the city. Construction of some of these improvements is being included in the Historic District and Riverside Gateway corridor streetscape projects.

Something old, something new

Like many American cities, Roseville is a combination of old and new sections, with older areas dating back to the 1800s before the city incorporated. Unlike other cities; however, Roseville remained a town of less than 20,000 until the mid 1970s. By 1990, the population had more than doubled to 45,000 and has since climbed to more than 100,000. With pipes expected to last at least 75 years, that late growth spurt means that our water and wastewater transport systems are considered young. By upgrading the earliest sections and inspecting all areas, the city is ensuring we can comfortably expect trouble-free water delivery and wastewater removal for many years to come.

Kids Sing Along to Conservation Message



Environmental Utilities and Roseville Electric once again teamed up to bring the ever-popular **Banana Slugs** to Roseville schoolchildren. This year, the musical group made up of former teachers sang to close to a thousand kindergarten through third grade children. Their tuneful messages offer an upbeat way for kids to get into the conservation swing.



Water Meter Retrofit Marches Forward

The city's meter retrofit program is currently installing water meters in the area around Diamond Oaks Golf Course. Now in its sixth year, the program is on track to meet its July 2011 completion date.

REMINDER: If you're considering a driveway or sidewalk upgrade, please contact us first. In some neighborhoods, we may need to install your water meter under the proposed driveway or hardscape. To schedule a meter box evaluation in advance of improvements, call 774-5750.

Our HEROES Are Special People

Each month, an employee is selected to receive the department's Honoring Excellence and Rewarding Outstanding Employees (HEROE) award.

MITCH PRATHER, Water Division leadworker, earned February's award for his work on the Historic District redevelopment effort. The project required several city departments and downtown merchants to collaborate on a number of issues. Mitch's willingness to explore and recommend untypical ideas that met wide-ranging needs was commended in a letter from Chris Robles in the city's Community Development Department.

GARY GARCIA, Refuse Truck Driver II, received March's award following two customer calls. The first was from a resident who saw Gary retrieve the trash can a neighbor had forgotten to put out, empty it, and return it to its storage location. He then hand delivered the neighbor's newspaper. A week later, another customer called to say he appreciated Gary stopping to help him lift a heavy object into his trash can.

- **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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