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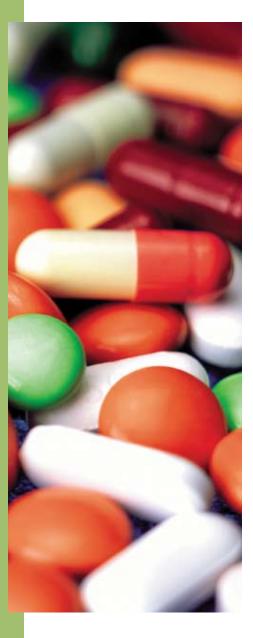
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WATER • WASTEWATER • RECYCLED WATER • STORMWATER • SOLID WASTE

Windy weather often results in tipped over refuse bins.

Help us keep
Roseville
litter free
by bagging
your trash
before you
place it in your
refuse bin.



What Should I Do with Old Medications?

Many of us grew up hearing we should flush unused medications down the toilet, but scientific evidence has since shown that flushing medications may not be the best way to dispose of these medications. Wastewater treatment plants simply aren't designed to handle pharmaceutical drugs (prescription or over-the counter medications).

Unfortunately, putting old medications in the trash is not a good idea, either. The drugs end up in landfills and may eventually run off in the rain or seep into the ground water.

Instead of flushing or tossing medications, we ask that you do one of the following:

- Ask your pharmacy if they will take back your medications. Some pharmacies will dispose of unused medications, but they will typically only take back those medications they sold.
- Gather up all old medications and take them to the household hazardous waste (HHW) facility at the Western Placer Waste Management Authority, where they will be disposed of properly.

For now, disposal at the HHW Center is the best idea. The city is working on finding a more convenient way for residents to dispose of unused medications, but has not finalized another option at this time. Until we can, we ask that you take medications—along with hypodermic needles (sharps), household chemicals, paint products, acids, poisons and other hazardous waste items—to the HHW Center at 3033 Fiddyment Road. Disposal is free and the center is open every day from 8:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m.

BIGGER, BOLDER, BETTER! Don't Miss Celebrate the Earth 2010

Reduce, reuse and recycle are the three r's of conservation, but innovate, improve and inspire are the three i's of this year's Earth Day event. Join us for the third annual Celebrate the Earth event taking place April 17, 2010 from 10:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m. This year's event will stretch out across the Mahany Park complex at 1501 Pleasant Grove Boulevard. We've invited back your favorite information booths and green-product vendors, as well as a host of new ones, to update you on the latest ideas and technologies for conserving resources and reducing carbon emissions.

New for this year, we're creating themed zones in different areas of the complex—including an energy products zone for renewable energy (including solar) and energy efficiency, a water conservation and green gardening zone, a local foods zone, reuse and reduce zone and other earth-minded zones. You'll be able to enjoy performances in the stage area and learn from the experts at different demonstration sites.

Mark your calendar for April 17 and plan to come out and learn what's new on the rapidly advancing green frontier. To find out more, call the Utility Exploration Center at 746-1550 or visit www.roseville.ca.us/explore.





Green Gardening Classes—and More!

Get a jump on spring with a great selection of green gardening and other classes at the Utility Exploration Center. Sign up today to learn the secrets of creating a high-yield organic vegetable garden, controlling weeds and pests naturally, producing nutrient-rich soil through composting and vermicomposting, installing water-saving drip irrigation, and much, much more.

Classes fill up quickly, so visit www.roseville.ca.us/explore today to view or download the latest class schedule. Choose your classes and register online or by phone, fax, mail, or in person at the Utility Exploration Center. And remember, a single fee covers an entire family, making the classes a fun and affordable way to involve every member.

Green Volunteers Wanted

If you'd like to get involved and help protect the environment, we'd love to see you at our monthly Green Volunteer meetings. From 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. on the first Wednesday of every month, our volunteers meet at the Utility Exploration Center at 1501 Pleasant Grove Road. During the informal get together, you'll hear about opportunities available that month and get to know others on our earth-advocacy team who are helping our community take action to conserve resources and protect the planet.

Free Compost Bins Available

You probably know that your 90-gallon trash container is "One Big Bin" and that we take care of sorting out recyclable materials for you. What you may not know is that when the 90-gallon containers wear out, we recycle them, too. We routinely collect broken or worn out containers, transform them into compost bins, and give them away to residents at no charge. Compost bin supplies are limited, but if you call our Solid Waste Division at 774-5780, we'll put your name on a list and deliver your compost bin (also at no charge) when one becomes available.

Green Gardening Special Events

Environmental Utilities is teaming up with local nurseries Green Acres and Sierra Nurseries in hosting special events geared toward helping you learn more about caring for lawns and gardens without using harmful chemicals that may contaminate our local creeks. Mark your calendars and plan to attend the following events:

- Saturday, April 3, 2010, 9:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m., Green Acres Nursery, 901 Galleria Boulevard
 City employees from Environmental Utilities will be on hand offering valuable information on green
 gardening, water conservation, composting, and other timely topics. Well-known Master Gardener
 Annie Joseph will also be on hand to answer questions about less toxic alternatives for healthy,
 chemical-free gardening.
- Saturday, April 24, 2010, 9:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m., Sierra Nursery, 3985 Douglas Boulevard
 Gisele Schoniger from Kellogg Garden Products will be giving a seminar on organic gardening and
 Environmental Utilities employees will be at the nursery providing information you can use to grow
 a water-wise, creek-friendly lawn and garden.

To find out more about these and other creek-friendly events, visit www.roseville.ca.us/eu.

Rate Increase Takes Effect April

The second of two scheduled water, sewer and refuse rate increases will take effect in April 2010. Roseville City Council approved the increases last spring to cover the costs of meeting new regulatory requirements, renewing and repairing aging infrastructure, and higher operating costs. While any rate increase is unwelcome, the city has been working hard to bring costs down where possible. Those efforts resulted in a lower-than-expected rate increase of 5.2 percent in 2009 and 5.3 percent in 2010, compared to the originally planned increase of 8 percent in both years. In addition, the rates Roseville collects for water, sewer and refuse collection services are among the lowest in region. www.roseville.ca.us/eurates

Impact on a Typical Residential Household*

	2008 Current Monthly Bill	Typical 2009 Rate Adjustment %	Typical 2009 Incremental \$ Increase	Typical 2009 Combined Monthly Bill	Typical 2010 Rate Adjustment %	Typical 2010 Incremental \$ Increase	Typical 2010 Combined Monthly Bill
Water	\$21.70	9%	\$1.96	\$23.66	9%	\$2.13	\$25.79
Sewer	\$26.85	4%	\$1.05	\$27.90	4%	\$1.10	\$29.00
Refuse	\$21.40	3%	\$0.65	\$22.05	3%	\$0.65	\$22.70
Total	\$69.95	5.2%	\$3.66	\$73.61	5.3%	\$3.88	\$77.49

*rates are for a typical residential customer who uses 1900 cubic feet of water per month

Water Storage Tank Replacement Complete

The city completed two major water storage-tank projects in the past few months. Most recently, the city completed a new 7.25 million-gallon tank to replace a storage tank built in 1969 that had reached the end of its useful life. During summer 2009, the city also completed a new 2.9-million Stoneridge water tank. The new tanks will provide operational reliability water storage to ensure adequate fire protection.

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

Water: The Hot Topic for 2009

2009 was a whirlwind year in the state legislature as they tackled major issues such as creating the Delta Protection Act to help fix the Bay Delta, creating a process to monitor groundwater levels, and formulating a plan to reduce the state's water use by 20 percent by the year 2020. Though water issues in California have been brewing for several years, legislative action was prompted by a continued statewide drought. We have seen the effects of the drought here in Roseville when our water supplies were cut in 2008 and were in jeopardy in 2009 Roseville water customers responded well by reducing their water use when called upon to do so. This recently adopted legislation will bring changes to the way Roseville plans for its water use in the future. We will be working this next year to develop a feasible approach to meet these new requirements to save 20 percent of our water use. We will be working with the City Council, and also regionally, to develop a plan that works for our community. We ask for your continued support through this development process and we ask that you continue to do your part to be water smart.



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