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Western Placer Waste Management Authority's Permanent Household Hazardous Waste Facility

3195 Athens Road Roseville

www.wpwma.com 916-543-3960

Open Wednesday, Saturday and Sunday 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

"I can't dispose of these flashlight batteries in my trash?"

What to do instead.

As of February 9, 2006, throwing away common household items such as batteries and fluorescent light bulbs is illegal in California. These items, known as "universal waste," includes all types of batteries, fluorescents lamps and tubes, many aerosol cans, mercury containing devices, and electronic equipment. Universal wastes are hazardous wastes that are generated by several sectors of society, rather than a single industry or type of business.

Okay, so what now?

The City of Roseville understands the inconvenience the new regulations have created for our customers and are actively seeking solutions to make compliance with the law easier and more convenient for residents. At present, Roseville residents do have the benefit of free access to household hazardous waste disposal at Western Placer Waste Management Authority's Permanent Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) Facility located at 3195 Athens Road, Roseville. For hours of operation, directions and more detail, please visit their web site at www.wpwma.com or call 916-543-3960.

The City of Roseville is exploring practical and cost effective solutions for our customers.

We are also looking into other ways we can help residents conveniently dispose of this waste. Of course, any new program will cost money, so we must determine what services we can realistically provide within our current rate structure. We ask your patience as we explore practical options to make disposal of universal waste more convenient.

Until a permanent solution is found, in addition to the HHW facility, the City of Roseville will also accept common household batteries at the city's oil trailer located at the Corporation Yard, 2005 Hilltop Circle, on Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

What can you do?

In the meantime, here are some suggestions to simplify disposal of all household hazardous waste:

- Learn what items fall into the universal waste and household hazardous waste categories.
 A complete list of universal waste items is available on the Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) web site at www.dtsc.ca.gov.
- Set up separate bins for those items. Please, do not put these items in your trash can. Make certain your hazardous waste bins are out of reach of children and animals.
- Either collect items until you have enough to make a trip to the HHW facility, or set up a neighborhood system with different households responsible for monthly trips to HHW facility.

If you have additional questions about household hazardous waste disposal or the new universal waste law, please visit the Environmental Utilities web site at www.roseville.ca.us/eu or call 774-5780. Additional information is available at www.dtsc.ca.gov.

Does Your Pool Need Draining?

Our stormwater drains feed directly into creeks and streams teaming with fish and wildlife. To protect their homes, we must ensure only clean, chemical and chlorine-free water enters the storm drain system. If you need to drain your pool, there are a few simple steps you are required to follow.

- · Call 746-1876 to obtain a one-time discharge permit.
- Schedule an appointment with a city inspector who will test your pool water for chlorine residual. If no chlorine is detected and no algae or other contaminants are present, the inspector will issue you a permit to discharge your pool water into the storm drain.
- If chlorine or other contaminants are present, regulations call for you to discharge the pool water into the sanitary sewer line, where it will be sent to one of Roseville's wastewater treatment plant. A \$40 fee for this discharge is required.



Growing Recycled Water Program Plans for Future

As the weather warms, Roseville golf courses, parks, and streetscapes will once again begin

receiving nutrient-rich recycled water from the city's wastewater treatment plants. The city's program began in 1998 is expected to deliver about 720 million gallons of recycled water in 2006. The water is recycled to the state's highest standards, making it safe for all uses except drinking.

Future plans for the program include providing park, streetscape and commercial property irrigation to areas covered under the West Roseville Specific Plan, as well as several other areas. More information about the program is available in the Recycled Water section at www.roseville.ca.us/eu.



Testing a New Approach to Storm Drain Stenciling

For his Eagle Scout project, one ambitious Roseville Boy

Scout will be helping the city test a new metal storm drain marker. The Eagle Scout will manage a group of scout volunteers, using glue plus a center bolt to place 300 markers and glue only to place an additional 300 markers. The 600 markers will be installed in older Roseville neighborhoods this spring.

The city hopes the aluminum markers with a 30-year life span will prove to be a practical replacement for painted-on stencils which wear off eventually.

During the new marker test volunteers are still encouraged to help stencil warnings on curbs. If you are interested in volunteering to paint stencils, please call 774-5751.

Did you know?

Roseville homes and businesses will use enough drinking water this year to fill about 750,000 average backyard pools



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.

December's award went to Ed Kriz, the city's water utility manager and a 15-year city employee. Ed was nominated for donating countless hours to the city's holiday Tree Lighting ceremony and Neighborhood Santa program. Ed's wonderful spirit warms the hearts of many and helps make the holiday season joyful for our residents.



In January, refuse truck driver Denis Conley was honored with the HEROE award for finding a resident's wallet and immediately turning it in to his supervisor, allowing the relieved resident and lost wallet to be quickly reunited. Denis began working for the Solid Waste Division in 2002.



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.

Car Wash Update

If you're planning a charity car wash, please contact us. Changes in the regulations governing water going into storm drains now require group car washes to adhere to special guidelines to prevent soap, chemicals, car residue and oil from polluting our creeks and streams.

While private individuals are still allowed to wash cars at home, we encourage you to use a coin or commercial car wash. Commercial operations are required by law to recycle or process water run off to prevent pollution.

For more information, call 746-1748 or visit the stormwater section at www.roseville.ca.us/eu



Positive Water Supply Outlook for 2006

Despite a warmer-than-normal winter and limited snow pack, Roseville has obtained a tentative okay to the water required to meet most needs for this year. The city's needed 11.3 billion gallons of water is drawn from Folsom Lake, which is expected to collect enough water from the melting Sierra Nevada snow pack to supply Roseville in addition to other surrounding communities.

While the water supply appears to be okay, we encourage everyone to be aware of water use this year, as every year. Good conservation practices are important to conserve this precious resource.



When the Rains Stop, Sprinklers Start

It's the time of year when we may no longer count on nature to take care of keeping our grass and plants green. Before you start watering, there are a few steps to take to ensure you are making good use of your water.

- Perform a test run to check for leaks and to make sure sprinkler heads are adjusted correctly and in good working order.
- Test one zone at a time to check that water is spraying uniformly and sprinklers are not plugged. You may need to remove debris from the sprinkler heads, raise the height of sprinkler heads to offset maturing landscape buildup, or adjust heads that may be spraying on patios, driveways, and sidewalks.
- If some sprinkler heads do not seem to be spraying enough water, or an area between heads becomes soggy, there could be a broken underground pipe. You can repair it yourself by buying replacement parts from a local hardware store or you may choose to call an irrigation repair service.
- Take advantage of the cool weather and set your system controller to water every third day until the weather warms.
- A moisture meter is a good way to determine your watering needs and can help you increase or decrease watering days and/or run times to adjust for soil moisture.
- For additional water conservation tips, visit www.roseville.ca.us/savewater



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