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Voluntary Water **Conservation Efforts Working** Well-So Far

visit www.roseville.ca.us/savewater.

Fall Leaf Pickup Begins Nov. 3

see back for details



UEC Fall Classes Focus on Natural Gardening

This fall, the Utility Exploration Center (UEC) will be hosting a variety of classes designed to teach the whole family how to garden the green way. These fun and informative classes are offered throughout October, so sign up now to reserve your space.

- Register for classes online at www.rosevilleparks.com.
- For a schedule of classes call 746-1550 or see the Parks and Recreation Activity Guide online at http://www.roseville.ca.us/parks/programs_n_classes/activity_guides/default.asp.



To make our 100-year birthday a celebration to remember, the city is starting the centennial year in grand style. On January 1, 2009, a community-funded City of Roseville float will be part of the 120th Rose Parade. The float, funded through donations and sponsorships, will showcase our city on the national stage.

Many thanks to all who have contributed to this effort. We'd like to say a special thank you to our largest sponsors to date: Union Pacific, a \$50,000 sponsor; United Auburn Indian Community, a \$25,000 sponsor; and Sutter Health and Kaiser Permanente, each \$15,000 sponsors.

Volunteers who would like to help build the float are welcome in Pasadena. If you can't join us, please make plans to take part in many local events going on throughout the year.

For a closer look at the Rose Parade float design and to learn about upcoming centennial events, visit www.roseville.ca.us/100.

Did you know?



Tune Up Your Pipes for Winter

Before winter it's important to protect your home now to prevent freeze damage and costly repairs.

- Turn off your sprinkler system and drain the pipes. By draining the pipes you prevent cracks or bursts underground that can be difficult to find and repair.
- Drain your garden hoses and store them inside to prevent cracking.
- Wrap outside pipes with insulation or heat tape.
- Make sure outside faucets aren't leaking.
- Find your main water shut-off valve so that you can quickly turn off the water to your home in an emergency.
- Your water heater works overtime during the winter months, so consider flushing the tank to remove sediment that can shorten its life and reduce heating efficiency.
- If you plan on being away from your home for an extended period, turn off the water into your home and consider hiring a plumber to flush your pipes.



Roseville to Host Placer Recycles Day

As part of the national America Recycles Day, Roseville will be hosting Placer Recycles Day for Placer County communities at Roseville's Utility Exploration Center this November 15, from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

The whole family is invited to join in the free festivities, that include turning reused materials into art, a fashion show highlighting clothing made from recycled items, raffles, vendors selling earth-friendly products, and more.



Holiday Waste Collection

Don't forget to put your trash out this holiday season. Our offices will be closed on holidays, but solid waste and green waste trucks continue their regularly scheduled trash and green waste pickups. As always, make sure your cans are at the curb by 7:00 a.m. to ensure pickup.

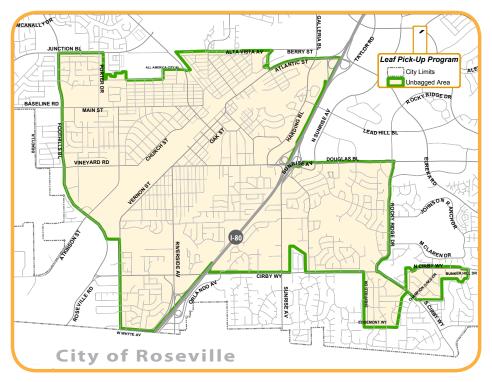


Free Sharps Drop-Off Sites Open

The county has opened two new disposal sites to make it easier for residents to comply with a new state law prohibiting regular trash disposal of needle syringes and lancets, commonly known as "sharps," used routinely by people with medical conditions.

- Western Placer Waste Management Authority, 3033 Fiddyment Road, Roseville
- Auburn Placer Disposal Service Transfer Station, 12305 Shale Ridge Road, Auburn

Front Yard Leaf Pickup Program Begins November 3



To help keep our city's waterways clean and running freely, Roseville offers residents two options for fall leaf disposal—our green waste program, which runs all year, and a **front yard** leaf pickup program that runs from November 3 through January 15.

To take advantage of our green waste pickup, simply place leaves and other yard clippings in the green bin provided by the city—without bags—and place the bin near the curb on your scheduled day.

Bagged Areas

Starting November 3, residents will be able to take advantage of curbside removal of bagged, **front yard** leaves. Place **front yard** leaves in sealed trash bags weighing less than 40 pounds near the curb, without blocking the gutter. Please call the Community Bulletin Board at 774-5842, specify the number of bags to be removed and your 10-digit **home** phone number. Our regular pickup days are Tuesdays and Fridays. If any bags contain unacceptable materials, they will be tagged and left for the resident to dispose. Remember, crews can't pick up leaves in gated or private neighborhoods.

Unbagged Areas

For the most densely treed areas of the city, indicated on the map, Roseville provides unbagged leafpile removal of **front yard** leaves. Just rake **front yard** leaves into piles on the street in front of your house. Please make sure those piles contain only **front yard** leaves, are at least three feet from parked cars, and aren't blocking gutters. Our crews will come by with our special "Tink" machine and scoop the piles into a refuse truck for recycling. Any piles with unacceptable materials will be tagged and left for the resident to remove. Bagging is permissible in the "Tink" area (see above for restrictions), but will be picked up during the "Tink" rotation; do not call the Community Bulletin Board.

Our crews normally take about two weeks to complete the rotation, working from north to south. If you miss a day, just put your piles out a week later and our crews will be back through your area.

Living Green Easy ways to help the plane

To keep ants out of hummingbird feeders, wrap the tree branch or pole with tape and coat it with a sticky pest barrier. Many local nurseries carry nontoxic sticky barriers you can also use to

Our Water Our World Event

Sierra Gardens Nursery will be hosting a Green Fall Festival on October 18 featurin environmentally friendly gardening tips from Our Water Our World—please visit www.ourwaterourworld.org.

A HEROEs Thank You

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

June's award was given to two Water Department employees: **Curtis Gothier** and **Tom Ceccearelli**. During regular rounds Curtis and Tom spotted smoke coming from the next block. When they investigated, the two came upon a house fire and moved quickly to control the blaze with garden hoses until the fire department arrived. Their quick thinking and decisive action averted a potential disaster and helped minimize the fire's damage.

Katie Richard, our July recipient, has been one of the most delightful customer service employees within the department since she joined us in 2005. As an Administrative Clerk II, she treats each customer individually, paints every issue in a positive light, and does whatever she can to connect with and help her customers.

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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