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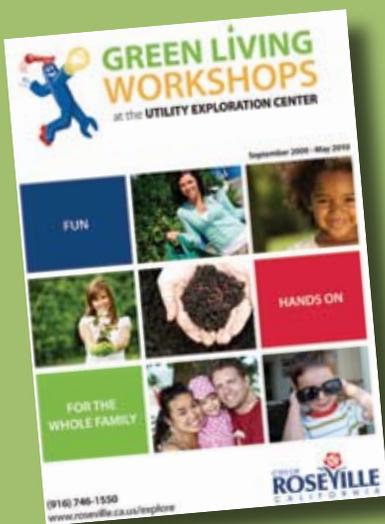


Looking to a Future Beyond Recycling

We all know how beneficial recycling is for the environment, but there is one thing you can do that's even better—generate less waste. Waste prevention is all about reducing waste at the source (you), so that there's less to worry about down the line.

We've created a new web page full of great ideas for cutting down on waste. It even tells you how to get rid of junk mail to reduce the amount of waste generated on your behalf!

Visit www.roseville.ca.us/beyondrecycling and challenge yourself to adopt one new waste prevention habit today!



Green Gardening and More—Classes Galore!

The Utility Exploration Center offers fun, information-packed classes for all ages, including green gardening classes on the first and third Saturday of every month.

To get a free class catalog, you can:

- Download a PDF at www.roseville.ca.us/explore
- Stop by the Center at 1501 Pleasant Grove in Roseville
- Call 746-1550 to request that we mail one



Thank You for Conserving Water!

Hats off to you and everyone in Roseville who responded to the city's voluntary request to reduce water consumption by 20 percent. Thanks to your wise water use, the city used 11 percent less water from January through July than we did during the same period last year, which was also a dry year. In addition, by July, the city had also used 27 percent less water than we projected.

We want to thank you and say "Keep up the good work!" While we are very pleased with the efforts to date, our arid region requires us to remain constantly vigilant about water use.

For tips on saving water and to learn about water conservation programs and rebates the city offers, visit www.roseville.ca.us/savewater.



Have a Happy Hallow(gr)een!

Start your holiday season off right this year with a few eco-friendly trick-or-treat tips—

Cloth, not plastic, please: Give your kids pillowcases or canvas shopping bags to store their spoils and save space in our landfills. As an added bonus, cloth doesn't tear easily, preventing disappointing candy spills.

Walk, don't drive: By trick-or-treating close to home, you're helping to keep down air pollution. Plus, walking is healthier and saves gas.

Keep the trash with the junk (food): Have your kids put their empty wrappers back in their bags and help them sort through it when you get home. You'll be keeping our streets litter free (plus you get first pick of the choice treats).

Don't import your pumpkins: Carve a locally grown, organic pumpkin this year and support our local growers. You can find local pumpkin patches and farmer's markets on the Internet. Don't forget to compost those pumpkins when the holiday's over!

Back by Popular Demand: Worms, Guts & Pumpkin Carving

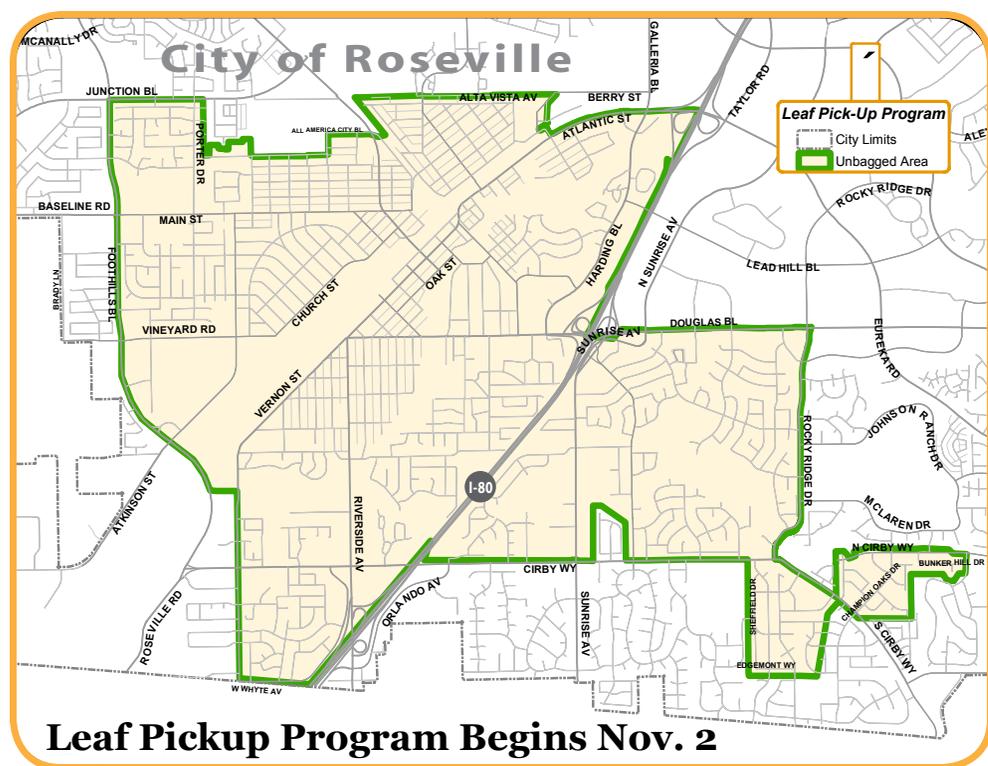
The Utility Exploration Center is once again offering kids ages 7 to 12 the chance to combine Halloween pumpkin carving and vermicomposting. Class participants receive a pumpkin, worm bin and hundreds of wiggly red worms. The pumpkin innards removed for carving are placed in the worm bins to give the worms a good start on recycling a family's food scraps and paper.

Dates: Oct. 24 or Oct. 31, 11:00 am–12:30 pm

Where: Roseville Utility Exploration Center

Cost: \$32 Resident, \$35 Nonresident

Register: Online at www.roseville.ca.us/explore, in person at the center, or call 746-1550



It's Time to Winterize

- When the rain starts, turn off your sprinkler system and drain it to prevent frozen pipes from swelling, cracking or bursting.
- Make sure no outdoor faucets are leaking.
- Drain garden hoses and bring them indoors to prevent cracking.
- Use insulation or heat tape to wrap up any exposed pipes.
- Find your main water shut-off valve. If a pipe does break this winter, knowing how to turn off the water can prevent or reduce water damage.
- Consider flushing your water heater to clear out any sediment. This can extend the life of your unit and increase its heating efficiency.
- If you plan to take an extended vacation this winter, turning off your water and having a plumber flush your system will reduce the risk of broken pipes.

Holiday Updates

Trash Pickup Continues

Trash pickup continues as usual on Thanksgiving and Christmas days.

City Offices Close

Last year, the city tested a voluntary holiday flexible leave program, closing down all but critical services between Christmas and New Year's, a period when routine calls for services are historically slow.

Due to the pilot program's success with the public and employee response, **the city will once again close down its offices on December 25, 2009 and reopen on January 4, 2010.** Police, fire and refuse pickup services will continue as usual. Environmental Utilities will monitor calls and respond to emergencies and Roseville Electric will be available by phone to answer questions and respond to emergencies and outages. All other city offices, including the Civic Center, Corporation Yard, Utility Exploration Center and libraries will be closed. The Roseville Sports Complex and limited Adventure Club sites will remain open on a modified holiday schedule. www.roseville.ca.us

In order to keep our waterways clean and running freely, Roseville offers residents two options for fall leaf disposal; our green waste program which runs throughout the year, and a seasonal leaf pickup program that runs from November 2 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 Solid Waste Division—without bags—and place the bin near the curb on your scheduled green waste pickup day.

Bagged Leaf Areas

Starting November 2, 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. Call the Community Bulletin Board at 774-5842, specify your name, address, **home phone** number, and the number of bags to be removed. Pickup days are Tuesdays and Fridays. Remember, crews cannot pick up leaves in gated or private neighborhoods.

Unbagged Leaf Areas

Roseville provides unbagged leaf-pile removal of **front yard** leaves in the most densely treed areas of the city as indicated on the map. Rake front yard leaves into piles onto the street in front of your home. Place the piles at least three feet from any parked cars, and keep the storm drain inlets clear. Leaf crews will come by with our "Tink" machine and load the piles into a refuse truck for recycling. Bagging of leaves is permissible in the "Tink" area (see above for restrictions,) and will be picked up during the "Tink" route. Do not call the Community Bulletin Board. It normally takes approximately two weeks to complete a route, working from north to south.

Honoring Excellence and Rewarding Outstanding Employees (HEROE) Award

Thanks to Our Heroe!

Senior Engineer **MWAH POLSON** was nominated by a city employee from another department who worked with Mwah on a project. The employee wrote an email complimenting Mwah's thorough understanding of the project and his willingness to explore alternatives, also suggesting his comments by including in an information section for future applicants. In addition, Mwah also served as mediator on a challenging shopping center project, going the extra mile to ensure all parties achieved winning results.

Thank you to Mwah and all the other Environmental Utilities employees who have also earned the HEROE award.



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