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Rancho Murieta Community Services District

Solid Waste Collection

As the service provider for municipal type services, the District delivers “superior community services efficiently and professionally at a reasonable cost . . .”. (Mission Statement of the District). Water, sewer, drainage and security services are supplied by **employees** of the District. However, the newest municipal service, solid waste collection and disposal, is provided by **contract services** with California Waste Recovery Systems (Cal-Waste).

In 2005, the District entered into a ten year contract with Cal-Waste for the collection of garbage, green waste, and recyclables. Up until that time, Sacramento County was the service provider. The District’s Board of Directors determined that superior services at lower costs could be provided by Cal-Waste. The Kiefer Landfill, owned by Sacramento County, remains the disposal site for garbage and green waste delivered by Cal-Waste.

Fees paid by Rancho Murieta residents are based on the size of the garbage cart, 38, 64, or 96 gallons. The yard waste and recyclable carts are 96 gallons and are included in the fee for the garbage cart. Additional yard waste and recyclable carts are also available.

Cal-Waste offers special services without additional charge, such as large items collection, up to four times a year – the maximum collection from the County was annually. Large items



Example of extra yard waste collection.

include furniture, carpets, etc. up to 5 cubic yards (4’x4’x2’) and a maximum of 60 pounds. Call Cal-Waste at 354-4154 to arrange pick up.

Another service available is extra green waste collection from December 1 to March 30 annually. Yard waste is not limited to the amount in your yard cart – extra plastic bags will be collected curbside. Additionally, Christmas trees will be collected December 29, 2009 through January 14, 2010 on regular collection days.

Cal-Waste also offers curbside collection of used oil and used oil filters in special containers obtained from Cal-Waste. Legislation prohibits the collection of electronic or medical waste by Cal-Waste.

Residents are encouraged to use the gray (yard waste) and green (recyclable) carts for refuse, even if you have yard maintenance services. Cal-Waste annually reports the diversion tonnage to the Sacramento County Solid Waste Authority, as diversion is measured regionally for the unincorporated County.

If you have any questions regarding solid waste, please call Cal-Waste at 354-4154.

District Easements

When water, sewer, or drainage emergencies occur, it is critical that the District has clear access to its utility easements. If the shut off valves, sewer clean-outs, isolation valves, etc. are difficult to locate, service can be delayed.

It is against the District Code to place obstructions in, around, or over easements/utilities. This includes landscaping over water meter boxes, water shut-off valves, sewer clean outs, or placing large

rocks, trees, or structures in or around drainage easements. Please keep access clear by cutting back or removing bushes or shrubs that may hinder access.

Easements are noted in preliminary title reports relating to property. If you are considering purchasing property, ask the Home Inspector to point out the easements.

The District has the right to access meters, service connections, collection systems, and drainage



Example of meter box found under resident's bushes.

facilities. Violation of the District Codes could result in fines up to \$500.

Register Your Golf Cart

If you are a member of the Rancho Murieta



Country Club (RMCC), a decal is required to use the cart paths on the golf course. You can update your decal for 2010 by contacting RMCC.

RMA requires all non-RMCC members who drive their golf carts on the private streets within Rancho Murieta, to register their golf carts.

Registration forms and decals are available at the RMA office during regular business hours and at the South Gate at any time. The South Gate Officer will assist you and indicate the proper location for the decal. Having a decal on your cart assists Security in identifying lost or abandoned carts.

Notification Required For Special Events

Are you planning a party at Lake Clementia, an event at Stonehouse Park, or some other occasion which would impact the District's services, such as Security or Water? If so, you need to submit a Special Event Notification.

Notification forms for such special events are available at the RMA and District offices and on

the District's website: rmcsd.com. The notification should be completed at least **thirty days prior** to the planned event. It will be reviewed, approved (if appropriate) by RMA, and forwarded to the District so that appropriate personnel are aware of the upcoming event and its impacts on District personnel.

Water Master Plan Update

In November 2009, the Board approved a proposal from Brown and Caldwell to update the 2006 Integrated Water Master Plan.

The State of California has mandated a 20 percent reduction in water use by the year 2020, including a 10 percent reduction by 2015. In addition, the update will reflect the

effect of greenhouse gas emissions, climate changes, using recycled wastewater for landscape irrigation, and potential reduction in projected density.

There will be public workshops in January or February and May, with the goal of adoption of the plan update in June.

**FOR ROAD CONDITIONS,
CALL
1-800-427-4623 (Cal-Trans)**

Dogs: Who You Gonna Call? Security

Security responds to many dog calls every month - barking dogs, loose dogs, aggressive dogs, etc. Sometimes dogs bark because they are provoked – lawn and pool maintenance services can trigger barking, or bored and lonely dogs bark. Many times when the Officer responds, the dogs are no longer barking. If they are, owners are notified. If the situation persists without remedy, the homeowners' association may levy a fine and Sacramento County Animal

Control may be notified.

When Security receives notification that a dog



is loose, not under the control of the owner, and on property within the District's service area, Security apprehends the dog. If there is identification of the animal, it is returned to its owner, but if there is no identification, the dog is placed in the kennel at the wastewater treatment facility for 24 hours to await inquiries from owners. Upon expiration of the 24 hour period, if the owner has not been identified, Security will contact Sacramento County Animal Control and arrange for transfer of the dog to a County animal shelter. Repeat loose dog calls will be referred directly to Sacramento County Animal Control.

A kennel fee of \$100 for maintenance of the animal will be charged to the owner, regardless of the length of stay.

Electronic Waste

During the fall e-waste curbside pickup sponsored by the District, "YNot" recyclers picked up over 4200 pounds of television sets and computer monitors, fax machines, scanners, audio/video equipment and small items like peripherals and phones.

"YNot" recycle will rid you of unwanted computers, monitors, televisions and other electronic equipment at no cost. The "YNot" staff does all of the lifting, loading and transporting. Call 1-877-TRY-YNOT (1-877-879-9668) to schedule an appointment.

The Sacramento County Sheriff's Department East Division Crimes Statistics Department has announced it will conduct e-waste collections at Rancho Murieta. Information regarding future collection will be announced by the Sheriff's Department.

Call In Your Visitors

Residents know to call the Gate Officer with names and dates when visitors are expected, but Security also needs to know if you are expecting a service call such as having carpets cleaned, plumbers responding to an emergency, or furniture delivered.

Gate Officers recognize newspaper delivery people, UPS and FedEx personnel.

Call in your visitors to:
South Gate: 354-3743
North Gate: 354-3742

District Applying For Grant Funding

The District awarded LH Associates a one year contract to pursue outside grant funding for "big ticket" items relating to water and wastewater projects. Local resident Linda Heffelfinger explained that pursuing grants for infrastructure improvements is a long process and requirements of state and federal agencies frequently change.

Projects include replacing water

treatment plant processes to meet new criteria, recycled water irrigation systems for commercial areas and future residential developments, replacement of aging in-ground infrastructure, and a video surveillance system for the facilities.

If funding doesn't come from grants, other sources, such as bond financing, loans or developer contributions, will be required.

DISTRICT BOARD MEETINGS
THIRD WEDNESDAY OF EVERY MONTH @ 5:00 PM
DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION OFFICE
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District Office . . .*



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