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**Newsletter**

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## FREE FAMILY SWIM AND MOVIE NIGHT

The Steve Miklos Aquatic Center hosts an evening of family fun from 6:30 to 10:30 p.m. Saturday, August 6. Cool off before the movie from 6:30 to 8 p.m. with free access to the pools, diving boards, water slide, play structure, and giant inflatable obstacle courses. The outdoor screening of "Sing 2" begins after dark (approximately 8:30 p.m.).

The aquatic center's summer season continues through September 5 with daily recreation swim from 1 to 5 p.m. Call **916-461-6640** for more details.

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### NATIONAL NIGHT OUT RETURNS TUESDAY, AUGUST 2

Share in the camaraderie as Folsom neighborhoods partner with the Folsom Police and Fire departments for the annual National Night Out. The program promotes involvement in crime prevention, police-community partnerships, and neighborhood community building. Each year, Folsom police officers, firefighters, city officials, and hundreds of residents attend dozens of National Night Out events throughout the city.

Neighborhoods hosting celebrations are encouraged to register their National Night Out event by July 14 at [www.folsom.ca.us/police](http://www.folsom.ca.us/police). For more information or to request an application, contact Police Volunteer Coordinator Jessica Hess at **916-461-6516** or [jhess@folsom.ca.us](mailto:jhess@folsom.ca.us).

## AT A GLANCE

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### NEW ORGANICS PROGRAMS

Learn what should and should not be thrown in your green organics bin.

### VOLUNTEER FOR COMMUNITY SERVICE DAY

Volunteer registration opens mid-July.

### KNOW YOUR WATERING DAYS

Learn how to water correctly under the current drought rules.

### SUMMER OF MUSIC JULY CONCERTS

Don't miss the last two shows!

### INDEPENDENCE DAY: KEEP IT SAFE, KEEP IT LEGAL

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The City of Folsom is now enforcing stricter penalties for illegal fireworks usage. The Folsom City Council adopted a social host ordinance that levies \$1,000 fines against property owners that either use or allow the use of illegal fireworks on their property.

Calls for service increase dramatically on July 4, and emergency response resources are stretched extremely thin. During the holiday weekend, use 9-1-1 for emergencies only—like an active fire, injury, or an immediate threat to people or property.

**PRACTICE YOUR ENGLISH AT THE LIBRARY WITH CONVERSATION CLUB**

The Conversation Club at the Folsom Public Library is a fun, relaxed way to practice talking in English with native speakers. Join us to improve your English, learn about American culture, and meet new friends. No registration is required. All levels are welcome. Meetings are held from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. Wednesdays in the Folsom Public Library Meeting Room.



## **OPEN SPACE CLOSURES IN FOLSOM DUE TO EXTREME FIRE RISK**

Designated city-owned open spaces that have high fire risk potential remain off-limits in Folsom. The City of Folsom first issued an emergency order last summer in response to extreme fire danger. The emergency order remains in effect due to the ongoing extreme drought conditions and high fire risk.

All existing public trails, bicycle paths, and parks remain open for normal use. Closed areas are clearly marked with signage. Maps of temporarily closed city-owned open spaces are available

[www.folsom.ca.us](http://www.folsom.ca.us).

If you see or suspect illegal firework usage, call the Folsom Police Department at **916-461-6400**.

### **KNOW THE RISKS**

- » The unsafe use of fireworks can cause severe burns, amputations, blindness, and even death.
- » Damaging fires occur when children use fireworks unsupervised by adults.
- » Parents are responsible for any property damage or injuries caused by all fireworks.

### **KEEP IT LEGAL**

- » All legal fireworks in California are called Safe and Sane Fireworks and must bear the State Fire Marshal's seal.

- » Safe and Sane Fireworks may only be used and sold from noon June 28 through midnight on July 4.
- » Any firework that goes up in the air or explodes is illegal and dangerous.

### **KEEP IT SAFE**

- » Always have a bucket of water to dispose of fireworks and leave them in the water overnight before disposing.
- » Always have a hose connected to water available in case of fire.
- » Do not use fireworks near dry grass or other flammable materials.
- » Do not use fireworks while under a canopy, covered balcony, covered patio, or under a tree or bushes.



Thousands of volunteers will complete dozens of service projects Saturday, September 17 at the ninth annual Community Service Day. Folsom's largest day of volunteerism mobilizes residents of all ages to complete projects throughout the city that make a positive, lasting impact. Community Service Day is organized by the City of Folsom, local businesses, and community organizations. The annual event is made possible thanks to generous sponsorship support from Intel, Lennar, the Folsom Telegraph, Lakeside Church, and other members of the business and service community.

Volunteer registration opens mid-July. Early registration is encouraged as project teams fill quickly. Learn more and register to volunteer at [www.folsomcommunityservice.org](http://www.folsomcommunityservice.org).

### THE NEIGHBORS HELPING SENIORS INITIATIVE

This unique category of Community Service Day projects aims to help local seniors in need of a helping hand. Projects can include gutter cleaning, weeding and pruning, painting, and other similar light maintenance and repair tasks. Supporting our neighbors is part of what makes the Folsom community special. Submit a Neighbors Helping Seniors project application by August 12 if you or a loved one can use a helping hand. Find the online application and more information at [www.folsomcommunityservice.org](http://www.folsomcommunityservice.org).

## GALLERY AT 48 NATOMA HOSTS "WOVEN WORKS" EXHIBIT RECEPTION

The gallery's new "Woven Works" exhibit showcases intricate basket sculptures by Carolyn Zeitler and encaustic paintings featuring images of baskets and woven patterns by Paula Busch. The adjacent Community Gallery displays artwork in a variety of media by Folsom Art Center staff and students.

The public is invited to attend a free opening reception to meet the artists and enjoy light refreshments

and live music from 6 to 8 p.m. Friday, July 15. The exhibit continues through Thursday, September 22.

The professional art gallery is located in the 48 Natoma Senior and Art Center. Regular hours are 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday, with extended hours from 6 to 8 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday. Call **916-461-6601** for more information.



## SUMMER OF MUSIC JULY CONCERTS

Don't miss the last two shows in the Summer of Music, the city's free, Friday evening concert series in Folsom City Lions Park. Each band plays from 7 to 9 p.m. The concerts also stream live at [Facebook.com/FolsomParksandRec](https://www.facebook.com/FolsomParksandRec).

### JULY 8

- >> Country music from Township
- >> Food trucks: Drewski's Grilled Cheese, Cousins Maine Lobster, Local Kine Shave Ice, Marco's Pizza, and The Pink Ice Cream Cart Co.

### JULY 22

- >> Rock/soul/R&B music from Clean Slate
- >> Food trucks: Outlaw Cuisine, Wing It On Wheels, Bubble Cone, Marco's Pizza, and The Pink Ice Cream Cart Co.

### UTILITY RATE INCREASES

The Folsom City Council approved rate increases needed to support the operational and capital requirements for water and wastewater utilities and solid waste services.

Utility rates fund Folsom's utility operations, infrastructure maintenance, and capital improvements. Rate increases for all services take effect July 1. For more detailed rate information, visit [www.folsom.ca.us/rates](http://www.folsom.ca.us/rates).



# LET'S GET FOOD WASTE IN ITS PLACE!

## RESIDENTIAL GREEN BIN ORGANICS PROGRAM STARTS NOW!

The City of Folsom's "Green Bin Approved" program complies with a new California law designed to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and compost organic waste. Beginning July 1, all Folsom residents can begin adding food scraps and food-soiled paper to their existing yard waste bin, now called the "green organics bin."

## HOW TO COLLECT FOOD SCRAPS AND FOOD-SOILED PAPER

1. Find a container. A repurposed plastic tub or container works great. Residents can also pick up a kitchen countertop pail from the city at select local events.
2. Line your container with a clear plastic or compostable bag, which you can buy locally or online. You can also save produce bags or other see-through bags, such as bread bags.
3. When full, put bagged food scraps and food-soiled paper in your green organics bin for service.



Learn more at [WWW.FOLSOM.CA.US/ORGANICS](http://WWW.FOLSOM.CA.US/ORGANICS)

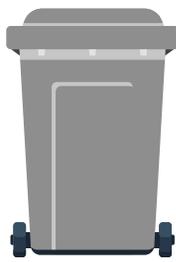
## COMMON QUESTIONS

### WHAT IF I DON'T HAVE A YARD WASTE BIN?

You will receive one after the program begins. If you live in community with spatial constraints, the city will work with property owners to determine how to provide organics service.

### WHY DO I NEED TO BAG FOOD SCRAPS AND FOOD-SOILED PAPER?

The industrial composter requires food scraps and food-soiled paper to be bagged for further processing and separation from yard waste.



Gray Landfill Bins = WEEKLY



Blue Recycle Bins = EVERY OTHER WEEK



Green Organics Bins = NOW SERVICED WEEKLY



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**WASTE & RECYCLING**

# THREE BIN SORTING GUIDE



## GREEN BIN APPROVED

### FOOD SCRAPS: NEW!

- Fruit and vegetable trimmings, meat and bones, eggshells, bread and pasta, dairy, uneaten leftovers, expired food

### FOOD-SOILED PAPER

- Napkins, coffee filters, tea bags, greasy pizza boxes, paper towels

### YARD WASTE

- Lawn and leaf clippings, dried leaves, dead flowers

**BAG ONLY FOOD SCRAPS AND FOOD-SOILED PAPER, KEEP YARD WASTE LOOSE.**



## BLUE BIN APPROVED

### PAPER AND CARDBOARD

- Flattened cardboard, newspaper, junk mail

### ALUMINUM AND TIN

- Soda cans, soup cans

### GLASS

- Jars, bottles

### PLASTIC

- Water bottles, laundry detergent jugs, yogurt tubs, milk jugs

**PLACE IN BLUE BIN LOOSE AND UNBAGGED.**



## GRAY BIN APPROVED

### WRAPPERS

- Chip bags, snack and candy wrappers, plastic wrap, and overwrap

### PACKAGING WASTE

- Padded envelopes, packaging peanuts, expanded foam, Styrofoam, and air pillows

### HYGIENE AND PET WASTE

- Diapers, used tissues, bagged dog poop, and cat litter

### OTHER HOUSEHOLD WASTE

- Plastic plates, disposable utensils, straws, lids, milk and juice cartons, bagged shredded paper, plastic bags, textiles, and clothes hangers

**BAG ALL GARBAGE.**



Learn more at [WWW.FOLSOM.CA.US/ORGANICS](http://WWW.FOLSOM.CA.US/ORGANICS).





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# KNOW YOUR WATERING DAYS

The City of Folsom is currently in a Water Conservation “Water Warning”–Stage 3. Due to current drought conditions, the city is asking our water service customers to reduce water usage by 20%. Stage 3 restrictions include watering a maximum of two days per week, except drip irrigation, which may be conducted on any day, and following the city’s odd-even irrigation schedule.

- » Customers with street addresses ending in an odd number may irrigate on Tuesdays and Saturdays only.
- » Customers with street addresses ending in an even number may irrigate on Wednesdays and Sundays only.
- » No irrigation is permitted on Mondays, Thursdays, or Fridays.

## SAVE THE TREES, STRESS THE LAWN

Help your trees stay healthy this summer with regular, deep, and slow watering. Even under water use restrictions, both the State of California and the City of Folsom recognize the importance of keeping your trees watered. Trees are important to the environment and are exempt from the city’s rules limiting watering to two

days a week. For watering tips and other helpful tree care information, visit [sactree.org/water](http://sactree.org/water).

## FOLSOM’S COMMITMENT TO STEWARDSHIP OF THE LOWER AMERICAN RIVER

The Sacramento Water Forum is planning two projects to enhance crucial habitat for fall-run Chinook salmon and steelhead trout in the Lower American River at the Nimbus Basin and Lower Sailor Bar. The projects will start in August and finish in mid-October, before anadromous Chinook salmon return in high numbers from the Pacific Ocean to the Lower American River.

The Water Forum was established more than 20 years ago to balance the coequal objectives of reliable water supplies and environmental stewardship of the river. With support from members like the City of Folsom and state and federal partners, the Water Forum has invested over \$7 million to enhance over 30 acres of fish spawning beds and improve juvenile fish rearing habitat in the river. Learn more at [waterforum.org/habitat2022](http://waterforum.org/habitat2022).



## FREE COMPOST FOR FOLSOM RESIDENTS

Free compost is now available to all Folsom residents. Compost, mulch, and sand are available at two Folsom locations: behind City Hall at 50 Natoma Street and at the Hinkle Creek Nature Trail, next to Fire Station 36 at 9700 Oak Avenue Parkway.

The compost is made from yard trimmings collected throughout the region from residents, businesses, and apartment communities participating in curbside organics collection services. Bringing finished compost back into the community closes the loop on organics recycling. For more information, visit [www.folsom.ca.us/organics](http://www.folsom.ca.us/organics).

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