

# the *Westminster* *Insider* *News*



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## **STATE LIFTS STAY-AT-HOME ORDER, SELECT BUSINESSES MAY REOPEN UNDER PURPLE TIER**

The following businesses, including those in Westminster, must modify operations to comply with purple tier restrictions:

- Restaurants
  - May open outdoor only with modifications
- Places of Worship
  - May open outdoor only with modifications
- Shopping Centers
  - Indoor capacity must be limited to 25% for shopping malls, destination shopping centers, and swap meets
  - Closed common areas & food courts
- Retail
  - Retail capacity must be limited to 25%
  - Grocery store capacity may remain limited to 50%
- Hair Salons and Barbershops
  - May reopen indoors with modifications
- Personal Care Services (e.g. nail salons, body waxing, tattoo parlors, piercing studios, skin care and cosmetology, massage services)
  - May reopen indoors with modifications
- Gyms and Fitness Facilities
  - May open outdoor only with modifications
- Movie Theaters
  - May open outdoor only with modifications

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cityhallpio@Westminster-CA.gov

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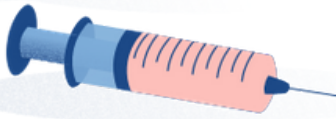
Your Actions Save Lives





Vaccines are in very short supply.

Get Notified When It's Time to Book Your Appointment.



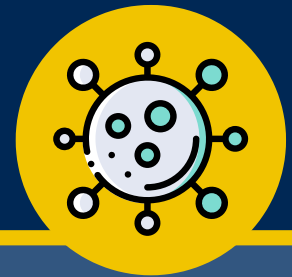
Questions about COVID-19 or the vaccine?

Call (714) 834-2000.

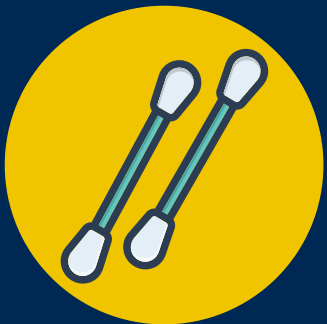
The OC Health Care Agency Hotline offers automated responses to FAQs 24/7 and live, trained operators from 8 a.m. - 5 p.m., seven days a week.



# FREE



## Saliva At-Home Test Kits & Nostril Swab At-Home Test Kits



**FOR ALL ORANGE COUNTY RESIDENTS**  
[Click here to order yours!](#)



# VOLUNTEERS NEEDED



In anticipation of future needs, our Virtual Emergency Volunteer Center (EVC) is currently pre-registering volunteers interested in assisting government staff with COVID-19 vaccinations at Points of Distribution (POD) sites this year. The County of Orange is looking to establish two teams of volunteers willing to serve in these crucial volunteer roles:

## Medical Trained Volunteers

- Medical licensed volunteers able to assist with vaccine preparation and distribution.
- **Currently licensed:** Physicians (MD, DO and MD/DO students), Nurses (RN, LVN and Nursing Students), Physician/Nursing Assistants, Dentists, Medical Assistants, Paramedics and EMTs.

## General Support Volunteers

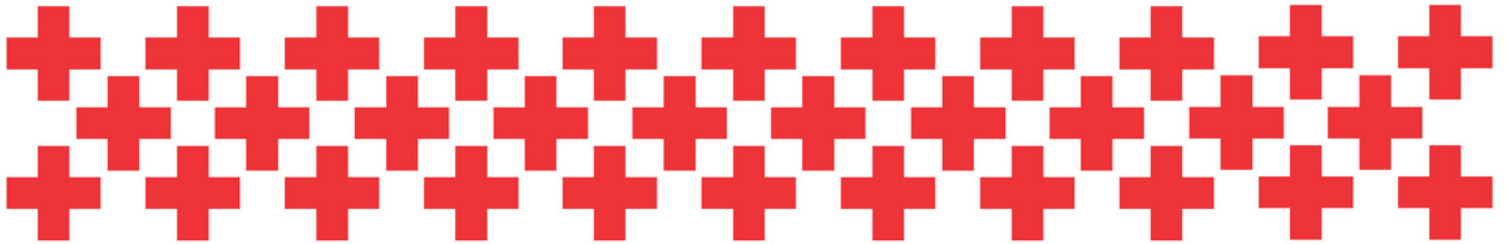
- Volunteers able to assist in logistical support roles such as computer data entry, registration, traffic and other duties as assigned.

**Volunteers, we need your help. In anticipation of future needs, please register at: <https://volunteers.oneoc.org/special-event/a1821000007VTf2>**

*\*Google Chrome is the best platform for access\**

# American Red Cross

*Give blood.* Help save lives.



## City of Westminster Red Cross Blood Drive

Location: Westminster Community Services - East West Room  
8200 Westminster Blvd  
Westminster, CA 92683

**Tuesday, February 2, 2021**  
**10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.**

Please visit [RedCrossBlood.org](https://RedCrossBlood.org) and enter Sponsor Code: WESTMINSTER to schedule an appointment or contact [James.Poole@redcross.org](mailto:James.Poole@redcross.org).

NEW! All blood donations are now tested for COVID-19 antibodies.  
[redcrossblood.org/antibodytesting](https://redcrossblood.org/antibodytesting).

Streamline your donation experience and save up to 15 minutes by visiting [RedCrossBlood.org/RapidPass](https://RedCrossBlood.org/RapidPass) to complete your pre-donation reading and health history questions on the day of your appointment.



Scan to be directed to  
RapidPass®

**Special offer from our partners at Amazon: To thank you for coming to give Feb. 1-28, we'll send you a \$5 Amazon.com Gift Card by email. Restrictions apply, see [amazon.com/gc-legal](https://amazon.com/gc-legal). Terms and conditions apply; visit [rcblood.org/together](https://rcblood.org/together)**



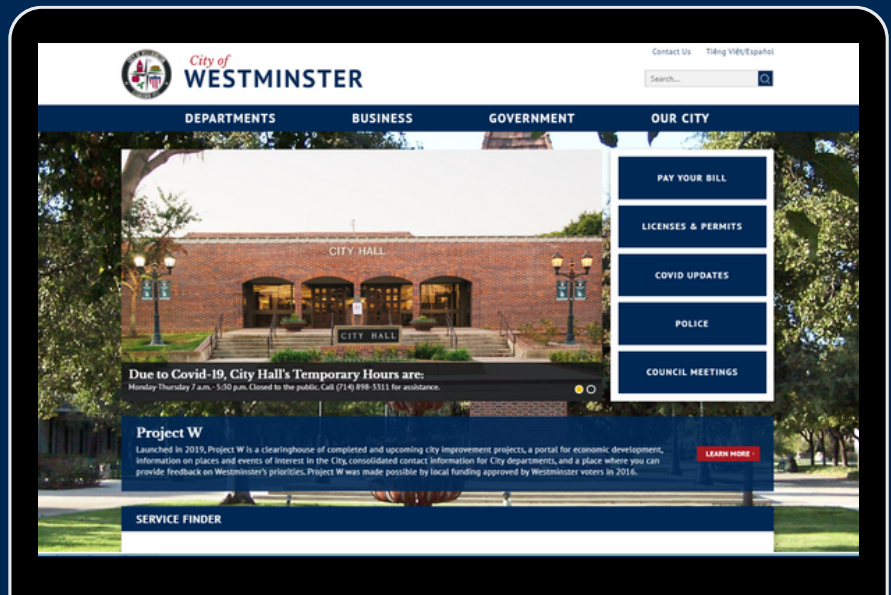
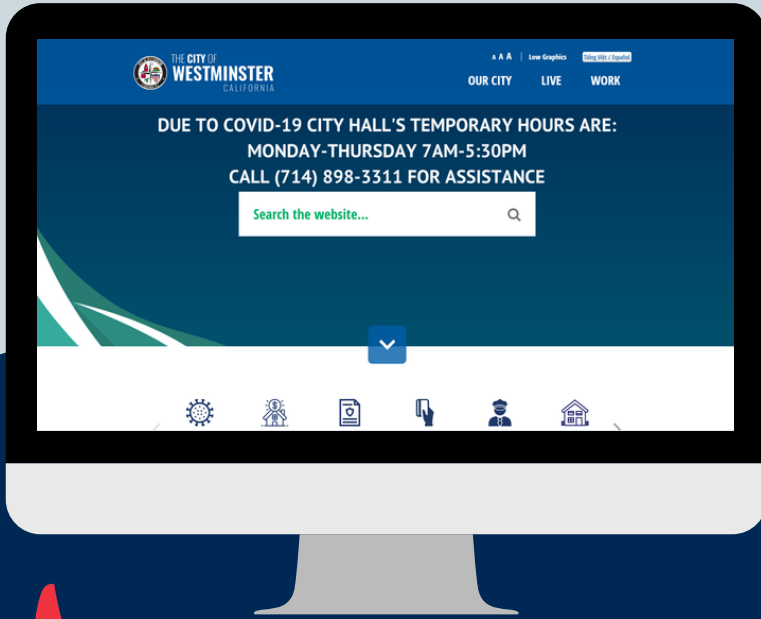
Scan to schedule  
an appointment.

1-800-RED CROSS | 1-800-733-2767 | [redcrossblood.org](https://redcrossblood.org) | Download the Blood Donor App

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# Our City Website is Getting a **BRAND NEW LOOK!**

*The new site launches February 2!*



**WWW.WESTMINSTER-CA.GOV**



## BUSINESS RESOURCES

**\$5,000 - \$25,000  
SMALL BUSINESS GRANTS AVAILABLE!**

APPLY FOR THE

**#CAReliefGrant**

Round 2 Opens: February 2, 2021 @ 8 AM PST  
Visit [Careliefgiant.com](https://www.careliefgiant.com) to apply



**Deadline: February 8, 2021 @ 6PM PST**



Check out our ["Local Business Resources"](#) page for information and resources available through local agencies and non-profit organizations!





# HIRING NOW

## HR & RISK MANAGEMENT DIRECTOR

- Department: Human Resources/Risk Management
- Job Type: Full-Time
- Open Until Filled

## POLICE OFFICER RECRUIT

- Department: Police
- Job Type: Part-Time Hourly
- Closes: Continuous

## POLICE OFFICER I

- Department: Police
- Job Type: Full-Time
- Closes: Continuous

## CROSSING GUARD

- Department: Community Services
- Job Type: Part-Time
- Closes: Continuous



For more information, visit [www.governmentjobs.com/careers/westminster](http://www.governmentjobs.com/careers/westminster)

# ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS: *COMMISSION ON AGING*

**The Community on Aging consists of five (5) regular members who are residents of the City and age 62 or older. The Commission on Aging seeks to improve standards of service to the aging, works with the Community Services and Recreation Department to encourage and establish needed services both public and private, and coordinates among organizations providing services to the aging within the City and County of Orange.**



### REQUIREMENTS:

- 62 and older
- Westminster resident

For more information, visit [www.westminster-ca.gov](http://www.westminster-ca.gov) or contact the City Clerk's office at (714) 548-3237.

# Council Meeting Schedule

**Regular Meeting - February 10**

**Regular Meeting - February 24**

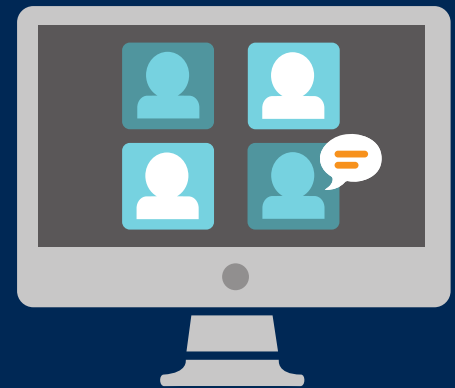
\*Meetings are still being conducted virtually via teleconference/web conference

## Virtual Meetings



In an effort to protect public health and prevent the spread of COVID-19, in lieu of attending the meeting, members of the public may view the meeting live in one of the following ways:

- [City of Westminster YouTube Channel](#)
- [City of Westminster Streaming Video Online](#)
- Westminster WTV: Spectrum Channel 3, Frontier FiOS Channel 42, and AT&T UVerse Channel 99



**To view the meeting via zoom, submit e-comments to address the city council, or submit a speaker request, visit [www.projectwestminster.com/virtual-meetings](http://www.projectwestminster.com/virtual-meetings).**



# RESOURCES FOR RENTERS

## Eviction Moratorium EXTENDED

On January 29, 2021 the Governor signed legislation to extend the eviction moratorium and assist tenants and small property owners impacted by COVID-19.

If you are unable to pay your rent due to a coronavirus-related hardship between September 1, 2020 and June 30, 2021, you must also pay at least 25 percent of the rent due to avoid eviction.

Tenants are still responsible for paying unpaid amounts to property owners, but those unpaid amounts cannot be the basis for an eviction, even after the moratorium ends.

[Read more here.](#)



## Affordable Housing

Looking for an affordable rental unit in Westminster? Click below for a list of affordable rental opportunities. All properties are privately managed. To inquire about availability, rental rates and income qualifications, please contact the respective property management team.

### [City of Westminster - List of Affordable Housing](#)

For additional affordable housing opportunities throughout Orange County, the County of Orange maintains a list of affordable units which can be found at [ochousing.org](http://ochousing.org).

## Fair Housing

If you want to learn more about fair housing laws, the [Fair Housing Foundation](#) provides education to tenants, landlords, property owners, realtors and property management companies. The Fair Housing Foundation provides services to cities throughout Orange County, including Westminster.

[Sign-up for virtual workshops](#) to learn more about your rights and responsibilities as a tenant or landlord.

For assistance, call Fair Housing Foundation at (800) 446-3247, or email at [info@fhfca.org](mailto:info@fhfca.org).





# Virtual Fair Housing Workshop

Tuesday, February 16, 2021

1:30pm - 3:00pm via Zoom

Open to City of Westminster Residents

To RSVP visit: <http://bit.ly/35m35Tz> or call 800-446-FAIR (3247)

This workshop is for Tenants, Landlords, Managers, Property Owners, Attorneys, Realtors and Management Companies. The workshop covers: information on COVID-19, new statewide laws, federal and state fair housing laws, housing discrimination, modifications and accommodation, families with children, notices, evictions process, security deposits, habitability and repairs, rent increases, and lots more.

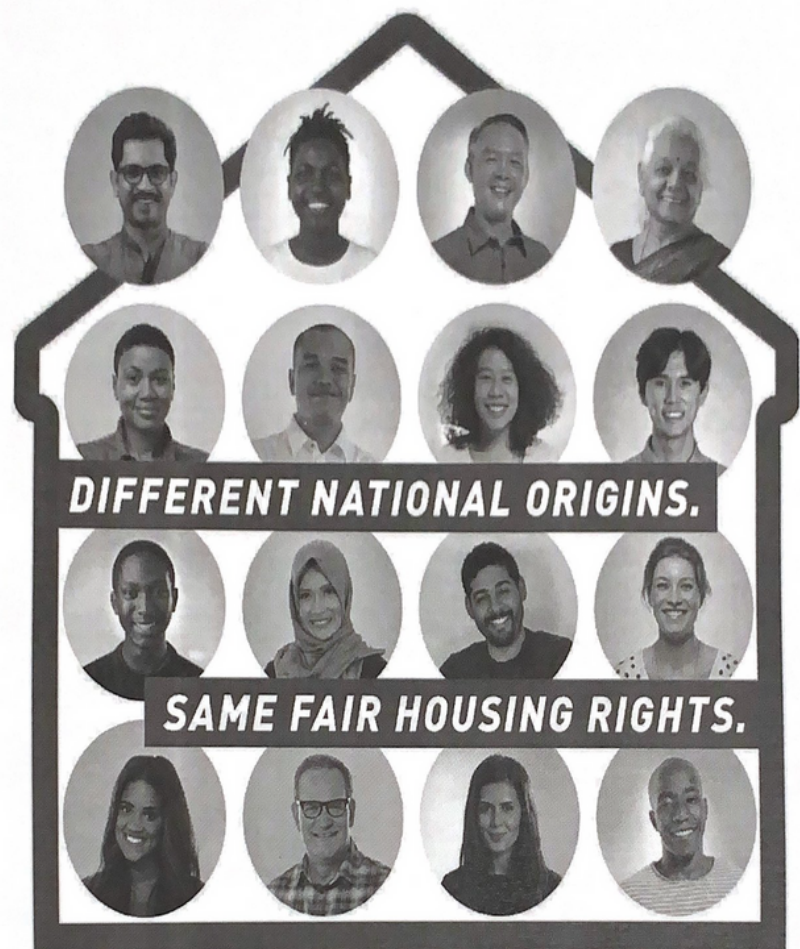
Fair Housing Foundation is a HUD approved Housing Counseling Agency who is dedicated to promoting equal access to housing by educating about housing rights.

**It is illegal for landlords and real estate agents to deny you housing opportunities because of your ethnicity. The Fair Housing Act prohibits housing discrimination based on national origin. If you believe you have experienced a violation of your rights, file a complaint.**

Go to [www.FHECA.org](http://www.FHECA.org) for more information or call our Fair Housing Assistance Hotline at 1-800-446-3247.

**FAIR HOUSING: THE LAW IS ON YOUR SIDE.**

The federal Fair Housing Act prohibits discrimination because of race, color, religion, national origin, sex, familial status or disability.



# EMERGENCY RENTAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

for Orange County Renters



The **County of Orange** will offer rental households, up to **\$10,000 in financial assistance** for unpaid rent or utility bills due to the impact of **COVID-19**.

**Accepting applications starting February 1** and will only be accepted until February 28, 2021.

## Eligibility requirements include:



Eligible expenses are **UNPAID rent or utility bills** due to COVID-19 impact only, not future rent or utility costs. You must also meet income requirement as stated below.

Household annual income must be at or below **80% Area Median Income (AMI)**:

Household Size	1	2	3	4	5	6
<b>80%AMI Level</b>	\$71,750	\$82,000	\$92,250	\$102,450	\$110,650	\$118,850

Landlords can encourage tenants to apply.

## To **APPLY** and **find more information**:



Visit the website at [www.ERA.211OC.org](http://www.ERA.211OC.org)



Text **ERA** to **898211**



Call **2-1-1**



# City of Westminster 2021-2029 **HOUSING ELEMENT UPDATE**

The City of Westminster is in the process of updating the 2021-2029 Housing Element.



## **Why is the City updating its Housing Element?**

Each city and county in California is required to have a Housing Element and update it at least every 8 years. Updating the Housing Element gives the City a clear picture of housing-related issues such as: housing supply and demand, the types of housing available within the City, housing affordability, and homelessness. Once the Housing Element is updated, it must be approved by the California Department of Housing and Community Development. Updating our Housing Element will ensure that we meet State requirements, and make Westminster eligible for State grants and other funding sources. It will also give our elected and appointed officials clear guidance on housing issues facing Westminster.



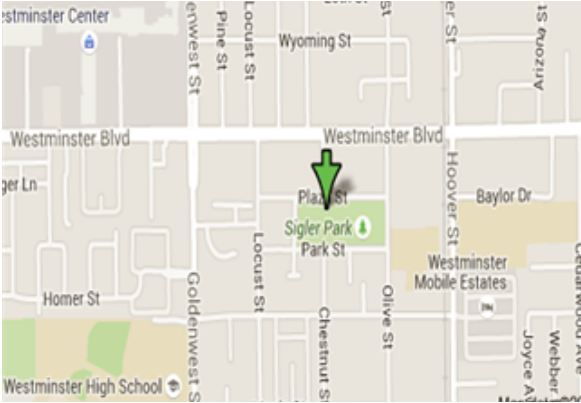
**Hours of Operation**

**Monday through Friday**

**Appointment Only:  
9 a.m. - 6 p.m.**

The Westminster Family Resource Center (WFRC) serves low-income families residing in the City of Westminster and surrounding cities in Orange County. The WFRC has become the centralized information and referral point for the community. With the assistance of bilingual staff and various partners, individuals can create linkages with necessary resources such as food trolleys, counseling services, enrichment programs, and other services to help strengthen their families. [Click here](#) for more information regarding programs and services.

**Westminster Family Resource Center**



**Located at Sigler Park  
7200 Plaza St.  
Westminster, CA 92683**

**General Information:  
714.903.1331**

**Partners**



COMMUNITY SERVICES

# WESTMINSTER

NEWSLETTER & RECREATION GUIDE

Winter



## Virtual Recreation Center



Your place to find fun resources and activities to keep you and your family entertained, active, and informed!

**Check back weekly**   
**for themed activities!**

# Water Awareness POSTER CONTEST

ALL ORANGE COUNTY STUDENTS IN GRADES K-12 ARE INVITED TO CREATE POSTERS THAT REFLECT THE THEME:

## #SAVE TOGETHER



### WIN AN IPAD



One grand prize winner per grade division:

**K-2 / 3-5 / 6-8 / 9-12** will win an iPad!

### SUBMIT ARTWORK



PLEASE INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION WITH YOUR EMAIL SUBMISSION:

- ★ Student's Name
- ★ Grade Level
- ★ School Name
- ★ School District
- ★ Teacher's Name
- ★ Teacher's Email
- ★ Parent's Name
- ★ Parent's Email
- ★ Parent's Phone

SEND CONTEST ENTRIES TO:

POSTERCONTEST  
@MWD OC.COM



### TEACHERS!

Make it a class project and be entered to win a FREE virtual, interactive water lesson for your students!

### CONTEST RULES

★ DEADLINE: MARCH 1, 2021 ★

- Now open to all Orange County children; however, only students in grades K-12 are eligible to receive a Grand Prize. All Pre-K entries will receive a personal letter from Ricky Raindrop.
- Submissions must reflect the student's own ability.
- Posters must be drawn horizontally on 8.5 x 11 in. paper.
- ORIGINAL ARTWORK ONLY. Posters submitted with copyrighted characters or images (e.g. Mickey Mouse) will not be accepted. Students are allowed to use the Ricky Raindrop character in their artwork. <https://bit.ly/RickyRaindropIMG>

All artwork will be the exclusive property of the Municipal Water District of Orange County for reproduction or promotional purposes, and may be published at [mwdoc.com](http://mwdoc.com)

### QUESTIONS?

Postercontest@mwdoc.com

(714) 593-5004



# Rain Barrels

**\$30 after rebate!**

\$35 rebate on rain barrels  
(maximum 2/submission)

Date: February 27, 2021

Due to the Coronavirus we will be delivering the rain barrels on Saturday, February 27 to your home and they will be put on your front door. For your safety you do not need to come out of your residence. Instructions on applying for the rebate and installation will be left with your rain barrels.

## Barrel specifications:

- Recycled food-grade plastic barrels
- Brass  $\frac{3}{4}$ " spigot for garden hose attachment
- Side brass overflow with cap
- 4" tight screen preventing insect access
- 50 gallons (2 different styles)

Rain barrels can be pre-purchased for  
**\$65+tax**  
(then apply for rebate).

Visit [RainBarrelsIntl.com](http://RainBarrelsIntl.com),  
click the **EVENTS** tab & select  
City of Westminster.



Model TCB - 50



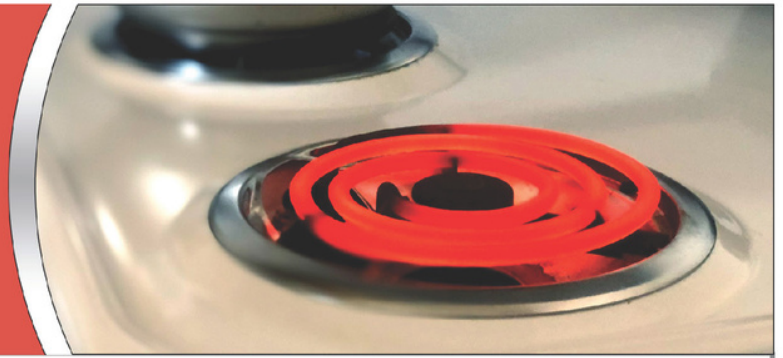
Model TC - 50

For rebate information: [Info@RainBarrelsIntl.com](mailto:Info@RainBarrelsIntl.com) or call (919) 602-6316.



# PUBLIC SAFETY MESSAGE FROM ORANGE COUNTY FIRE AUTHORITY

## BURN SAFETY



*A burn is damage to the skin caused by heat. Burns and scalds can occur from certain tools, appliances, hot water, or the sun. Every 60 seconds, someone in the United States sustains a burn serious enough to require treatment.*



*In 2018, roughly 70,000 people went to the emergency room because of contact burns. About one-third of these patients were children under the age of 5.*



Orange County  
Fire Authority

[ocfa.org](http://ocfa.org)

(714) 573-6200



### Types of Burns

#### First Degree (Minor)

- First degree burns usually result in redness and mild pain.

#### Second Degree (Moderate)

- Second degree burns are usually bright red with a moist or blistered appearance.

#### Third Degree (Severe)

- Third degree burns usually appear charred or ashen and are black or brown in color.
- These burns can result in devastating injury including the loss of function, loss of limbs, disfigurement, reoccurring infection, and sometimes death.

### How to Treat a Burn

- Turn off the heat source and make sure the surroundings are safe.
- Remove clothing and jewelry near a burn, but do not peel off clothing stuck to the burn.
- Run cool water (not cold or icy) on the burn for 5-10 minutes until the pain subsides.
- Apply an antibiotic ointment or dressing to the burn to keep it moist. Do not use creams or greasy substances like butter, toothpaste, or eggs. These can cause infection.
- Call 9-1-1 if you have a burn that affects your mobility or sensation, for any burn larger than your hand, or if the burn affects the feet, face, eyes or genitalia.

### Burn Prevention Tips

- Create a safety zone of at least 3 feet around hot objects or appliances.
- Do not leave hot objects unattended and unplug tools when not in use.
- Keep hot objects away from counter edges and out of the reach of children.



# COMMON MOSQUITO BREEDING SOURCES IN A BACKYARD

There are some obvious mosquito breeding sources in our backyards, like a green pool or a broken water fountain...but what about those other cryptic sources, like yard drains, uncovered boats, and tarps? Learn more about do-it-yourself solutions for mosquito issues [here](#).



**Orange County**  
**Mosquito and Vector Control District**

*A Public Health Agency Serving Orange County Since 1947*

## ***Did you know...***

**City Hall's temporary hours are Monday-Thursday, 7 a.m. - 5:30 p.m. Buildings are currently closed to the public until further notice. Staff will be available during office hours for electronic and telephone services.**

**For general assistance, call  
(714) 898-3311.**

**There are no changes to the trash pickup schedule in February. [Click here](#) for more information on trash pickup from Midway City Sanitary District.**

**You can drop off mattresses for free at the Midway City Sanitary District site Monday - Friday, 8 a.m. - 4 p.m.**

**14451 Cedarwood Ave.  
Westminster, CA 92683**

**For more details, call (714) 893-3553.**

**There will be no street sweeping on President's Day, February 15, 2021. If your street sweeping day falls on an observed holiday, street sweeping will be skipped for the cycle and take place on your next regularly scheduled day.**

**The City of Westminster has a YouTube account!**



**[Click here to subscribe!](#)**

## OTHER NEWS



**Resuming**  
*behind-the-wheel*  
**drive tests**

starting  
February  
1st!



**THE  
ROSE  
OUTDOORS**  
musicals in concert series

*Online Recordings Coming Soon!*



**CORONAVIRUS UPDATES &  
RESOURCES**

[www.projectwestminster.com/  
coronavirus-updates](http://www.projectwestminster.com/coronavirus-updates)



**405 IMPROVEMENT PROJECT  
CONSTRUCTION UPDATES**

[OCTA.NET/405MAP](http://OCTA.NET/405MAP)

