

the Westminster Insider News



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WALK-IN COVID-19 VACCINATIONS AVAILABLE IN ORANGE COUNTY



To make COVID-19 vaccination as convenient for our community as possible, the OC Health Care Agency will welcome walk-ins as well as those with confirmed appointments at the Super Point-of-Dispensing (POD) sites.

The OC Health Care Agency is scheduling vaccines through the [Othena.com](https://www.othena.com) platform (and app). All people wishing to receive a COVID vaccine must meet the minimum age requirement and show proof of age at the time of appointment. [SEE DETAILS FOR MINORS.](#)

The COVID-19 Hotline is available to answer questions about Othena and other vaccine-related issues, Monday-Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. at (714) 834-2000.

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Coronavirus Update



Current Status (3/31/21): Orange Tier

- **Bowling Alleys and Family Entertainment Centers**
 - Can open indoors for naturally distanced activities, with modifications at 25% capacity
- **Cultural Ceremonies**
 - Can open indoors with modifications at 50% capacity or 200 people, whichever is fewer
- **Dance Studios, Gyms, Fitness Centers, Yoga Studios, and Climbing Walls**
 - Can open indoors with modifications at 25% capacity
- **Funeral Homes**
 - Can open indoors with modifications at 50% capacity
- **Indoor Playgrounds (Includes Bounce Centers, Ball Pits, and Laser Tag)**
 - Can open indoors for naturally distanced activities, with modifications at 25% capacity
- **Libraries**
 - Can open indoors at 100% capacity with modifications
- **Movie Theaters**
 - Can open indoors with modifications at 50% capacity or 200 people, whichever is fewer
- **Museums, Zoos, and Aquariums**
 - Can open indoors with modifications at 50% capacity
- **Offices (non-essential businesses)**
 - Can open indoors with modifications (encourage working remotely)
- **Restaurants**
 - Can open indoors with modifications at 50% capacity or 200 people, whichever is fewer
 - Wineries, breweries, and distilleries can open indoors with modifications at 25% capacity or 100 people, whichever is fewer
 - Bars can open outdoors only with modifications
- **Places of Worship**
 - Can open indoors with modifications at 50% capacity
- **Retail (Includes Bookstores, Florists, Grocery, Home and Furnishing Stores, Jewelry, Sporting Goods, etc.)**
 - Can open indoors at 100% capacity with modifications
- **Shopping Malls and Swap Meets**
 - Can open indoors at 100% capacity with modifications
 - Food courts can open with limited capacity of 50% or 200 people (whichever is less)
 - Closed common areas
- **Hair Salons, Barbershops, and Personal Care Services (e.g. Nail Salons, Body Waxing, Tattoo Parlors, Piercing Studios, Skin Care and Cosmetology, Massage Services)**
 - May remain open indoors with modifications
- **Weddings**
 - Ceremonies can take place indoors with modifications at 50% capacity
- **Youth and Adult Recreational Sports**
 - Some outdoor high-contact sports and indoor low-contact sports are permitted. Guidance available at [COVID19.ca.gov](https://www.COVID19.ca.gov).

For more information, visit www.COVID19.ca.gov or call the COVID-19 Hotline at (714) 834-2000.

[WWW.WESTMINSTER-CA.GOV/CORONAVIRUS](https://www.WESTMINSTER-CA.GOV/CORONAVIRUS)



Get the vaccine news you need

COVIDVACCINEFACTS.com 



The **COVID-19 vaccine** is now available to everyone who lives or works in OC, age 12 and older, based on supply.

See details for minors.



CLICK HERE TO SIGN UP FOR

 **Othena**
Powered by CuraPatient



OTHER
**VACCINE
RESOURCES**
IN ORANGE COUNTY

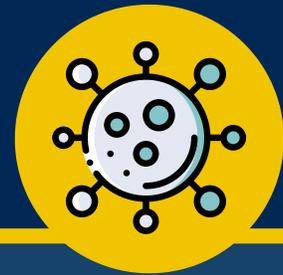
Questions about COVID-19 or the vaccine?

Call (714) 834-2000

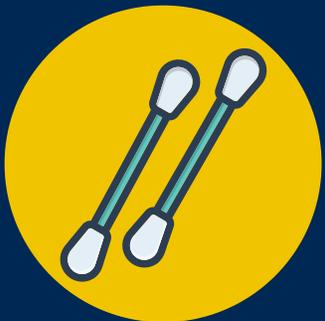
The OC Health Care Agency Hotline offers automated responses to FAQs 24/7 and live, trained operators from 8 a.m. - 5 p.m., Monday-Friday.



FREE



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



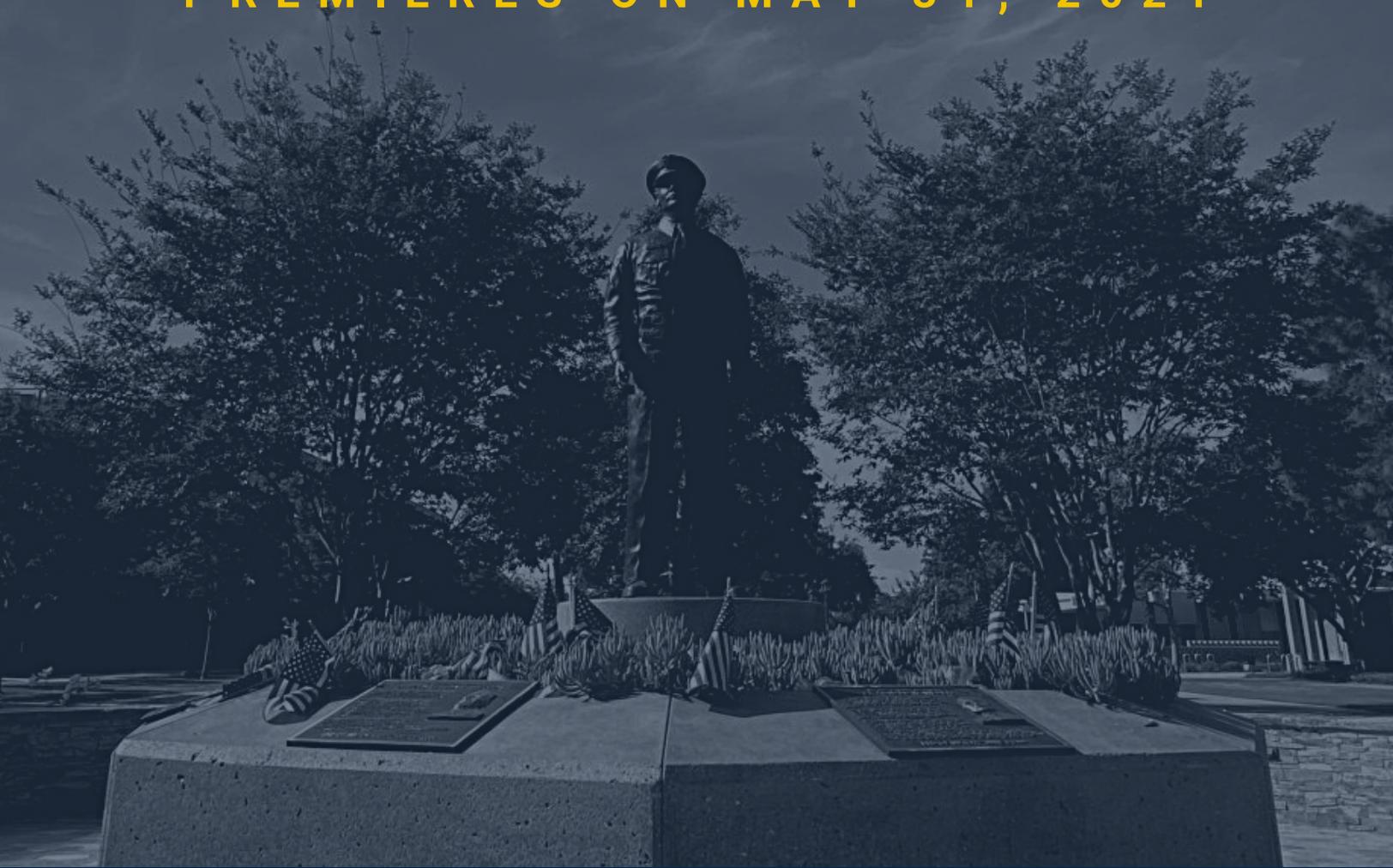
FOR ALL ORANGE COUNTY RESIDENTS
Click here to order yours!



CITY OF WESTMINSTER

VIRTUAL MEMORIAL DAY EVENT

PREMIERES ON MAY 31, 2021



SUBSCRIBE TO OUR YOUTUBE CHANNEL OR
FOLLOW US ON FACEBOOK FOR THE PREMIERE.

DETAILS TO COME AT
WWW.WESTMINSTER-CA.GOV/NEWS.

BUSINESS RESOURCES



THE RESTAURANT REVITALIZATION FUND



AN SBA GRANT FOR FOOD AND BEVERAGE BUSINESSES

- \$10 million cap per grant
- \$5 million limit per physical location
- Must have 20 or fewer establishments
- Must certify economic necessity
- Not subject to income tax
- Federal tax deductions protected
- Cannot be publicly traded
- Cannot do this and Shutter Venue Grant



ELIGIBLE BUSINESS TYPES

Open to new and existing businesses

Any place of business where the public or patrons assemble for the primary purpose of being served food or beverage.



RESTAURANT



FOOD TRUCK,
CART, OR STAND



CATERER



BAR, LOUNGE, INN,
TAVERN, OR SALOON



BAKERY



BREWERY, WINERY,
OR TASTING ROOM

QUALIFIED EXPENSES

- Payroll
- Mortgage Principal or Interest
- Rent
- Utilities
- Operational Expenses
- Normal Food & Beverage
- Inventory
- Paid Sick Leave
- Maintenance including Construction for Outdoor Seating
- Supplies such as PPE and Cleaning Materials
- Certain Covered Supplier Costs
- Other Essential Expenses

Time Frame of Eligible Expenses

Expenses incurred from February 15, 2020 to December 31, 2021. The SBA may extend this covered period to an additional 14 months, until March 11, 2023, and has the authority to extend it up to 2 years.



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



BUDGET UPDATE: *JULY 1, 2020 - DECEMBER 31, 2020*

Sales Tax and Transaction Use Tax

	Budget 2020-21	YTD Q2 Actual 2020-21	% of Budget	Prior Years Q2 Actual 2019-20	Increase/ (Decrease) from PY
Sales and Use Tax	\$15,133,600	\$5,611,056	37.10%	\$5,664,357	(\$53,301)
Transaction Use Tax	11,883,000	4,566,083	38.40%	4,551,873	14,210
	\$27,016,600	\$10,177,139	37.70%	\$10,216,230	(\$39,092)

Expenditures

	Budget 2020-21	YTD Q2 Actual 2020-21	% of 2020-21 Budget	Prior Years Q2 Actual 2019-20	Increase/ (Decrease) from PY
Expenditures	\$64,507,329	\$38,236,366	59.30%	\$36,737,448	\$1,498,917

Current revenue projections for FY 2020-21 are in line with budgeted numbers with the exception of sales tax/transaction use tax which is projected to be higher than budgeted.

Sales tax and transaction use tax receipts totals shown in the table above represent four months of receipts from the California Department of Tax and Fee Administration (CDTFA). Projections anticipate FY 2020-21 receipts to be slightly above the actuals received for FY 2019-20. This is still a very early estimate as we have only received the 4 months of receipts for FY 2020-21; however, the increase would be \$2.3 million higher than budgeted.

General Fund expenditures are tracking on budget. Expenditures for the 2nd quarter of FY 2020-21 are \$1.5 million over the prior fiscal year at the same time. This is due to the increase in PERS costs and OCFA contract costs.

At this time, revenue and expenditures are tracking within budget so no budget adjustment was necessary. The next update will be provided after nine months of revenue and expenditures, for the period of July 1, 2020 through March 31, 2021.

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.westminster-ca.gov/virtual-meetings.

Council Meeting Schedule



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



[Click here to view agendas.](#)



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.](#)



Tenants



Homeowners



Landlords



Partners



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.

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.





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

The City of Westminster is in the process of updating the 2021-2029 Housing Element. Watch [these videos](#) below to learn more about what a housing element is!



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 eight years. Updating the Housing Element gives the City a clear picture of housing-related issues such as: housing supply and demand, 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. [Click here for more information about our Housing Element Update.](#)



Hours of Operation

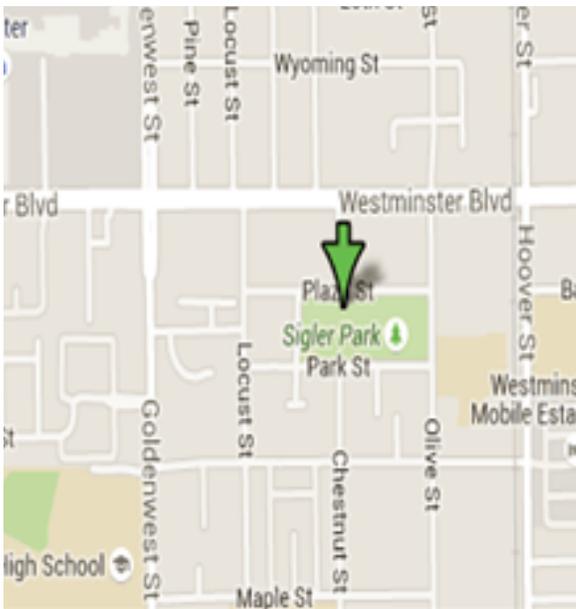
**Monday through
Friday**

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

(714) 903-1331

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**

Partners



HONEST HOUR FOR TEENS & YOUNG ADULTS

AAPI MENTAL HEALTH LET'S TALK ABOUT IT WITH SPECIAL GUESTS

Honest Hour is a safe space to seek answers to your mental health questions and connect through shared experiences.

Special guests will be leading a candid conversation about mental health in the young adult AAPI community. Our community panel will discuss stigmas and myths surrounding views on mental health, discovering resources available to the community, and how we can continue to support each other during difficult times.



**JERIKA
WHITE**



OCAPICA



**THE CAMBODIAN
FAMILY**

WEDNESDAY, MAY 19TH, 7:00 P.M.-8:30 P.M.

**DM YOUR QUESTIONS TO @NAMI_OC ON IG OR
EMAIL AWILSON@NAMIOC.ORG & GET ANSWERS AT HONEST HOUR!**

RESERVE YOUR SPOT: WWW.NAMIOCEVENTS.EVENTBRITE.COM

All events will be held virtually on Zoom at no-cost

529 ★ DAY

Get \$50

when you choose
the California way
to save for college.



Open a new ScholarShare 529 college savings account between May 24 and May 31, 2021.*

100% tax-free growth can mean more money for college.
Benefits of a ScholarShare 529 account:

- Low cost, less than half the national average**
- Use at any accredited school
- Flexible investment choices

Take advantage of
this great \$50 offer.
Offer valid 5/24/21-5/31/21.

ScholarShare529.
[ScholarShare529.com/529Day](https://www.ScholarShare529.com/529Day)
800-544-5248



Attend a free webinar at [ScholarShare529.com/529Day](https://www.ScholarShare529.com/529Day):
May 19, 2021 at 11:00a.m. (PT), or May 26, 2021 at 11:00a.m. (PT)

*When you open a new ScholarShare 529 College Savings Plan account with a \$50 contribution (and sign up for recurring contributions of \$25 or more per month for a minimum of 6 months) between May 24, 2021, at 12:01 a.m. and May 31, 2021, at 8:59 p.m. (PT), ScholarShare 529 will match \$50 on or before January 31, 2022. Visit www.ScholarShare529.com/529Day for terms and conditions. Void where prohibited or restricted by law. Promotion ends 05/31/21. Sponsored by the California 529 College Savings Plan.

**Source: ISS Market Intelligence 529 College Savings Quarterly Fee Analysis Fourth Quarter 2020. ScholarShare 529's average annual asset-based fees are 0.26% for all portfolios compared to 0.56% for all 529 plans.

TIAA To learn more about the California 529 College Savings Plan, its investment objectives, tax benefits, risks, and costs, please see the Plan Description at [ScholarShare529.com](https://www.ScholarShare529.com). Read it carefully. Check with your home state to learn if it offers tax or other benefits such as financial aid, scholarship funds or protection from creditors for investing in its own 529 plan. Consult your legal or tax professional for tax advice. Investments in the Plan are neither insured nor guaranteed and there is the risk of investment loss. If the funds aren't used for qualified higher education expenses, a 10% penalty tax on earnings (as well as federal and state income taxes) may apply. Non-qualified withdrawals may also be subject to an additional 2.5% California tax on earnings. TIAA-CREF Individual & Institutional Services, LLC, Member FINRA, distributor and underwriter for the California 529 College Savings Plan.
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COMMUNITY SERVICES

WESTMINSTER

NEWSLETTER & RECREATION GUIDE

SPRING
2021



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!





#Apply Now!

Interested in being part of the 2021-2022 Youth Committee?

Qualified applicants must:

1. Be between the ages of 12 - 18
2. Attend a school in a district serving the community of Westminster
3. Reside in the City of Westminster

Want more information?

[Click here for the 2021-2022 application package!](#)
(Submit by 5:00 p.m. on June 17, 2021)

Have questions?

[Email us!](#)



DEMILLE ELEMENTARY
15400 VAN BUREN STREET,
MIDWAY CITY, CA 92655
TUESDAYS, 9AM-4PM

FRYBERGER ELEMENTARY
6952 HOOD DRIVE,
WESTMINSTER, CA 92683
WEDNESDAYS, 9AM-4PM

SCHMITT ELEMENTARY
7200 TRASK AVENUE,
WESTMINSTER, CA 92683
THURSDAYS, 9AM-4PM

WILLMORE ELEMENTARY
7122 MAPLE STREET,
WESTMINSTER, CA 92683
FRIDAYS, 9AM-4PM

**WESTMINSTER LIBRARY
(LAWN ON 13TH STREET)**
8180 13TH STREET,
WESTMINSTER, CA 92683
SATURDAYS, 9AM-NOON

FREE WIFI!

GET CONNECTED!

OCPL.ORG/WIFIONWHEELS



Westminster Library is closed until further notice for remodeling.

**Holdings may be picked up at Garden Grove Main Library
(11200 Stanford Ave., Garden Grove, CA 92840)**



COMMUNITY PRESERVATION UNIT

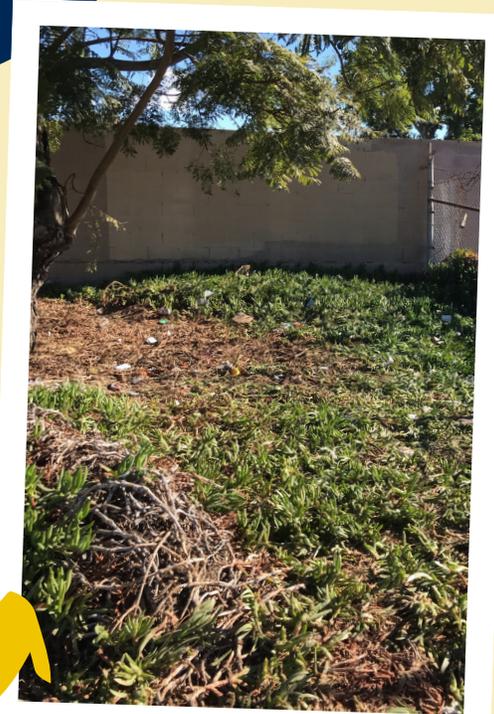
Dedicated to Beautifying the City of Westminster

Community Preservation Unit

Complaint = Clean-up



Before



After

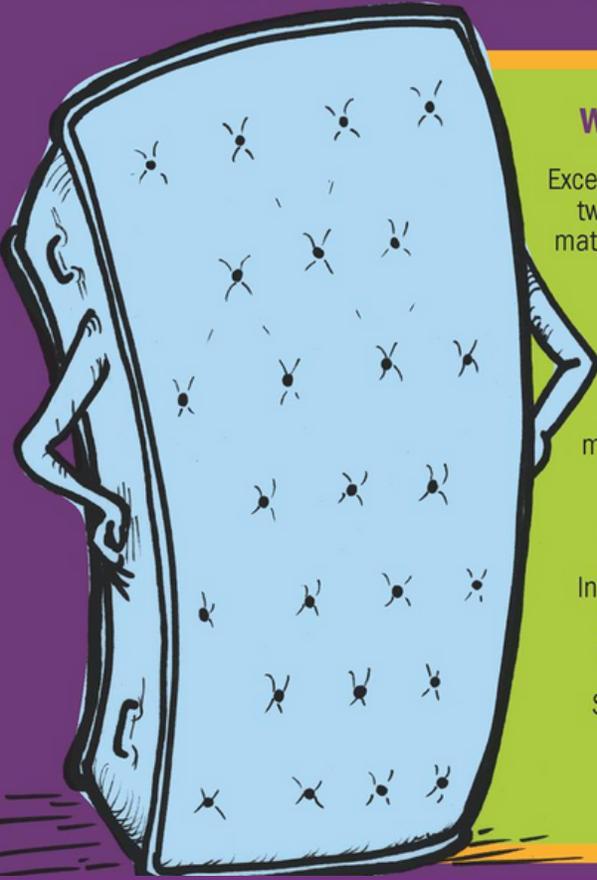
A friendly reminder from

THE COMMUNITY PRESERVATION UNIT (CPU)

A complaint = a clean-up! If you see discarded items, let the Community Preservation Unit know.

Call **714-548-3476** or download the **My Westminster** mobile app for quick and easy reporting!

No-Cost Mattress Recycling



We do not accept:

Excessively wet, damaged, twisted, frozen or soiled mattresses or box springs

Items infested with bed bugs

Fold-out sofa beds, futon frames/bases, mattress pads/toppers

Water beds, air mattresses, car beds

Infant & child products, infant carriers, lounge pads or crib bumpers

Sleeping bags, pillows

Other furniture or sleep products

How do I get rid of my old mattress?

Residents can drop off mattress, box springs, and futon mattresses separated from the base or frame for no-cost recycling.

Midway City Sanitary District
14451 Cedarwood Ave. Westminster, CA 92683
Monday - Friday 8am-4pm

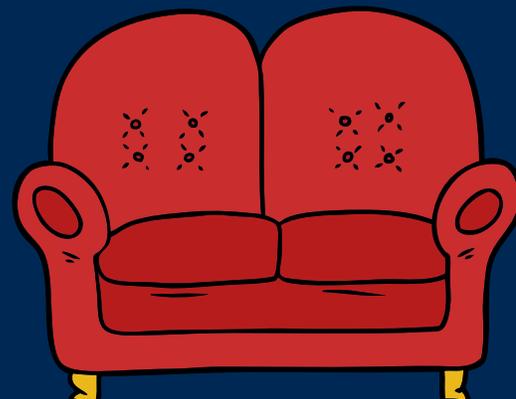


For more details, please call (714) 893-3553 or visit www.midwaycitysanitarydistrict.com/bulky-item-service.

Schedule a Bulky Item Pickup!

The District provides a monthly bulky item service for the disposal of some appliances and furniture, and will collect two such items from each household approximately every thirty days. For more details, please call (714) 893-3553 at least one week in advance.

Normal items that the District will pick up are: furniture, appliances, patio furniture, large plastic toys, lawn care equipment, television sets, computer monitors, and water heaters. The District does **NOT** pickup: carpet, rugs, glass, mirrors, construction materials, wood, fencing, doors, pallets, and exercise equipment. **PLEASE DO NOT PUT YOUR ITEMS ON THE CURB UNTIL SCHEDULED FOR PICKUP.**



PUBLIC SAFETY MESSAGE FROM ORANGE COUNTY FIRE AUTHORITY

ABC'S OF WATER SAFETY



Water safety starts at home. Keeping yourself and others safe in and around the water is as easy as ABC. Follow the safety tips below to make sure you know how to be water safe!



Children and adults drown without a sound. No one should ever swim alone.



Orange County
Fire Authority
ocfa.org

(714) 573-6200



A is for ACTIVE ADULT SUPERVISION

- Keep infants and toddlers within an arm's reach.
- No one should ever swim alone, including adults.
- Never rely on water wings, rafts, or other swimming aids in place of U.S. Coast Guard approved life jackets.
- Assign an adult to be a Water Watcher, actively keeping their eyes on the water without ANY distractions.
- If a child or adult is missing, every second counts! Check the water FIRST!

B is for BARRIERS

- Install and maintain proper fencing around the pool and spa to isolate swimming areas.
- Use multiple layers of protection, such as fences, gates, doors, alarms, and safety covers.
- Use self-closing, self-latching gates that open outward and away from the pool.
- Remove items such as chairs or tables that a child could use to climb over a fence.

C is for CLASSES

- Learn to swim by taking lessons.
- Learn first aid and CPR. Always keep a phone nearby to call 9-1-1.
- Teach children that running, jumping, and pushing others on pool decks is dangerous and can cause injuries. Always enter the pool feet first so you know how deep the water is in that area.

Drain Safety

- Keep children away from pool and spa drains to avoid entrapment and entanglement.
- Keep long hair tied back and remove dangling items like jewelry or bathing suit ties.
- Install compliant safety drain covers and automatic shut-off pump systems.
- Know where the pool and spa pump switch is and how to turn it off and on.

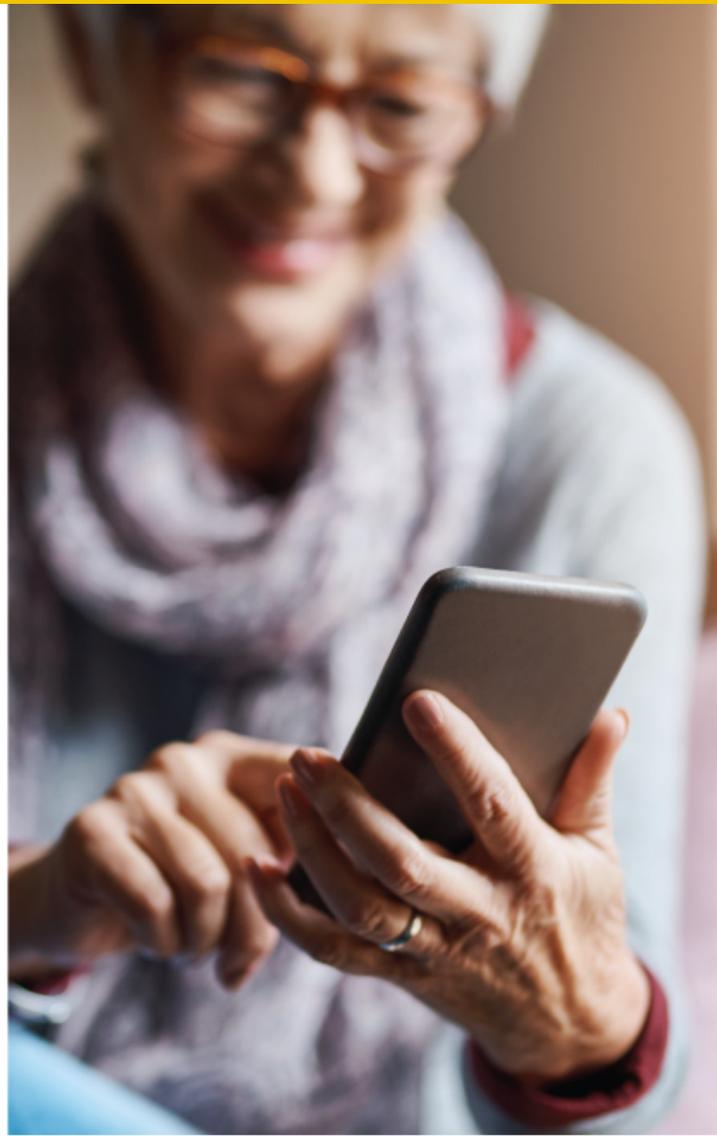
The California
**WNV and Dead Bird
Call Center**
is now **LIVE!**

Call to report a dead bird
or learn more about WNV:

1-877-WNV-BIRD
(1-877-968-2473)



VECTOR-BORNE
DISEASE SECTION
CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH



Mosquitoes can spread West Nile virus (WNV) to people, birds, and other animals. Tracking birds that die from WNV is one way the California Department of Public Health (CDPH) monitors where WNV is active in California.

You can help the CDPH by reporting dead birds to: 1-877-WNV-BIRD or <https://westnile.ca.gov>.

Did you know...

City Hall's temporary hours are Monday-Thursday, 7 a.m. - 5:30 p.m. by appointment only. [Click here to schedule an appointment.](#) Staff will also be available during office hours for electronic and telephone services. For general assistance, call (714) 898-3311.

There will be no street sweeping or trash pickup services on Memorial Day, May 31, 2021.

City Hall will be closed on Memorial Day, May 31, 2021.

You can now apply, renew, or pay for your business license online through HdL Companies. For more information, visit: <https://westminster.hdlgov.com> or call (657) 622-0222.

Need to pay your water bill in person?
Visit our Corporation Yard!

Westminster Corporation Yard
14381 Olive St.
Westminster, CA 92683

(714) 894-3796

Hours: Monday-Friday, 7:30am - 4:30pm

The City of Westminster has a YouTube account!



[Click here to subscribe!](#)

OTHER NEWS

A graphic for Friendship Line California. It features a white silhouette of California on a dark blue background. Four orange circular icons with white person silhouettes are scattered around the map. To the right, a white telephone handset icon is shown. Below the handset, the text "Friendship Line California" is written in white. Further down, the phone number "1 (888) 670-1360 (Toll Free)" is displayed in orange. At the bottom, the text "A way for seniors to stay connected" is written in white. In the bottom left corner, the "Institute on Aging" logo is shown, and in the bottom right corner, the "CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF AGING" logo is displayed.

**Friendship Line
California**

1 (888) 670-1360 (Toll Free)

A way for seniors to stay connected

Institute on Aging

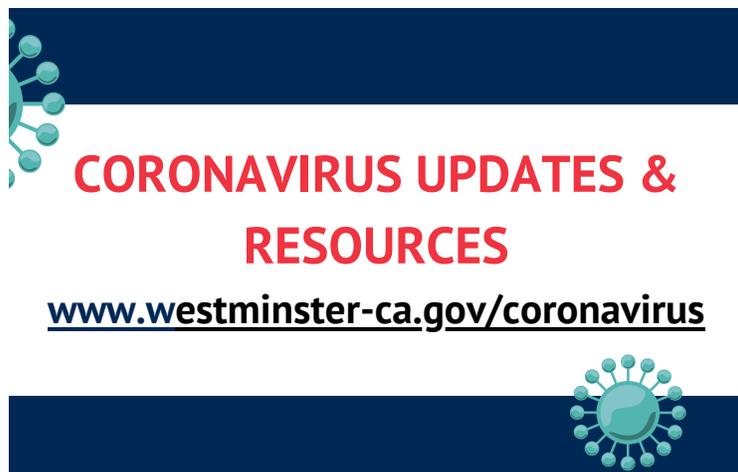
CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF AGING

A graphic for the Emergency Broadband Benefit. It features a photograph of a young woman with dark hair, wearing a yellow shirt and white earbuds, looking down at a laptop. The laptop screen shows a video call with two people. In the bottom right corner, the FCC logo is visible. The text "Emergency Broadband Benefit" is written in white at the top right, followed by "Helping Households Connect During the Pandemic" in a smaller white font. A dark blue arrow-shaped box on the left contains the text "Find out if you qualify and how to participate. Visit fcc.gov/broadbandbenefit." in white.

Emergency Broadband Benefit
*Helping Households Connect
During the Pandemic*

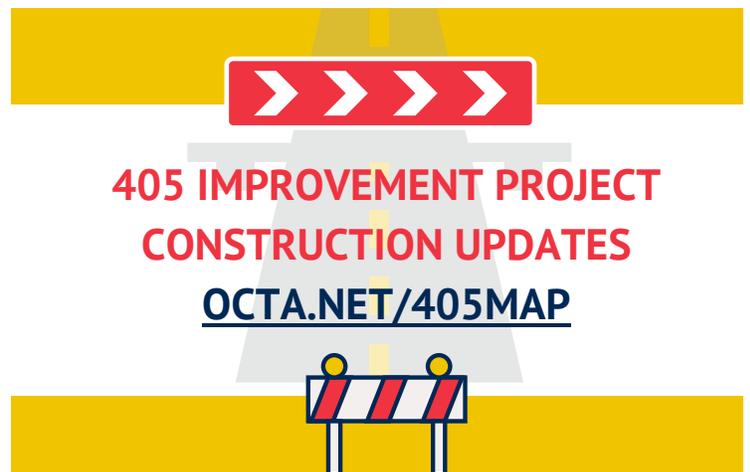
Find out if you qualify and how to participate. Visit fcc.gov/broadbandbenefit.

FCC

A graphic for coronavirus updates. It features a dark blue background with a white molecular structure icon on the left. The text "CORONAVIRUS UPDATES & RESOURCES" is written in red. Below it, the URL "www.westminster-ca.gov/coronavirus" is written in white. At the bottom right, there is a teal icon of a coronavirus particle.

**CORONAVIRUS UPDATES &
RESOURCES**

www.westminster-ca.gov/coronavirus

A graphic for 405 Improvement Project construction updates. It features a yellow background with a white road sign icon at the top center. Below the sign, the text "405 IMPROVEMENT PROJECT CONSTRUCTION UPDATES" is written in red. At the bottom, the URL "OCTA.NET/405MAP" is written in white. At the bottom center, there is a red and white striped construction barrier icon.

**405 IMPROVEMENT PROJECT
CONSTRUCTION UPDATES**

OCTA.NET/405MAP