

the Westminster Insider News



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CITY TO OBSERVE INDEPENDENCE DAY ON JULY 5, 2021



(The Westminster Senior Center hosted a small Fourth of July celebration on July 1, serving hot dogs, chips, and ice cream, and pre-registering seniors for future events)

City Hall will be closed on July 5, 2021 in observance of Independence Day. Beginning July 6, City Hall, Community Services, and the Westminster Police Department lobby will be open Monday - Thursday from 7:30 a.m. - 5:30 p.m. for walk-ins (the Police Department lobby closes at 5 p.m., however visitors wishing to meet with a police department representative after work hours may do so via the intercom button located at the police building main entrance). Appointments are still encouraged. [Click here to schedule an appointment for City Hall.](#)

There will be no street sweeping on July 5, 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.

There will be no change in solid waste trash pickup service. The Midway City Sanitary District will be open for business Monday, July 5 through Friday, July 9 with normal operation hours. Contact Midway City Sanitary District at (714) 893-3553 for more information.

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NO ILLEGAL FIREWORKS



MINIMUM FINE: \$1,000

Westminster's Municipal Code **ONLY** allows the **discharge** of **safe & sane** fireworks on:

JULY 4
10:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m.

Westminster Municipal Code 9.66.190 Sale, possession, and discharge of fireworks.

Contact Westminster's Code Enforcement Division at (714) 548-3478 for questions regarding the Safe and Sane Temporary Fireworks Stands' Westminster Municipal Code and enforcement.

To report illegal fireworks, call (714) 548-3212 or [click here](#).

Celebrating One Year of The WIN



July 2020

ISSUE 1

Welcome from City Hall

"On behalf of the City of Westminster and the city's Communications Team comprised of city staff, we're proud to debut The WIN: Westminster Insider News."

[READ HERE](#)



August 2020

ISSUE 2

Coronavirus Testing

"The County of Orange, in collaboration with 360 Clinic and the City of Anaheim, opened a large-scale drive-through testing facility at Anaheim Convention Center."

[READ HERE](#)



September 2020

ISSUE 3.5

Coronavirus Update - Red Tier

"Orange County has advanced from the purple "widespread" tier to the red "substantial" tier in the State of California's "Blueprint for a Safer Economy" reopening plan."

[READ HERE](#)



October 2020

ISSUE 4.5

Coronavirus Resources

"The coronavirus (COVID-19) outbreak is changing life for all of us. You may feel anxious, stressed, worried, lonely or frustrated in these circumstances. You're not alone."

[READ HERE](#)



November 2020

ISSUE 5.5

OC Moves Back to Purple Tier

"The purple tier is the most restrictive tier in the state's color-coded, four-tier system aimed at gradually reopening business sectors safely, and includes changes to business operations."

[READ HERE](#)



December 2020

ISSUE 6.5

Regional Stay-at-Home Order

"The State of California has issued a new regional stay-at-home order for areas with less than 15% hospital intensive care unit (ICU) capacity. This includes Southern California."

[READ HERE](#)



January 2021

ISSUE 7

Extended Stay-at-Home Order

"State officials have extended the regional stay home order, which includes Orange County. The order is extended until the ICU bed capacity returns to 15 percent or higher."

[READ HERE](#)



February 2021

ISSUE 8

State Lifts Stay-at-Home Order

"Businesses in Westminster must modify operations to comply with purple tier restrictions. These include opening outdoors only with modifications and reduced indoor capacities."

[READ HERE](#)



March 2021

ISSUE 9

OC Opens Up Vaccinations

"Based on State guidelines, people in Phase 1B are eligible to receive the COVID-19 vaccine, including educators, food service workers, grocery workers, child care providers, and emergency service personnel."

[READ HERE](#)



April 2021

ISSUE 10.5

Virtual Black April Event

"April 30 marks Black April, also known as the Fall of Saigon. This year, for the safety and health of our community members, the City of Westminster will host a virtual Black April event."

[READ HERE](#)



May 2021

ISSUE 11.5

Walk-in Covid-19 Vaccinations

"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."

[READ HERE](#)



June 2021

ISSUE 12.5

California Reopens

"Capacity and distancing restrictions are lifted for most businesses and activities. All sectors listed in the current Blueprint Activities and Business Tiers Chart may return to usual operations."

[READ HERE](#)

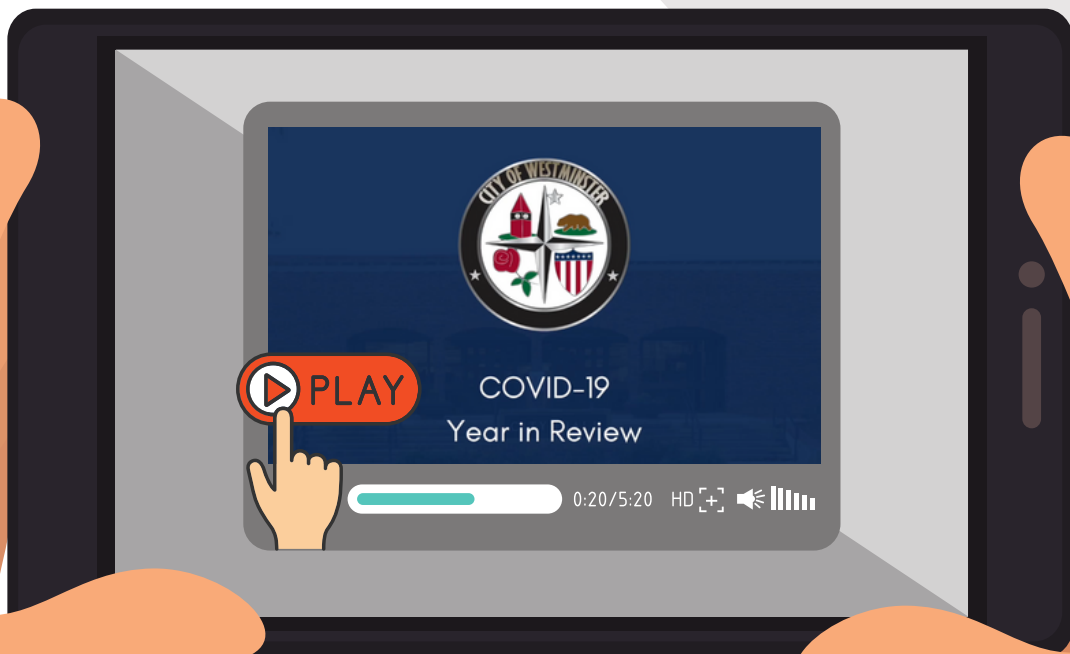


#WINNING

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COVID-19

★ YEAR IN REVIEW ★



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.



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OTHER
VACCINE
RESOURCES
IN ORANGE COUNTY

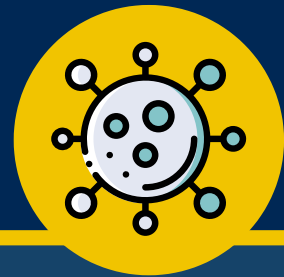
Questions about COVID-19 or the COVID-19 vaccine?

Call (714) 834-2000

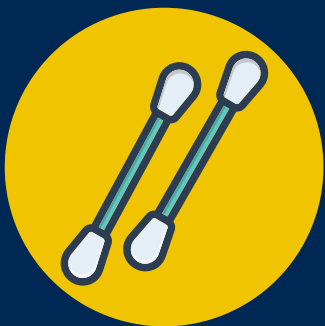
The OC Health Care Agency Hotline offers automated responses to FAQs 24/7 and live, trained operators from 8 a.m. - 5 p.m., Monday-Friday.



FREE



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



FOR ALL ORANGE COUNTY RESIDENTS
Click here to order yours!



BUSINESS RESOURCES

For valuable guidance on how to start and grow your business in the City of Westminster, please check out our new Business Welcome Kit!

Find helpful contacts, permits you may need, business resources, and more!

CLICK HERE



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



BUDGET UPDATE: JULY 1, 2020 - MARCH 31, 2021

2020-2021 Review

This report contains information on resources through the 3rd quarter of FY 2020-21, which is the period between July 1, 2020 and March 31, 2021.

Top Revenues

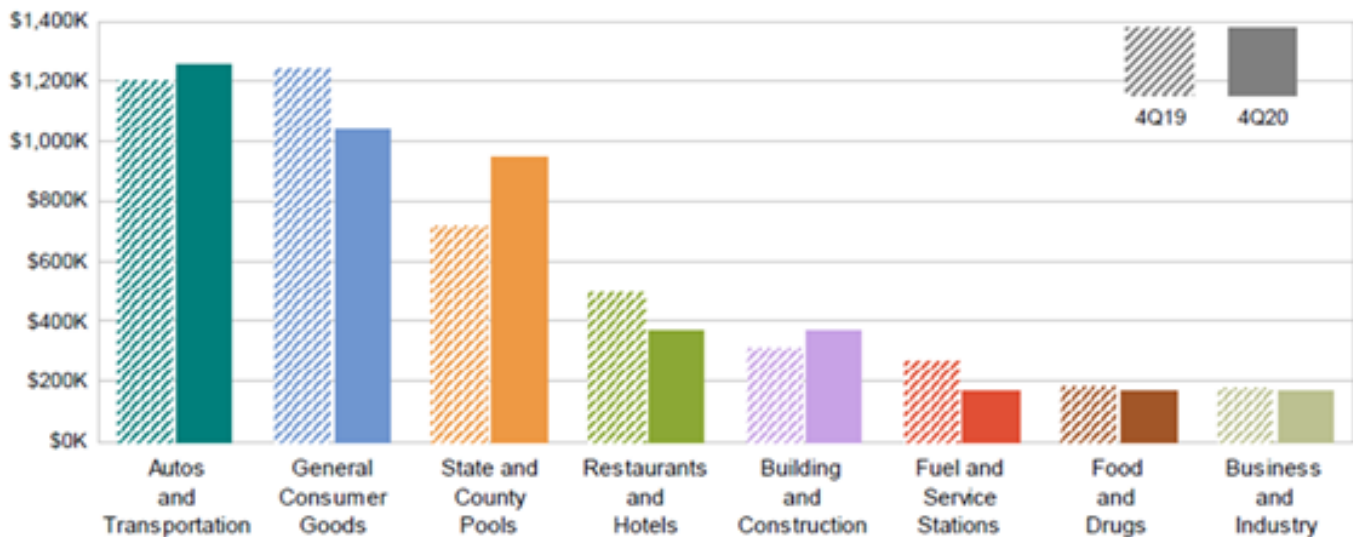
The top revenue sources for the City's General Fund are sales tax, transaction use tax, property tax, utility users tax and charges for service which combined make up 89% of total General Fund revenue. Current projections for FY 2020-21 are in line with budgeted numbers with the exception of sales tax/transaction use tax which is projected to be higher than budgeted. FY 2020-21 revenues were originally budgeted at \$60.2 million with a current revised budget of \$61.7 million adjusted to include already received COVID Cares funding of \$1.5 million. Through the 3rd quarter, we have received \$39.8 million in revenue in the General Fund or 64.5% as of March 31, 2021.

Sales Tax/Transaction Use Tax

The following charts, from the City's sales tax consultant HdL, represent 4th quarter calendar year sales, July 2020 through December 2020. Year-over-year comparison show Westminster's receipts down 2.3% from the fourth quarter sales in the prior period. The major drops are due to the impacts of COVID-19. Consumer spending increased as more retail stores re-opened, but revenues are still below pre-pandemic levels and consumers continue to prefer online shopping. As you can see in the first chart, there is a large increase in the State and County pools which are online sales. The second chart shows the category changes for the transaction use tax. As you can see in the second chart, there is no category for pools because the transaction use tax generated from online sales is allocated directly to the City. Westminster's share of the taxes generated from online purchases of our residents stay within the City.

Sales and Use Tax

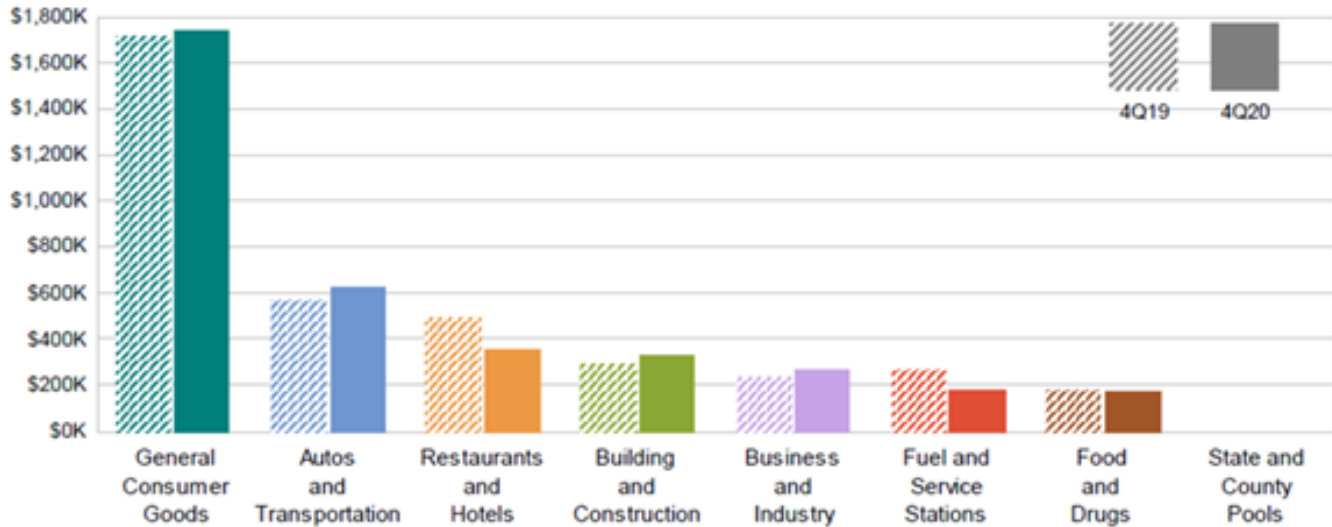
4Q19 Compared To 4Q20



BUDGET UPDATE: JULY 1, 2020 - MARCH 31, 2021 (CONT'D)

Transaction Use Tax (Measure SS)

4Q19 Compared To 4Q20



Sales tax and transaction use tax receipts are remitted to the City in arrears so the quarter totals shown in the table below represent seven months of receipts from the California Department of Tax and Fee Administration (CDTFA). Projections from the City's sales tax consultant, HdL, anticipate FY 2020-21 receipts to be slightly above the actuals received for FY 2019-20. This is still an estimate as we have only received the 7 months of receipts for FY 2020-21, however, the increase would be \$2.3 million higher than budgeted. We will continue to actively track this important revenue source.

	Budget 2020-21	YTD Q3 Actual 2020-21	% of Budget	Prior Years Q3 Actual 2019-20	Increase/ (Decrease) from PY
Sales and Use Tax	\$ 15,133,600	\$ 9,944,616	65.7%	\$ 10,080,046	\$ (135,430)
Transaction Use Tax	11,883,000	8,159,367	68.7%	8,177,090	(17,723)
	\$ 27,016,600	\$ 18,103,983	67.0%	\$ 18,257,136	\$ (153,153)

Property Tax

Property tax revenue is trending slightly higher than the prior fiscal year. This estimate is pretty close to actual as most of the revenue from property tax receipts come in December and April.

	Budget 2020-21	YTD Q3 Actual 2020-21	% of Budget	Prior Years Q3 Actual 2019-20	Increase/ (Decrease) from PY
Property Tax	\$ 17,624,000	\$ 9,261,321	52.5%	\$ 8,750,040	\$ 511,281

BUDGET UPDATE: JULY 1, 2020 - MARCH 31, 2021 (CONT'D)

Utility Users Tax

Utility user's tax is slightly more than the prior year but in line with the budget.

	Budget 2020-21	YTD Q3 Actual 2020-21	% of Budget	Prior Years Q3 Actual 2019-20	Increase/ (Decrease) from PY
Utility Users Tax	\$ 4,200,000	\$ 2,989,622	71.2%	\$ 2,940,503	\$ 49,119

Charges for Service

Charges for service are looking positive for FY 2020-21. This is partly due to the Cost Recovery Study adopted in FY 2019-20 and the development activity within the City. Receipts to date are lower than the same time last year however, overall projections to year end are favorable.

	Budget 2020-21	YTD Q3 Actual 2020-21	% of 2020-21 Budget	Prior Years Q3 Actual 2019-20	Increase/ (Decrease) from PY
Charges for Service	\$ 4,495,061	\$ 3,810,783	84.8%	\$ 4,090,093	\$ (279,309)

Expenditures

General Fund expenditures are tracking on budget. Expenditures for the 3rd quarter of FY 2020-21 are \$482 thousand over the prior fiscal year at the same time. This is due to the increase in PERS costs and OCFA contract costs.

	Budget 2020-21	YTD Q3 Actual 2020-21	% of 2020-21 Budget	Prior Years Q3 Actual 2019-20	Increase/ (Decrease) from PY
Expenditures	\$ 64,507,329	\$ 49,763,179	77.1%	\$ 49,281,500	\$ 481,678

At this time, revenue and expenditures are tracking within budget so no budget adjustment is necessary. The next update will be provided after nine months of revenue and expenditures, for the period of July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021.

If you have any questions or concerns please contact Erin Backs, Interim Finance Director at ebacks@westminster-ca.gov or (714) 548-3185.

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.](#)*



Missed the last meeting? Get the quick recap here.

RESOURCES FOR RENTERS

Eviction Moratorium EXTENDED

On June 28, 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 September 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. Beginning November 1, 2021, landlords can take tenants to small claims court to recover unpaid rent debt. [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.





CA COVID-19
RENT RELIEF



Visit [HousingisKey.com](https://www.housingiskey.com)
or call 833-430-2122

**Great News! Qualifying renters
and landlords are now eligible for
100% of rent and utilities owed**

Apply Now · ¡Aplique Hoy! · Hãy nộp đơn ngay

The CA COVID-19 Rent Relief program provides financial assistance for unpaid and/or future rent and utilities to income-eligible California renters and their landlords who have been impacted by COVID-19. Both renters and landlords can apply for assistance. Assistance from the program does NOT count as earned income (for renters) and will NOT affect eligibility for any other state benefit assistance programs, such as CalFresh or CalWORKS. For more details about the CA COVID-19 Rent Relief program, visit [Program Overview](#).



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



WESTMINSTER

Newsletter & Recreation Guide

Summer
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!



SIGLER PARK SPLASH PAD

7200 PLAZA ST.

HOURS OF OPERATION

12:30-2:30 P.M. & 3-5 P.M.

DAILY: JUNE 21ST - SEPTEMBER 6TH

PRE-REGISTRATION REQUIRED

[HTTP://BIT.LY/SIGLERSPLASHPADSUMMER2021](http://bit.ly/siglersplashpadsummer2021)

MAXIMUM CAPACITY ENFORCED

MASKS REQUIRED WHILE NOT ENGAGED IN WATER PLAY

PRIVATE RENTALS

10 A.M. - 12 P.M. ON DAYS OF OPERATION

Call us at 714.895.2860 for new rules, details, & more information.





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!

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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)**

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- RENEW ITEMS
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- SYNC ALL YOUR OCPL CARDS IN ONE PLACE

SEARCH FOR "MYOCPL" IN YOUR APP STORE TO DOWNLOAD OR SCAN BELOW



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FOR MORE INFO:
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Orange County, CA
Public Libraries
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COMMUNITY PRESERVATION UNIT

Dedicated to Beautifying the City of Westminster

Community Preservation Unit

Complaint = Clean-up



Before



After

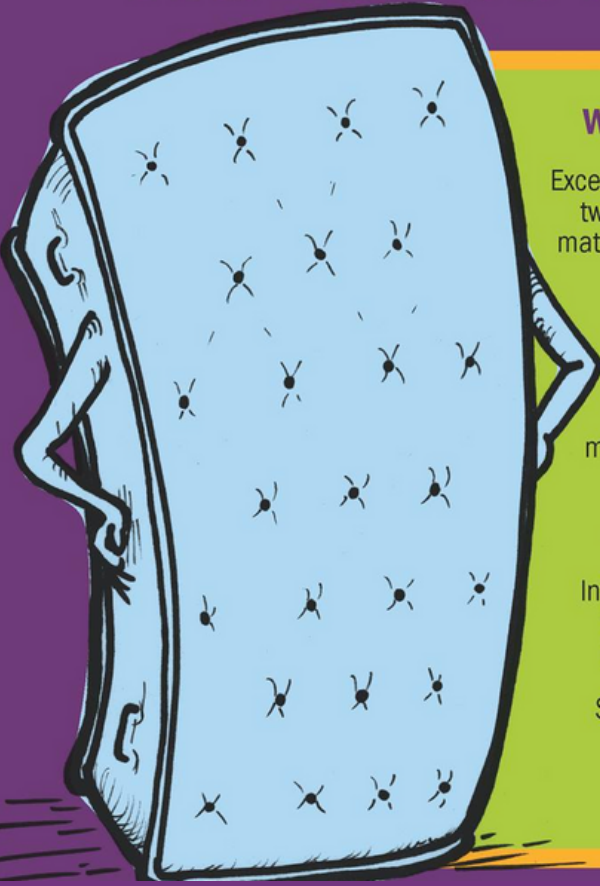
A friendly reminder from

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

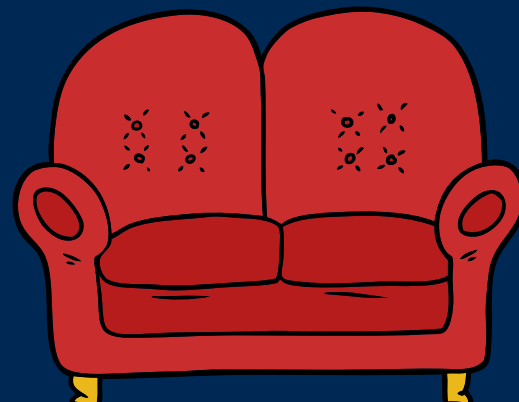


For more details, please call (714) 893-3553 or visit www.midwaycitysanitarydistrict.com/bulky-item-service.

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.**



FIREWORKS



Every year thousands of burns and eye injuries are caused by fireworks. Following these simple tips can help you enjoy fireworks safely.



You can anonymously report illegal or dangerous firework use by calling 714-538-3501.



Orange County
Fire Authority
ocfa.org

(714) 573-6200



Recommended Safety Tips

- Obey local laws. Safe and Sane fireworks are only legal in the cities of **Anaheim, Buena Park, Costa Mesa, Fullerton, Garden Grove, Huntington Beach, Santa Ana, Stanton, Villa Park, and Westminster.**
- Buy only Safe and Sane fireworks that are State Fire Marshal approved.
- Light fireworks outdoors in a clear area and at a safe distance away from people, homes, vehicles, or flammable materials.
- Light one firework at a time and never relight a dud.
- Have a bucket of water and a hose nearby to soak fireworks before throwing them in a trash can.
- Never point or throw fireworks at another person.

Fireworks and Child Safety

- Fireworks should only be handled by adults.
- Sparklers can exceed temperatures up to 1,200 degrees Fahrenheit, which is hot enough to melt gold.
- Never let children pick up pieces of fireworks after a show as some may still be active.
- Parents are liable for any damages or injuries caused by their children using fireworks.

In Case of an Accident:

- Call 9-1-1 and run cool water over any burn.
- In case of an eye injury, do not rub, touch, or rinse the eye as this can cause more damage to the injury.

City-Sponsored Fourth of July Events:

- A city-sponsored fireworks display is a great alternative to lighting your own fireworks. To find a fireworks display near you, please visit our website at ocfa.org.

Report Illegal Fireworks in Westminster:

- A firework is considered illegal if it can leave the ground or explode. Illegal fireworks include those described as cherry bombs, bottle rockets, mortars, aerial shells, M-80s, and firecrackers. Report illegal firework use or suspicious activity by calling (714) 548-3212 or visiting www.westminster-ca.gov.

Did you know...

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[Click here to schedule an appointment.](#)

There will be no street sweeping on July 5, July 29, and July 30.

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.

City Hall will be closed on July 5, 2021 in observance of Independence Day.

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, 7:00am - 4:30pm

The City of Westminster has a YouTube account!



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CALIFORNIANS GET MORE WITH THE CHILD TAX CREDIT

Californians with children under 6 can get up to \$4,600 for the 2021 tax year with the American Rescue Plan's Child Tax Credit and California's Young Child Tax Credit.

AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN'S CHILD TAX CREDIT

Qualifying families can get up to:



\$300 per child
per month
starting July 15



\$3,600 per child
under 6 per year

CALIFORNIA'S YOUNG CHILD TAX CREDIT

Qualifying families can get up to an additional:



\$1,000
per year



CORONAVIRUS UPDATES & RESOURCES

www.westminster-ca.gov/coronavirus



405 IMPROVEMENT PROJECT CONSTRUCTION UPDATES

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