

CLIMATE ACTION PLAN

The City of West Sacramento is currently preparing a Climate Action Plan (CAP) as an update to its original CAP. Climate action plans typically serve as a comprehensive roadmap that outlines the actions a city will take to reduce local greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions. West Sacramento's CAP will also include a high-level analysis of climate change and its local impacts, as well as opportunities to reduce local climate vulnerability. The CAP will also:

- Evaluate the city's 2018 community GHG inventory and emissions forecasts through 2050.
- Establish local GHG targets that demonstrate consistency with California's 2030 GHG target and the Mayors' Commission on Climate Change 2045 goal.
- Identify local actions, reflecting the West Sacramento context, that when implemented will help the city to achieve its GHG reduction goals and reduce climate vulnerability.

Draft will be made available at City Hall and posted on the City's website and in other public locations once complete.

For more information about the CAP and updates on CAP engagement activities, and to sign up for email notifications, visit www.cityofwestsacramento.org/climate



EARTH DAY —SAVE THE DATE!

Join us Saturday, April 17 from 10:00 to 11:00 a.m.

for a virtual, interactive Earth Day celebration with a focus on sustainable living and "Recycling Right" at home, including a Q & A session with recycling experts.

For more details and to register to attend, please visit RecyclingFun.org

BATTERY SAFETY

Did you know it is illegal to throw batteries away as trash? Batteries are made up of hazardous components, which can include acids, lead, lithium, and mercury. When battery casings disintegrate, these hazardous components can leach into the environment. However, when batteries are disposed of properly, these same components can be recovered and reused.

Rechargeable batteries pose additional safety hazards. In recent years, rechargeable lithium-ion batteries have been linked to several local fires. Many of us have heard news stories about cell phones, and toys powered by rechargeable batteries spontaneously igniting. But, did you know, even when a rechargeable battery has reached the end of its useful life, it still has the potential to ignite a fire? To help prevent battery fires, never store rechargeable batteries in a manner that would allow the bare battery terminals to touch. Once batteries are dead, cover battery terminals with electrical or packing tape or place each dead battery in an individual sealed plastic bag.

Recycle your dead batteries through your two annual (July 1 – June 30) "At Your Door Special Collection" appointments for household hazardous waste disposal by calling Waste Management at **(800) 449-7587** or visit them online at WMAtYourDoor.com. For more battery recycling options visit [WestSacRecycles.org/ A-Z Recycling Batteries](http://WestSacRecycles.org/A-Z Recycling Batteries).





LAWN CARE CORNER

Do you have a lawn? Is it in worse shape than you would like? Good news! You can get the most out of your lawn through the “UC Guide to Healthy Lawns” (<http://ipm.ucanr.edu/TOOLS/TURF/>). This site will give you helpful info like identifying your grass type, common issues, and tips for new and established lawns. Every month we highlight a part of this guide, so check us out at [facebook.com/WestSacRecycles!](https://www.facebook.com/WestSacRecycles)

CURBY'S CORNER



Q: How do I dispose of cooking oil?

A: Fats, oils, and grease (FOG) are a natural by-product of cooking and preparing food. Sources of FOG include cooking oil, meat fats, lard, salad dressings, sauces, dairy products, shortening, butter and margarine. When fats, oils and grease enter the sewer system, they build up and eventually block collection pipes and sewer lines, resulting in back-ups and overflows in the home and even on streets.

Proper FOG management is easy! Follow these simple rules at home to protect pipes and sewers:

- Never pour FOG down the sink, drain or garbage disposal.
- Scrape or wipe excess food scraps and grease into the organics or trash container before rinsing or washing cookware, dishware, or utensils. Always use a strainer in the sink to catch food scraps and empty into the organics or trash container.
- Use cool water, not hot, to RINSE dishes before hand washing or putting in the dishwasher. Hot water breaks down grease only temporarily and when it cools, it sticks to the inside of pipes and sewers.
- Pour **small amounts** of grease into a disposable container that can be tossed in the trash when solidified and full. Bulk oil or liquid fats should not be placed in the garbage.
- Dispose of bulk oil and liquid fats at the following locations:
 - City of West Sacramento Public Works Corporation Yard
1951 S River Road,
West Sacramento Monday to Friday 8:00am to 4:30pm.
 - Yolo County Central Landfill Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) facility.
44090 County Road 28 H, Woodland
Every Friday and Saturday 7:30am to 3:30pm