

City of

# CASTROVILLE

Newsletter

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## BEAT THE HEAT AND STAY COOL!

As the summer temperatures continue to climb, it is important to prevent heat related illness. People at greater risk for heat related illness are infants, young children, people who are 65 years of age or older, overweight, or physically ill, especially with heart disease or high blood pressure. A few simple precautions can help you stay cool and enjoy the summer:

- Wear lightweight, light-colored, loose-fitting clothing.
- Stay in an air-conditioned place as much as possible. Go to the public library or city hall if you need a retreat from the heat. Just a few hours in air conditioning can help your body stay cooler.
- Limit outdoor activity to the morning or evening hours.
- Cut down exercise during the heat.
- Avoid hot and heavy meals.
- Wear sunscreen.
- Drink plenty of fluids.
- Replace salts and minerals lost through sweat by drinking a sports drink.
- Do not leave children or pets in vehicles.
- Use the buddy system when working in the heat, or have a friend or relative call to check on adults 65 years old or older who reside in an unairconditioned dwelling at least twice a day.

For more tips on how to beat the heat please visit:

### Centers for Disease Control and Prevention:

<https://www.cdc.gov/disasters/extremeheat/heattips.html>

### U.S. Department of Energy:

<https://energy.gov/energysaver/spring-and-summer-energy-saving-tips>



### City Closure

**Monday,**

**September 4th, 2017**

**City Offices are closed  
in observance of  
Labor Day.**

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# STAGE 1

## Voluntary Drought Restrictions

The City of Castroville uses drought restrictions, established by city ordinance, to proactively manage the water resources.

- ☛ **Water waste** is prohibited at all times. Water waste includes allowing water to run off into a gutter, ditch, or drain; or failing to repair a controllable leak.
- ☛ **Reduce water consumption** by any means available.
- ☛ **Hand watering** with a hand-held hose, soaker hose, drip irrigation, bucket or watering can is permitted at any time.
- ☛ **Grey watering** is allowed at any time.
- ☛ **All non-public swimming pools** must have a minimum of 25 percent of the surface area covered with evaporation screens when not in use. Inflatable pool toys or floating decorations may be used.
- ☛ **Washing impervious cover** such as parking lots, driveways, streets or sidewalks is prohibited. Health and safety exceptions to this rule may be requested from the City in writing.
- ☛ **Residential washing of vehicles** or other equipment is allowed only on assigned watering days and times and during the weekend. A hose with an automatic shut-off nozzle or bucket of five gallons or less may be used. Water should not be allowed to run into the street.
- ☛ **The use of commercial car wash facilities** is allowed any day.

Stage One restrictions continue until there is an announcement in the newspaper that Stage One has ended or that Stage Two is in effect.

MILD water shortage conditions.

**Landscape watering with an irrigation system or sprinkler** is allowed only once a week before 10 a.m. or after 8 p.m. on your designated watering day as determined by your address:

### WATERING SCHEDULE

Last Digit of Street Address	Watering Day
☛ 0 or 1	Monday
☛ 2 or 3	Tuesday
☛ 4 or 5	Wednesday
☛ 6 or 7	Thursday
☛ 8 or 9	Friday

Watering days begin and end at midnight; overnight watering is not allowed.

Areas without a street address, such as medians and neighborhood entryways, water on Wednesday.

**Voluntary conservation on your part now helps avoid the need for mandatory restrictions later.**

**For more information:**  
[www.castrovilletx.gov](http://www.castrovilletx.gov)  
 830-931-4090

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To learn more about the City of Castroville Water Management Plan, and how to conserve water please visit: <http://castrovilletx.gov/2424/Watering-Restrictions>



## SLOW DOWN: BACK TO SCHOOL MEANS SHARING THE ROAD



**School Zone Speed Limit:**  
20 mph

**Morning School Zone**

**Hours:** 7am – 9am

**Afternoon School Zone**

**Hours:** 2pm - 4pm

School days bring congestion: Yellow school buses are picking up their charges, kids on bikes are hurrying to get to school before the bell rings, and harried parents are trying to drop their kids off before work.

It's never more important for drivers to slow down and pay attention than when kids are present – especially before and after school. **Reminder: All cellular device usage is prohibited in school zones.** To learn more about how to stay safe on the road for back to school, the City Ordinances can be found at: <http://bit.ly/2vqtKym>

## SOLAR ECLIPSE PARTY @ THE LIBRARY

Join the Library for the event of the Century, The Great American Solar Eclipse!

**Monday, August 21st, @ 12:30pm**

Bring your lounge chairs, blankets and sunscreen as the Library will host a Solar Eclipse party in the back yard at 12:30pm. We will also have the NASA live broadcast inside the library.

Participants will receive special glasses to watch the eclipse, make a pinhole viewer, and enjoy refreshments. <https://www.facebook.com/CastrovilleLibrary/>



## SIGN UP FOR ONLINE BILL PAY

Sign up for online bill pay for utility and airport payments at:

<https://www.municipalonlinepayments.com/castrovilletx>.

Visit the City webpage ([www.castrovilletx.gov](http://www.castrovilletx.gov)) and look for the Online Bill Pay icon:



View real-time balances, along with graph detailing consumption history and pay multiple accounts. If you have any questions, call us at **830-931-4070**.

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## CITY COUNCIL & BOARD MEETINGS

### City Council @ 6:00pm

- Aug 8, 15, and 22
- Sept 12 and 26

### Library Advisory Board

#### @ 6:30pm

- Aug 9
- Sept 13

### Parks @ 6:30 pm

- Aug 15
- Sept 19

### Planning & Zoning @ 6:30pm

- Aug 9
- Sept 13

### Historic Landmark @6:30pm

- Aug 16
- Sept 19

### Airport @ 9:00 am

- Aug 12
- Sept 9

Meeting dates and times may change. Check the City's website for up-to-date information.  
[castrovilletx.gov/AgendaCenter](http://castrovilletx.gov/AgendaCenter)

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**24 HOUR UTILITY EMERGENCIES (830) 931-4091**