



## Question of the Month



Do you recycle curbside? Tell us what you recycle and if you have seen a decrease in the amount of household trash you have? One response will be chosen and will receive a small token of our appreciation. Please send responses to [dabrown@roswellgov.com](mailto:dabrown@roswellgov.com) by October 28<sup>th</sup>.

Please see last month's answer on page two.

## Roswell Residents Can Apply for Flood Assistance

**Roswell, GA (September 28, 2009)**-City of Roswell and Fulton County residents who sustained losses during the recent flooding can begin applying for Individual Assistance through the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA). Individual Assistance can include grants to help pay for temporary housing, home repairs and other serious disaster-related expenses.

Residents and business owners in Fulton County who sustained losses can begin applying for Individual Assistance by registering online at [www.DisasterAssistance.gov](http://www.DisasterAssistance.gov) or by calling 1.800.621.FEMA (3362) or 1.800.462.7585 (TTY) for the hearing and speech impaired. The toll-free telephone numbers will operate from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Sunday.

The total number of counties designated under President Obama's disaster declaration now stands at 14 in Georgia. The list includes: Carroll, Catoosa, Chattooga, Cherokee, Cobb, DeKalb, Douglas, Fulton, Gwinnett, Newton, Paulding, Rockdale, Stephens and Walker counties.

For more details go to [www.GEMA.ga.gov](http://www.GEMA.ga.gov).

To view the Georgia Emergency Agency (GEMA) Situation Report for September 21, 2009, visit [http://www.gema.ga.gov/ohsgemaweb.nsf/1b4bb75d6ce841c88525711100558b9d/101202298c1d52248525758b0079840a/\\$FILE/SevereWeather.09.24.09%20-%20SITREP8.pdf](http://www.gema.ga.gov/ohsgemaweb.nsf/1b4bb75d6ce841c88525711100558b9d/101202298c1d52248525758b0079840a/$FILE/SevereWeather.09.24.09%20-%20SITREP8.pdf).

Floods are the most common hazards in the United States. For more info about Floods and how you can protect yourself from floods go to

[What is the flood risk where I live?](#)

**How can I protect myself from a flood?**

[Know your flood terms](#)

[What to do before a flood](#)

[What to do during a flood](#)

[What to do after a flood](#)

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### Special Dates in Roswell

- ◆ 10-16 Halloween Hikes, Chattahoochee Nature Center
- ◆ 10-24 Rivers Alive Clean Up
- ◆ 10-24 Great Annual Duck Race
- ◆ 11-07 Bulky Trash Amnesty Day
- ◆ 11-14 Next Shredding Event

# What's Happening in Roswell from the Environmental Programs Manager: Janet Liberman

## **Bulky Trash Amnesty Day!**

Saturday, November 7<sup>th</sup> at 1810 Hembree Road (The City of Roswell Public Works/Transportation/Fire Department Building)

Gates open at 8:00 a.m. and will close at 2:00 p.m.

Due to the popularity of this event, long lines are expected.

Residents of Roswell, Alpharetta and Milton are invited to bring large, unwanted items and drop them off at no charge.

For a listing of what is acceptable please see either the City of Roswell website at [www.roswellgov.com](http://www.roswellgov.com) or Keep Roswell Beautiful at [www.keeptoswellbeautiful.org](http://www.keeptoswellbeautiful.org)

Roswell residents with electronics, refrigerators, washers, dryers, freezers, other large appliance and tires can take those items to the Roswell Recycling Center at any time and drop them off at no charge. No waiting in line! The Recycling Center is open 7 days a week. Their phone number is 770.442.8822.

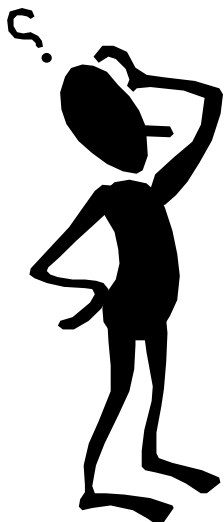
## **Rivers Alive River Cleanup Rescheduled!**

Our annual river cleanup has been rescheduled for Saturday, October 24<sup>th</sup> from 8:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. at Riverside Park. Volunteers are asked to pre-register by completing and returning the event waiver form by October 22 at close of business. The waiver can be found on the Keep Roswell Beautiful website at [www.keeptoswellbeautiful.org](http://www.keeptoswellbeautiful.org)

Questions? Contact either Laura Aikens at [laikens@roswellgov.com](mailto:laikens@roswellgov.com) or Janet Liberman at [jliberman@roswellgov.com](mailto:jliberman@roswellgov.com)

## **Great Annual Duck Race Rescheduled!**

Keep Roswell Beautiful's Great Annual Duck Race will take place on Saturday, October 24<sup>th</sup> at approximately 10:00 a.m. immediately following the Rivers Alive River Cleanup. The race takes place on Big Creek located on Oxbo Road. It is not too late to rent ducks and have your chance to win \$100. To rent ducks, please stop by Roswell City Hall, 38 Hill Street, Suite 235 Monday through Friday 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Ducks are \$3.00 each or 3 for \$5.00. You don't have to be present to win. For more information please call 770.641.3715 or [www.keeptoswellbeautiful.org](http://www.keeptoswellbeautiful.org)



### *September's Answer to the Question of the Month*

Last month, we asked What are you doing to conserve water? Mary Lou DeLucia sent in this response. What a great idea, Mary Lou! Mary Lou will receive a small token of appreciation from us.

A bucket with a top, like those used to collect kitchen compost is placed next to our kitchen sink. Every bit of liquid that is used to make dinner (water left after boiling spaghetti), left over coffee, drinks not consumed, rinse water and such is placed into the bucket. This bucket is then emptied into the garden, sometimes several times a day. This exercise keeps us aware of how much water we use and helps our plants and trees.

Mary Lou DeLucia.



# City of Roswell Public Works / Environmental Information Corner



## News from the Recycling Center

### What should you Do with Waste

#### **Vegetable Oil after frying that holiday turkey?**

Bring it to the Roswell Recycling Center and keep it out of the sewer system and landfill.

Starting November 1st you will now be able to bring your used vegetable oil in liquid form to the Roswell Recycling Center. Please bring vegetable oil in liquid form as it will need to be poured into another container.



## Environmental Education

Calling all 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, and 5<sup>th</sup> graders in Roswell!!!! Help us create the annual Drippy Dropperson Coloring Book!

Any 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, or 5<sup>th</sup> grade student in Roswell (public, private, or home schools) is invited to create a coloring book page depicting Drippy Dropperson preserving or conserving our water resources. The top twelve drawings will be chosen for the 2010 coloring book and the winners and their families will be honored in front of Mayor and Council in the spring. Make sure to get your entry in by November 20, 2009. Contact Laura Aikens for an entry form: [laikens@roswellgov.com](mailto:laikens@roswellgov.com).



## Sanitation Residential Division

### *How to get rid of unwanted paint?*

*If you pour cat litter in the paint container after use and when the paint has dried up, you place it at the curb side with the lid off on your regular garbage day, the Sanitation Department of Roswell will dispose of those items for you.*



## State of Georgia Toilet Rebate Program

### Do you want to take advantage of the Georgia Toilet Rebate Program?

Rebates are limited and will be issued on a first-come, first-serve basis.

#### Customer Eligibility

#### Qualifications to receive a toilet rebate:

Have an individual residential account with a participating water system in the Metro Water District and be up to date on your billing payments.

Own or rent a single-family residential home built in 1993 or earlier (this will be verified).

Purchase an approved toilet after September 28, 2007 to replace an older toilet using greater than 1.6 gallons per flush (gpf).

Agree to an installation verification visit to ensure your efficient toilets have been installed.

Agree to complete a program participation survey.

#### Who is not eligible:

Customers who have already received a rebate from a participating water system. Customers of utilities who are not participating in the program.

Customers who own or rent a single-family home built after 1993.

Customers who purchased a toilet before September 28, 2007.

Customers who currently have a 1.6 gallons per flush (gpf) or less toilet.

Customers living in a multi-family residence or non-residential customers.

For questions about the program contact us by phone at (404) 463-8645 or by email:

[toiletrebate@northgeorgiawater.org](mailto:toiletrebate@northgeorgiawater.org).

Or look us up online [www.northgeorgiawater.org](http://www.northgeorgiawater.org)



## Roswell Reminders

### Drought Restrictions Lifted

#### Outdoor Water Use– Effective June 10, 2009

On June 10, 2009, Dr. Carol Couch, Director of the Georgia Environmental Protection Division, lifted the restrictions on outdoor water use.

**All outdoor watering is now permitted as defined by the non-drought odd/even schedule. Even and Unnumbered addresses may water at any time on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Saturdays. Odd addresses may water at any time on Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Sundays.**

In order to obtain maximum benefits from watering your landscape it is highly discouraged to water between 10 AM and 4 PM in order to avoid trans-evaporation (water loss from sun and wind). The City of Roswell Wasting Water Ordinance is still in effect. Some examples of wasting water include, watering during rain storms (irrigation systems going on in rain), water from your lawn going into the street or running down the curb line into a storm drain. ([Chapter 24 - Article 24.5.21](#))

For tips regarding Water Conservation go to [www.conservewatergeorgia.net](http://www.conservewatergeorgia.net)

We hope you will join us as we continue to strive toward greater water efficiency and conservation to help sustain our water resources.

For more info go to [www.roswellgov.com](http://www.roswellgov.com)

**The City's Sanitation Division provides  
Standard service**

Collection of a total of 100 gallons per week. No single containers over 50 gallons accepted

**Premium service**

Collection of a total of 200 gallons per week. No single containers over 50 gallons accepted  
Any extra garbage may be picked up for an extra charge by calling the Sanitation Help Line at 770/641-3961.

**Household trash should be placed in plastic bags when placed in garbage receptacles on your collection day for sanitary purposes.**

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## Important Phone Numbers

**Billing Questions or to Start or Stop Service:** Call the Financial Services Department @ 770/641-3759.

**Tax Notice Questions:** Call the Financial Services Department @ 770/641-3759.

**Sanitation Questions or Missed Pickups for Household Garbage:**  
770/641-3807 or 770/641-3961.

**Sanitation Help Line/Sanitation Customer Service:** 770/641-3961.

**Recycling Questions or to Request a Recycling Bin:** 678/240-9137.

**Roswell Recycling Center:** 770/442-8822.

**Community Waste Services (CWS) for Yard Waste and Curbside**

**Toilet Rebate Program:** 404/463-8645.

**Fulton County Waterline Customers:** To report leaks, call 770/640-3040. To report water violations, call 770/641-3040. To ask questions about current water restrictions, call 404/612-8097 or 404/612-8745.

**City of Roswell Waterline Customers:** To report leaks, call 770/641-3715.



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