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WATER UTILITY SERVICE SHUT-OFFS

Since the beginning of the COVID-19 pandemic, the City has suspended water utility service disconnections for non-payment and waived delinquency fees on all utility accounts under the Governor's Executive Order N-42-20. This Executive Order has since been rescinded and it is time for the City's utility services to resume normal business operations, including service disconnections for non-payment and the assessment of late fees on all past due sums effective September 2022. If your account is more than 60 days past due, you will receive notification of the amount due and service disconnection date prior to service interruption.

The City of Lathrop is committed to helping our customers. If you are unable to pay your bill in full, please email billing@ci.lathrop.ca.us or contact us during normal business hours at (209) 941-7320 to discuss payment arrangements. We encourage you to make every attempt to continue to pay your water bill timely.

Customers may be eligible for other state and local assistance programs, such as the Low-Income Household Water Assistance Program (LIHWAP) — a new program that uses federal funds to help eligible income qualified households by providing up to a \$2,000 one-time benefit per household and is not limited to the COVID-19 time period. For more information and to see if you may be eligible, please visit the website(s) listed below:

San Joaquin County // Low Income Home Water Assistance Program (LIHWAP)
www.sjchsa.org/AboutUs/Forms

California Department of Community Services (LIHWAP)
<https://www.csd.ca.gov/Pages/LIHWAP.aspx>

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Now Open for Business

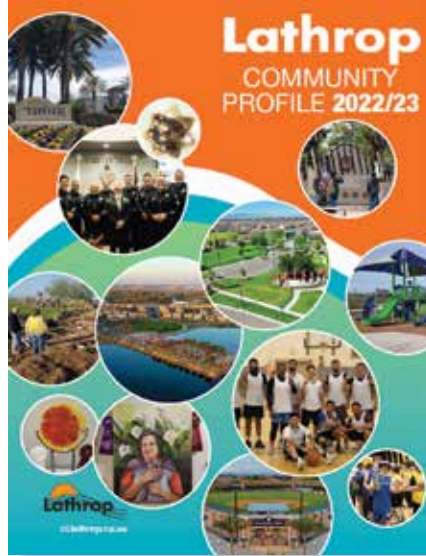
- **Aunty's Grooming**
NEW LOCATION
15559 Seventh Street
- **Island Coffee Café**
17550 Somerston Parkway
- **Lathrop Food Truck Plaza**
16201 S. Harlan Road
- **Sonic**
15107 Old Harlan Road
- **T4 Milk Tea**
15346 S. Harlan Road



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NOW AVAILABLE: LATHROP COMMUNITY PROFILE 2022/23

Did you know that Tesla provides more than 2,200 jobs at their Lathrop operations? Are you looking for important phone numbers to contact Lathrop Police Department or local utility providers? Curious about the city's Economic Growth and Trends? The Lathrop Community Profile for 2022/23 is now available at <https://www.ci.lathrop.ca.us/economic-development/page/city-lathrop-community-profile> or stop by any City building to pick up a copy.



HOME IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS – WHO TO CALL



Be an informed homeowner and avoid unnecessary surprises and frustration before starting any construction or home improvements. Call the City's Planning and Building Division staff to verify zoning and/or building regulations or permits needed for your project. Visit City Hall during normal business hours or call the Planning Division at (209) 941-7260 or the Building Division at (209) 941-7270.

ROAD IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS

The City of Lathrop has several road improvement projects that will be ongoing throughout the Fall months. Please visit the <https://www.ci.lathrop.ca.us/publicworks/page/road-closures-and-road-work> for the most up-to-date information on roadway projects, so you may plan your route of travel with limited impact.



WATER CONSERVATION & WATERING DAYS

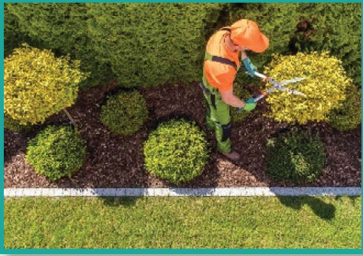
Making water conservation a way of life is important for protecting the City's precious water supplies and to save money by reducing your water bill. Please visit <https://saveourwater.com> for important information on water conservation.

Watering days are staggered based on your home or business address, with even number addresses watering on Tuesday and Saturday and odd numbered addresses watering on Wednesday and Sunday.

Free water conservation kits are available to City residents on a first-come, first-serve basis. Please call (209) 941-7430 or email pw_admin@ci.lathrop.ca.us to request yours today.



KNOW WHEN TO GO PRO ADVICE FOR HIRING LANDSCAPE & PEST CONTROL PROFESSIONALS



Don't have the time or equipment to safely manage your pest problem? Then it's time to hire a pest control service to do the job for you! To effectively manage large or ongoing pest problems, licensed professionals

have specialized equipment, pesticides, and technical training to get the job done. A landscape or pest control professional who practices Integrated Pest Management (IPM) methods and stays up to date on the latest information can provide you with the safest and most effective management strategies.

Here's what to do before you hire a landscape or pest control professional:

- **Consider your options**
 - Inquire with pest control companies about their methods and policies to see what option best suits your needs and pest problem.
- **Check certifications** – Make sure the company has the required licenses, registration, certificates, and insurance. Verify the status of a pest control company's license at <https://www.pestboard.ca.gov/license.shtml>.
- **Ask about Integrated Pest Management (IPM)** – IPM is an eco-friendly and effective method of pest control. Before hiring, check if your pest control or landscaping professional practices IPM. Three programs that certify and list pest control companies that provide IPM services are [EcoWise](#), [GreenPro](#), and [Green Shield](#).



Any leftover pesticides must be taken to a household hazardous waste facility. You may only dispose of empty, unrinsed pesticide containers in the trash. Household Hazardous items can be dropped off at the San Joaquin County Household Hazardous Waste Consolidation Facility located at:

7850 R.A. Bridgeford St.
Stockton, CA 95206
(209) 468-3066
Hours of Operation:
Thursday - Saturday
9:00a.m. to 3:00p.m.



Go Green with Green Waste

Whether you maintain your own yard or choose to hire a landscaper, it's important to know how to properly dispose of yard waste to prevent plant material (e.g., leaves, branches, and trimmings) from clogging local storm drain systems.

Wondering what to do with your leaves and other yard waste this fall?

Annual Leaf and Limb Pickup

- During the first 2 weeks of January, leaves and limbs that do not fit into your organics cart will be collected on the curb.
- Leaves must be bagged and cannot exceed more than 50 lbs.
- Bundle brush with string or twine. Do not use wire.
- Limbs must not exceed 4 feet in length and 4 inches in diameter

For more information about acceptable or unacceptable items, please visit Republic Services website www.republicservices.com or by phone at (209) 466-3604

For more information about how to work toward improving local water quality, visit <https://www.ci.lathrop.ca.us/publicworks/page/friendly-tips-landscapers-and-home-gardeners>



LEARN MORE!

Visit <https://ourwaterourworld.org/hiring-a-pest-control-company/> or the <http://ipm.ucanr.edu/PMG/PESTNOTES/pn74125.html> for more information about hiring a professional pest control or landscaping company.

Dispose of Pesticides Like a Pro

Do you have any unused pesticides (liquid or solid) that you no longer need? These items must be disposed of properly so they do not harm you or the environment.

FALL SPECIAL EVENTS & CITY OBSERVED HOLIDAYS

OCTOBER

- Oct 15th – Nov 12th – **Mini Movers Multi-Sport**, Saturdays 9 – 9:50 a.m.
- Oct 22nd – **Trunk-or-Treat** at Lathrop Generations Center at 5:00 p.m., Free

NOVEMBER

- Nov 11th – **Veterans Day Celebration** at Memorial Wall-Valverde Park at 11:00 a.m., Free
- Nov 11th – *Closed in Observance of Veterans Day*
- Nov 24th & 25th – *Closed in Observance of Thanksgiving*

DECEMBER

- Dec 2st – **Christmas Tree Lighting** at Valverde Park at 6:30 p.m., Free
- Dec 3rd – **Donuts with Santa** at Lathrop Generations Center from 9 a.m. – 1 p.m., \$25 Fee
- Dec 10th – **Lathrop Christmas Parade** at 5th & Thomsen St. at 11:00 a.m., Free
- Dec 23rd – *Closed in Observance of Christmas Eve*
- Dec 26th – *Closed in Observance of Christmas Day*
- Dec 30th – *Closed in Observance of New Year's Eve*

JANUARY

- Jan 2nd – *Closed in Observance of New Year's Day*



For a full list of events, times and locations visit the City's website at <https://www.ci.lathrop.ca.us/parksrec/page/fall-2022-activity-guide>

