

# October 2025



## City Manager's Message

As autumn arrives in Rancho Santa Margarita, our community calendar is filled with opportunities to come together, give back, and celebrate. We kick off the month with the Rancho Family Fest on October 3rd & 4th, a tradition filled with live music, food, and fun for the whole family at Central Park. On October 11, residents can join forces at SAMLARC's "Restore the Shore" volunteer event to keep our lakeshore clean and beautiful. Later that morning, they can safely dispose of unwanted electronics and sensitive documents at our City-sponsored E-Waste & Document Shredding event. These activities highlight the spirit of connection, stewardship, and service that make Rancho Santa Margarita such a special place.

Sincerely,  
Jennifer Cervantez



**RANCHO FAMILY FEST 2025**  
FRIDAY, OCTOBER 3  
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 4

2025 TITLE SPONSOR  
**USAG**  
US ALLIANCE GROUP

IN PARTNERSHIP WITH  
**RSM**  
RANCHO SANTA MARGARITA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

BUY TICKETS AT - [RSMCHAMBER.ORG](http://RSMCHAMBER.ORG)  
CENTRAL PARK: RANCHO SANTA MARGARITA / \$39 2-DAY ADMISSION

**LIVE MUSIC FEATURING:**  
FRIDAY, OCTOBER 3, BEGINS AT 3:00 PM  
TYPICAL GYPSYS 3:30 PM  
FLASHBACK HEART ATTACK 5:30 PM  
TIJUANA DOGS 8:00 PM  
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 4, BEGINS AT 2:00 PM  
REDNECK RODEO 4:00 PM  
YACHTY BY NATURE 6:00 PM  
FAMILY STYLE 8:00 PM

KIDS UNDER 12 ARE FREE!

Please Visit: [www.rsmchamber.org](http://www.rsmchamber.org) or scan the QR code below

**RANCHO FAMILY FEST 2025**

- Live Music & Entertainment
- Free Kid Fun Zone
- Beer & Wine Garden
- Dining Area with Televised Sports
- Multiple Food Booths
- SHOP Local Business & Artisan Vendors

NEW for 2025!  
Fine Art Fair

Photo-credited Artist - Floral Resurrection

# NOTICE OF CITY HALL 2:00 CLOSURE FRIDAY, OCTOBER 3, 2025 FOR RSM CHAMBER OF COMMERCE RANCHO FAMILY FEST EVENT



RANCHO SANTA MARGARITA  
January 1, 2000

[cityofrsm.org](http://cityofrsm.org)

Rancho Family Fest will take place on Friday and Saturday, October 3-4, 2025.

Follow Rancho Family Fest on [Facebook!](#)

Follow Rancho Family Fest on [Instagram!](#)

Become a Volunteer or Vendor: [ranchofamilyfestinfo@gmail.com.](mailto:ranchofamilyfestinfo@gmail.com)



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&  
**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 4**

**RANCHO**  
FAMILY FEST 2025

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or scan the QR code today!

## Public Works Free E-Waste & Document Shredding Event

Clean out the clutter and protect your identity! Join us for the City of Rancho Santa Margarita's free E-Waste and Document Shredding event on Saturday, October 11, 2025, from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. at Applied Medical (R100 building), 29977 Avenida de Las Banderas.

Safely dispose of old electronics and shred sensitive documents onsite. Hosted in partnership with CR&R Environmental Services and Applied Medical, this is your chance to clear space and recycle responsibly.



- Location: Applied Medical – R100 lot
- Date: Saturday, October 11
- Time: 8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
- Questions? Call (949) 635-1800 x6503

For more information, view the event flyer [here](#).

## E-Waste Disposal & Document Shredding



### WHEN:

**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 11, 2025**  
**8:00 A.M. - NOON**

### WHERE:

Applied Medical's R100  
parking lot – enter from Comercio  
29977 Avenida de Las Banderas  
RSM 92688



### Electronic Waste

- |                        |                        |
|------------------------|------------------------|
| • Microwaves/Toasters  | • Cell Phones          |
| • Televisions          | • Power Supplies       |
| • Mouse/Keyboards      | • Telephones           |
| • LCD Monitors         | • Laptops              |
| • Wires, Cables, Cords | • Servers              |
| • Computers/Monitors   | • DVD Players/VCRs     |
| • Printers/Hard Drives | • Copiers/Fax Machines |
| • Shredders            | • Computer peripherals |

**No sharps, large appliances,  
batteries, smoke detectors, or  
fluorescent tubes accepted.**



For more information:  
email: [ahowhannesian@cityofrsm.org](mailto:ahowhannesian@cityofrsm.org)  
call: (949) 635-1800 x6503  
[cityofrsm.org](http://cityofrsm.org)

### Document Shredding

**Help the environment and protect  
yourself from identity theft!**

Please bring your paper records or documents  
in a standard-size file box (no larger than 10" x  
12" x 15") or paper grocery bag; shredding  
trucks will be on-site to shred documents at no  
cost while you watch. (No 3-ring  
binders/binder clips). **Limit ten (10) boxes per  
household/business.**



## SAMLARC

### Restore the Shore

**Saturday, October 11th**

**10:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.**

Help make the Lakeshore cleaner and greener! Join SAMLARC and the Canyon Wildlife Initiative for a litter pick-up day around the Lake on Saturday, October 11th, from 10:30

a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

This is an ideal event for families, students, and community members who want to make a positive impact. All supplies will be provided to make this morning of service a great experience. Restore the Shore will be held from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Check in at the Beach Club at 10:15 to learn about the Lake's ecosystem, meet the volunteer team, and get started!

Visit [samlarc.org/news](http://samlarc.org/news) to learn more.



**Restore**  
THE  
**shore**

*Help make the Lakeshore  
a cleaner & greener space!*

**LAGO SANTA MARGARITA  
BEACH CLUB & LAKESHORE  
OCT 11 | 10:30 AM - 12:30 PM**

**CANYON WILDLIFE INITIATIVE**  
RESPECT THE LOCALS

**SAMLARC**  
San Luis Obispo Area Landscaping and Restoration Corporation

**Circle Up**

**Spread  
the Word**

**Work  
Together**

**Orange County Sheriff's Department  
Crime Prevention**

**Emergency 9-1-1  
Non-Emergency (949) 770-6011**



For more information, visit Police Services on the City of RSM website at [www.cityofrsm.org](http://www.cityofrsm.org) or visit [ocsheriff.gov/StaySafeOC](http://ocsheriff.gov/StaySafeOC).

## HALLOWEEN SAFETY TIPS FROM RSM POLICE SERVICES

**Visibility is Key:** Make sure your child's costume is visible, especially after dark. Adding reflective tape to their costumes and bags can help them stand out to drivers. Glow sticks or flashlights are also great tools for visibility.



**Stick to Well-Lit Areas:** When trick-or-treating, encourage children to stay on well-lit streets and avoid cutting through alley or dark yards. Parents or guardians should accompany younger children, and older kids should go out in groups. If you're not with them, make sure they have a designated route and a way to stay in contact.

**Cross Streets Safely:** Halloween is a busy night for pedestrian traffic, so remind children to cross streets at corners or crosswalks. Always stop, look both ways, and make eye contact with drivers before stepping off the curb. Avoid running across streets or in between parked cars, where it's harder for drivers to see you.



**Inspect Candy Before Eating:** Parents and guardians should always inspect candy before children start digging in. Discard any unwrapped or suspicious-looking items. Stick to homes where you know and trust the residents, and encourage kids to wait until they're home to eat their treats.

**Safe Driving Practices for Parents:** If you're driving on Halloween night, remember that the streets will be busier than usual. Drive slowly, especially in residential areas, and be on high alert for children who may dart out unexpectedly. Enter and exit driveways carefully.



**Stranger Safety:** Teach children to never enter a stranger's home or car, even if invited. It's important to stick to homes participating in trick-or-treating by leaving their porch light on, and to remind kids to never go off with someone they don't know.





# NATIONAL Prescription TAKE BACK DAY

**Saturday, October 25, 2025**  
**10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.**

**Bring unwanted, unused, and expired  
prescription medications.**

**Free and anonymous. No questions asked.**

***NO Sharps, Marijuana, Liquids or pressure  
cannisters will be accepted.***

**60% – 70% of teens report their home  
medicine cabinet as their source of drugs.  
Don't let your medicine cabinet be the  
source of drugs for anyone.**



To find additional drop off locations, visit [dea.gov/takebackday](https://dea.gov/takebackday)  
For more information call (714) 647- 4133. The event will be held rain or shine.

## DROP OFF LOCATIONS

### **Ladera Ranch**

Founders Park  
28275 Avendale Blvd.  
Ladera Ranch, CA 92694

### **Laguna Hills**

Laguna Hills Comm. Center  
25555 Alicia Pkwy.  
Laguna Hills, CA 92653

### **Laguna Niguel**

Laguna Niguel City Hall  
30111 Crown Valley Pkwy.  
Laguna Niguel, CA 92677

### **Laguna Woods**

Laguna Woods City Hall  
24264 El Toro Rd.  
Laguna Woods, CA 92637

### **Lake Forest**

Lake Forest Civic Center  
100 Civic Center Dr.  
Lake Forest, CA 92630

### **Mission Viejo**

Mission Viejo City Hall  
200 Civic Center  
Mission Viejo, CA 92691

### **RSM**

RSM City Hall  
22112 El Paseo  
Rancho Santa Margarita,  
CA 92688

### **Rossmoor**

Rush Park  
3021 Blume Drive  
Rossmoor, CA 90720

### **San Clemente**

San Clemente City Hall  
910 Calle Negocio  
San Clemente, CA 92673

### **San Juan Capistrano**

SJC Police Services  
32506 Paseo Adelanto  
San Juan Cap, CA 92675

### **Villa Park**

Villa Park City Hall  
17855 Santiago Blvd.  
Villa Park, CA 92861

### **Yorba Linda**

Yorba Linda Police Services  
20994 Yorba Linda Blvd.  
Yorba Linda, CA 92887

## SAMLARC Halloween Family Festival Friday, October 31st 2:30 - 5:30 p.m. Central Park

Celebrate the spooky season with safe trick-or-treating, bounce houses, a haunted house and maze, music, tasty treats, and the popular costume contest, featuring prizes for kids, adults, and infants!

Don't miss the Crazy Hair and "Bootiful" photo booths, or the City's Pirate's Lair! Bring a bag for candy, or grab one free at the SAMLARC booth (while supplies last).

This free event requires a wristband for participation. Members can register online and pick up their wristbands from October 1st to 30th.



Thank you to SAMLARC's Diamond Partners: Hurd Homes Real Estate Group, Mosaic Consulting, Andre Landscape Service, Inc., and Hoag Urgent Care Dove Canyon, and to Orange County Party Rentals for supporting this community favorite!

Details at [SAMLARC.org/events](https://SAMLARC.org/events).



## Community Services

### Classes, Camps, and more at the Bell Tower Regional Community Center

The City of Rancho Santa Margarita offers a variety of recreational programs and classes at the Bell Tower Regional Community Center.





## **RECREATION PROGRAMS**

*Fall* in love  
with your  
community!

Registration for  
Fall/Winter now open!

Explore programs &  
sign up at  
[RSMconnect.org](https://RSMconnect.org).



**To view our full listing of Programs,  
Activities, and Events,  
click the image below!**



### **Facility Rentals**

**Start your rental process today!  
To submit a Facility Use Inquiry,  
click the image below.**

Note: Community Services staff will contact you shortly after reviewing your Facility Use Inquiry.  
For more information, email [FacilityRentals@cityofrsm.org](mailto:FacilityRentals@cityofrsm.org).



### **Community Services Veterans Day Reception and Ceremony**

The City's Veterans Day Recognition is a tradition that many look forward to each year. Residents are invited to attend a reception at 6:00 p.m. at the Bell Tower Regional Community Center, where they can enjoy light refreshments. Following the reception, they are invited to join us for the formal recognition at the City Council Meeting, which begins at 7:00 p.m.

Veterans' photos can be submitted via email to [rshah@cityofrsm.org](mailto:rshah@cityofrsm.org) or in person at the Bell Tower Regional Community Center before Tuesday, November 4th.

**For more information, call Community Services at (949) 216-9700.**



RECEPTION: 6:00 PM

RECOGNITION: 7:00 PM

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 12, 2025

# VETERANS DAY RECOGNITION

A special Veterans Day recognition  
to honor those who have served  
and continue to serve.



If you have photos of a Veteran you would like to be added to our presentation,  
please submit a copy to the Bell Tower Regional Community Center  
or email photos to [rshah@cityofrsm.org](mailto:rshah@cityofrsm.org) by 11/4.

Bell Tower Regional Community Center and City Hall Council Chambers  
22232 El Paseo, Rancho Santa Margarita

## Community Services Age Well Senior Services

### Meals on Wheels (Ages 60+)

Meals on Wheels provides nutritious daily meals for seniors ages 60+ who cannot shop or prepare meals for themselves. Deliveries run Monday through Friday and include one breakfast, one hot lunch, and one frozen dinner.

**Congregate Lunch at the Bell Tower  
Regional Community Center (Ages 60+)**

An aerial view of a road intersection. A red car is driving on the road, and a white car is parked on the side. The road is surrounded by green trees and a concrete curb.

Pets are family, too! Meals on Wheels and Congregate Lunch participants can request cat or dog food for their furry friends. For details or to sign up, please contact Age We [myagewell.org](http://myagewell.org).

An aerial photograph of a suburban neighborhood. In the foreground, there are large, mature green trees. Below them, a white car is parked on a street. In the background, there are several houses with brown roofs and green lawns. A street with other cars is visible further back.

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Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
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<b>RSVP Required for Lunches and Special Events</b> <b>949-709-7592</b> *For special programs, priority is given to regular lunch participants.		11:30 Age Well Lunch 60+ **Lunch with the Law	10:30 Tai Chi Video/Nosrat 11:00 Coffee & Conversation 11:30 Hula Dancing w/ Laura 11:30 Age Well Lunch 60+ 12:30 Mahjong (bring own tiles) 12:45 Gentle Yoga w/Jeanette	Bell Tower Community Center <b>CLOSED</b> NO SENIOR ACTIVITIES TODAY Due to Rancho Family Fest
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**Age Well**  
Orange County's partner in aging

## PETS ARE FAMILY, TOO

Meals on Wheels Clients Qualify for pet food assistance.



Learn more at [myagewell.org](http://myagewell.org)

## Public Works Recycle From Home™ – Get Paid to Recycle!

Rancho Santa Margarita residents can now recycle cans and bottles without leaving home, thanks to Recycle From Home™—a program inspired by 13-year-old recycling advocate Ryan Hickman.

Here's how it works:

❑ Collection bags and QR code labels are provided to sort your CA CRV aluminum cans, plastic, and glass bottles.

❑ Schedule a pick-up at your convenience. A driver will collect your recyclables right from your driveway or doorstep.

♾️ Items are weighed, and your redemption value is calculated based on current CA CRV rates.

❑ Payment is sent to you via PayPal, Venmo, or mailed check—typically within 24 hours of pickup.

No more trips to redemption centers—just schedule, set your items out, and let Recycle From Home™ do the rest!



For more information or to register, visit [www.RecycleFromHome.com](http://www.RecycleFromHome.com) or download the Recycle From Home mobile app.

## Public Works

### Residential Street Sweeping Now Twice a Month (October–April)

As autumn leaves begin to fall, the City of Rancho Santa Margarita is increasing street sweeping services to address the seasonal buildup of debris. **From October through April, residential streets will be swept twice per month.**

Service maps and annual calendars are available on the City's [website](#) to help residents stay informed about scheduled days.

To ensure effective service, please remove all items from the street—including vehicles, basketball hoops, trash cans, and toys.

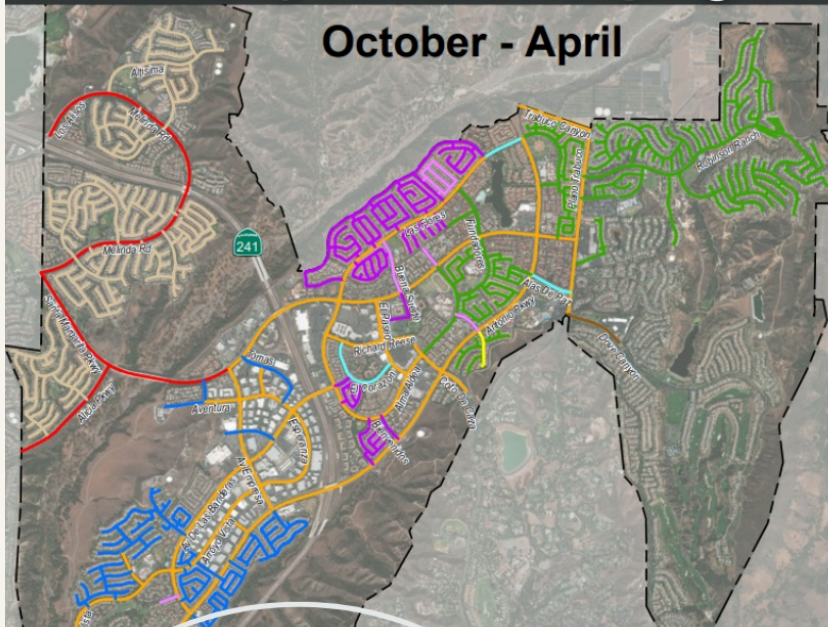
Street sweeping not only keeps our community safe and beautiful but also protects local water quality by preventing contaminants from entering storm drains.

Thank you for doing your part to keep Rancho Santa Margarita clean!











**Please call 949-635-1800, ext. 6703, for more information.**

# City Street Sweeping

October - April



## Legend

-  Route 1  
(2nd & 4th Monday)
-  Route 2  
(2nd & 4th Wed.)
-  Route 3  
(Every Thursday)
-  Route 4  
(Every Friday)
-  Route 5  
(1st & 3rd Friday)
-  Route 6  
(2nd & 4th Friday)
-  Route 7  
(Every Tuesday)
-  Route 8  
(Every Thurs. PM - Fri. AM)
-  Route 9  
(2nd & 4th Monday)
-  Route 10  
(2nd & 4th Wed.)

  
**CITY OF RANCHO SANTA MARGARITA**



Regular residential sweeping will increase to twice per month during October - April.



**PLEASE DO YOUR PART!**

For every car that is on the street, two to three car lengths go unswept. Please do your part by moving vehicles on the street sweeping service days.

Your efforts are extremely impactful! Go to the City website to access service maps and the annual service calendars.

Contact The City With Any Street Sweeping Questions



**(949) 635-1800 EXT. 6503**



**[WWW.CITYOFRSM.ORG/536/STREET-SWEEPING](http://WWW.CITYOFRSM.ORG/536/STREET-SWEEPING)**

**CR&R**  
INCORPORATED  
environmental services  
the face of a greener generation 

## Public Works Public Education and Outreach

### Senior Rates Available

A 10% Senior Discount is available for single-family residential customers whose head of household is 65 years of age or older. Customers are not required to use smaller carts.

Please visit the links below for more information about CR&R's services available in Rancho Santa Margarita:

- [Rancho Santa Margarita Residential Service Guide](#)
- [Rancho Santa Margarita Commercial Service Guide](#)
- [Rancho Santa Margarita Family Recycling Guide](#)

Please contact CR&R Customer Service at (877) 728-0446 to sign up for the senior discount.

### Senior Rates Available For Residents 65-Years and Older

A 10% discount is available for single-family residential customers where the head of the household is sixty-five years of age and above. Discount valid with existing carts - no downsizing required. Call Customer Service to sign up for the senior discount at **(877) 728-0446**.

### Bulky Item Collection

Each single-family residential customer is entitled to four (4) bulky item pick-ups free-of-charge per calendar year. A bulky item service may include a combination of large items, appliances, or electronic waste.



### Residential Cart Exchange

Single-family residents may request a cart exchange once per calendar year at no charge.

Contact Customer Service at **(877) 728-0446**.



## RSM Low-Cost Pet Vaccination Clinic scheduled for Wednesday, October 8, 2025

### Monthly Low-Cost Mobile Pet Vaccine Clinics Monthly, First Wednesday, Bell Tower Regional Community Center

Healthcare & Emergency Animal Rescue Team (HEART) is a non-profit 501(c)(3) organization dedicated to saving lives and improving pet and wild animal health, safety, and welfare.

Pet care clinics are held on the first Wednesday of each month on an appointment-only basis. Clinics are hosted by the City of Rancho Santa Margarita in the Bell Tower Regional Community Center. View the clinic flyer [here](#).

Low-Cost Dog & Cat  
**Vaccination Clinic**  
Monthly, First Wednesday

Bell Tower Regional Community Center Parking Lot  
**Reservations Required**  
[heart4pets.org](http://heart4pets.org)

The flyer features a photograph of two Weimaraner dogs looking out from the back of a car. It includes the HEART logo, the event details, the location, and the website for reservations.

To schedule an appointment, please visit their website at [Heart4Pets.org](http://Heart4Pets.org).

## LOW-COST MOBILE PET VACCINE & WELLNESS CLINICS

♥ HEART, in partnership with many cities, brings these convenient & affordable services to your community ♥



### SEVERAL LOCATIONS EVERY MONTH

Visit our Calendar to see which Clinics  
require Reservations or are on a Walk-Up basis



To view our Calendar, Pricing, Participation Requirements & Other Information about our Non-Profit Organization's Services or to Schedule a Reservation, go to our website:

**HEART4PETS.ORG**

SCAN CODE →



- ◆ Pets must be healthy in order to be vaccinated.
- ◆ If your pet has ever received any vaccines, please bring prior vaccine records with you.
- ◆ If proof is not provided that your pet is current on its Rabies vaccine, a Rabies vaccine will be administered at the clinic and pet owner is responsible to pay for that vaccine.
- ◆ All dogs must be on appropriate collars & leashes; all cats must be in secured pet carriers (no cardboard).
- ◆ Please do not attend our clinic if you or your pet are experiencing any signs of illness.
- ◆ We reserve the right to refuse service to anyone.



### DOG VACCINES

RABIES (Thimerosal-free 1 or 3 yr) • DHPP (DA2PP) • DHLPP (DA2PP with Lepto)  
LEPTOSPIROSIS • ORAL BORDETELLA • H3N2 INFLUENZA • LYME



### CAT VACCINES

RABIES (Purevax 1-yr) • RABIES (Purevax 3-yr) • FVRCP • FELV



### OTHER SERVICES, PRODUCTS & DISCOUNTS

MICROCHIP (w / lifetime enrollment) • FECAL TEST • NAIL TRIM (if time allows) • ANAL GLAND EXPRESSION  
INTERNAL & EXTERNAL PARASITE PREVENTATIVE & TREATMENT • DOUXO S3 CALM SHAMPOO & MOUSSE

Military Discounts Offered to All Veterans & Active U.S. Military. ID required.

A cursory exam fee of \$22 which also includes a haz mat disposal fee will be charged for each pet. • Discounts are provided at each following consecutive visit for pets in the process of completing their vaccine booster series and for those pets returning for an additional vaccine based on the recommendation of our staff to separate the administration of the vaccines. Owners must present their yellow copy of the vaccine certificate from the prior month to receive these discounts. • Products are subject to availability of stock on hand. Products, services, prices and discounts may change. Please note that our website always contains our most current prices. • In the event a veterinarian is not present at a clinic, a specially trained and highly qualified Registered Veterinary Technician shall lawfully act as agent for the veterinarian.

[www.Heart4Pets.org](http://www.Heart4Pets.org)

[contactheart4pets@gmail.com](mailto:contactheart4pets@gmail.com)

(714) 993-9193

## Mission Viejo Animal Services Drive-Through Pet Vaccine Clinics

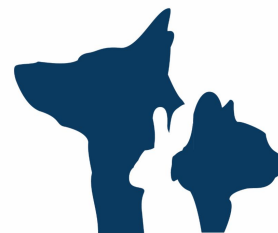
Low-cost Vaccination/Microchip Clinics - For residents of Mission Viejo, Laguna Niguel, Aliso Viejo, Laguna Hills, and Rancho Santa Margarita only.

2025 Vaccine Clinic Dates:

Saturday, March 15 (8:30 - 10 am, weather permitting)

Saturday, May 10 (8:30 - 10 am, weather permitting)

Saturday, August 2 (8:30 - 10 am, weather permitting)



**MISSION VIEJO**  
ANIMAL SERVICES

**Saturday, October 25 (8:30 - 10 am, weather permitting)**

Location:

Mission Viejo Animal Services Center

28095 Hillcrest

Mission Viejo, CA 92692

(949) 470-3045

\*Prices do not include a \$3 per pet medical waste disposal fee

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## Emergency Management

### Alert OC Emergency Notification System

AlertOC is a mass notification system that keeps Orange County residents and businesses informed of emergencies that may require immediate life-saving actions.

By registering with AlertOC, time-sensitive voice messages from the county or city you live or work in may be sent to your home, cell, or business phone. You can also register to enable text messages on cell phones. AlertOC is also equipped to send alerts to email accounts and TTY devices.

If you have already registered for AlertOC, please log in periodically to see a summary of your information and ensure it's up-to-date. The system uses your selections and information to reach you in the event of an emergency, including evacuation orders.

**[www.AlertOC.org](http://www.AlertOC.org)**





Sign up to  
receive:

Evacuation  
Notices

Public Safety  
Emergencies

Disaster  
Notifications

Text ALERTOC  
to 888777

Learn more at [www.alertoc.org](http://www.alertoc.org)

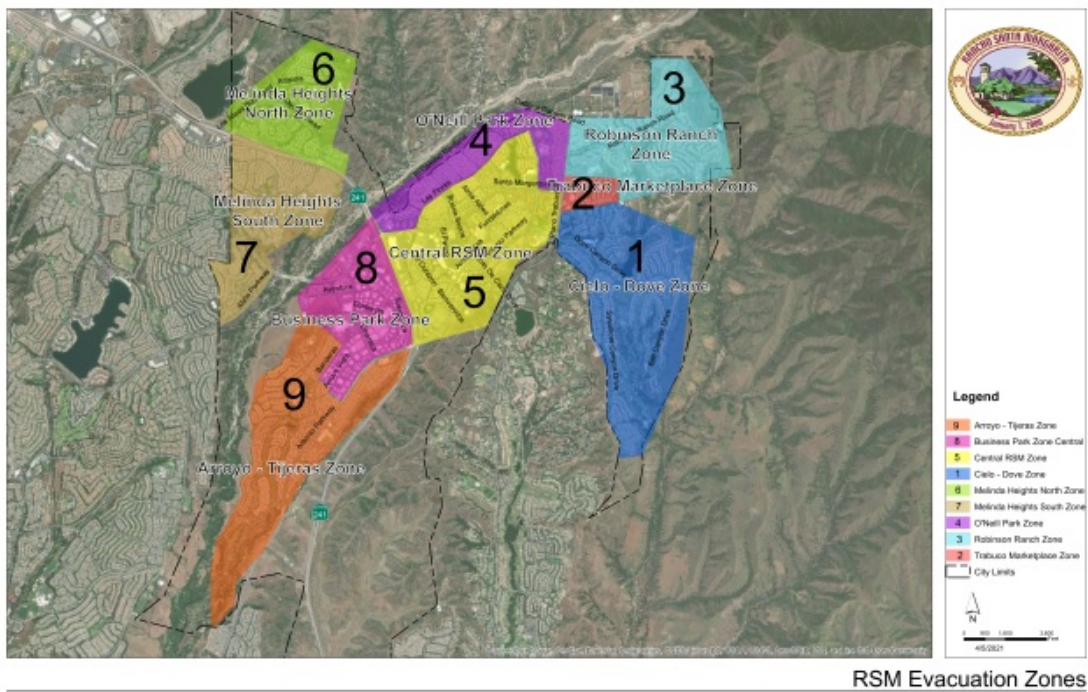
## Emergency Management Know your Evacuation Zone

Wildfires are unpredictable. Strong winds can instantly change a fire's direction and strength, making it impossible for law enforcement to carry out evacuation orders or make door-to-door announcements.

Public safety and City officials will send official evacuation notifications and information during an emergency through AlertOC. Please ensure you and your loved ones are registered to receive critical information via text, email, or telephone.

Residents in neighborhoods near high-risk fire areas are encouraged to be ready for wildfires by practicing fire safety. Ready, Set, Go! gives you the tools to protect yourself, your family, and your property from wildfires. Firefighters train hard to prepare for wildfires—residents must do the same!





For more information on preparing for wildfires, visit the Orange County Fire Authority's Ready, Set, Go! Safety program at [ocfa.org](http://ocfa.org).

## ZeroTrash RSM First Saturday, Monthly

ZeroTrash is an all-volunteer community organization dedicated to ridding city streets and wilderness areas of trash, reducing waste, supporting local businesses, and taking personal responsibility for the community and the environment! It is also a great opportunity for high school students to earn the community service hours they need for graduation.



ZeroTrash meets on the first Saturday of every month in the courtyard across from City Hall and beautifies our community from 10:00 a.m. to Noon. All are welcome to join in and help Pick It Up.

For more information, visit [ZeroTrash RSM on Facebook](#) or email Brad McGirr at [bmcgirr@cityofrsm.org](mailto:bmcgirr@cityofrsm.org), or check out this [short video](#) to learn more about the program.



## **ZERO TRASH INITIATIVE**

"A clean community is a proud community"

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RSM Cares, under the leadership of Brad McGirr, has created the Zero Trash Initiative to gather volunteers the first Saturday of every month to pick up trash at specific locations.

### **Orange County Fire Authority Fire Station Open Houses 2025**

Participate in Fire Prevention Week with the Orange County Fire Authority! Join us on Saturday, October 11, from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. at a participating station, including Rancho Santa Margarita Station 45, located at 30131 Aventura.

Station Open Houses enable residents to tour a fire station, interact with firefighters, and learn how to stay safe.

Learn more at [ocfa.org](https://ocfa.org).



# ORANGE COUNTY FIRE AUTHORITY STATION OPEN HOUSES 2025

Saturday, October 11 • 9 am - 12 pm



## Participating Fire Stations:

### Aliso Viejo

Station 57 - 57 Journey

### Buena Park

Station 61 - 7440 La Palma Avenue

### Cypress

Station 17 - 4991 Cerritos Avenue

### Dana Point

Station 30 - 23831 Stonehill Drive

### Garden Grove

Station 81 - 11301 Acacia Parkway

### Irvine

Station 4 - 2 California Avenue  
Station 26 - 4691 Walnut Avenue  
Station 27 - 12400 Portola Springs  
Station 36 - 301 East Yale Loop

### Ladera Ranch

Station 58 - 58 Station Way

### Laguna Niguel

Station 39 - 24241 Avila Road

### Lake Forest

Station 19 - 23022 El Toro Road

### Los Alamitos

Station 2 - 3642 Green Avenue

### Mission Viejo

Station 24 - 25862 Marguerite Parkway

### Rancho Mission Viejo

Station 56 - 56 Sendero Way

### Rancho Santa Margarita

Station 45 - 30131 Aventura

### San Clemente

Station 59 - 48 Avenida La Pata

### San Juan Capistrano

Station 7 - 31865 Del Obispo

### Santa Ana

Station 75 - 120 West Walnut Avenue

### Seal Beach

Station 48 - 3131 North Gate Road

### Stanton

Station 46 - 7871 Pacific Street

### Tustin

Station 37 - 15011 Kensington Park Drive

### Villa Park

Station 23 - 5020 Santiago Canyon Road

### Westminster

Station 64 - 7351 Westminster Boulevard

### Yorba Linda

Station 10 - 18422 East Lemon Drive

*\* The OCFA Agency Open House will be held in Spring 2026 \**

## Passport Acceptance Facility

### Non-renewal Applications By Appointment Only

Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday 9:00  
a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Thursdays - 12:00 noon to 5:00 p.m.

Rancho Santa Margarita City Hall



To Schedule an Appointment:  
<https://cityofrsmpassport.youcanbook.me/>



The City's Passport Acceptance Office accepts your passport application and forwards all forms and documents to the United States Department of State for processing. ***With families preparing for the 2025 travel season, please note that our appointment calendar is regularly booked three to four weeks in advance.***

To help increase the efficiency and convenience of booking passport appointments, the City of Rancho Santa Margarita now offers an online scheduling program connected to the Passport Acceptance Facility's calendar for scheduling future appointments.



With online scheduling, applicants can utilize the booking link on the City website's passport page and make an appointment at their convenience. Reminder and confirmation emails/SMS messages will also be sent before the selected appointment date and time.

Visit [travel.state.gov](https://travel.state.gov) to learn the requirements and procedures for obtaining a passport. Additional information is available on our [website](#).

Renewals are not processed at this facility and are accepted by the State Department via mail or using their online passport renewal system. Please visit [travel.state.gov](https://travel.state.gov) to determine if you qualify.

**Current Processing Times**  
**Routine Service - 4 to 6 weeks**  
**Expedited Service - 2 to 3 weeks**

**For more information, please visit [travel.state.gov](https://travel.state.gov).**



City of Rancho Santa Margarita  
Authorized U.S. Passport Acceptance Facility  
Monday - Wednesday 9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.  
Thursday Noon – 5:00 p.m.

By Appointment Only - Please Book Here:  
<https://cityofrsmpassport.youcanbook.me/>

### Renewals Are NOT Processed At This Facility

If you are renewing a passport that was issued less than 15 years ago, and you were at least 16 years of age at the time the passport was issued, you MUST renew by mail using Form DS-82 or online by selecting the U.S. Department of State website link [here](#). Select U.S. Passports, Renew or Replace a Passport, Renew Online, and follow the instructions. If you do not meet these qualifications, you will need to complete a first-time passport application, Form DS-11, apply in person, and present the required documentation.

For official passport and travel information, or to download passport forms, please visit the [US State Department website](#).

To book a passport appointment, please use the link above or the Passport Services button on the home page at [cityofrsm.org](http://cityofrsm.org). For additional information, call (949) 635-1819. Voicemails regarding any remaining questions will be returned within 2 business days.



[travel.state.gov](http://travel.state.gov)  
[cityofrsm.org](http://cityofrsm.org)



### RSM Chamber of Commerce

The mission of the RSM Chamber of Commerce is to promote and enhance the business community of Rancho Santa Margarita by assisting our members through Joining, Connecting, and Growing a vibrant local economy.

From monthly mixers, advertising, event sponsorship, and exhibition opportunities, the benefits of joining the Chamber include advocacy for local, regional, and state business interests and referrals from Chamber staff and volunteers.

Learn more at [www.rsmchamber.org](http://www.rsmchamber.org).

### State of the City

# and Business Awards Ceremony

## Thursday, November 6, 2025

Join us for one of Rancho Santa Margarita Chamber's signature annual events — the State of the City and Business Awards Ceremony, presented by Providence Mission Hospital.

- ☐ Thursday, November 6, 2025
- ☐ Dove Canyon Golf Club, 22682 Golf Club Drive, Dove Canyon
- ☐ 5:00 – 5:30 p.m. | Reception
- ☐ 5:30 – 8:00 p.m. | Program

Honorable Mayor Tony Beall will deliver the State of the City address, highlighting recent achievements, ongoing projects, and the vision for the future of Rancho Santa Margarita. The evening will also recognize outstanding local businesses and community partners whose contributions help make RSM a safe, beautiful, and thriving city.

- ☐ Tickets:
  - \$60 Members
  - \$70 Non-Members
  - \$80 At the Door

- ☐ Please RSVP by October 31, 2025, at [RSMChamber.org/Events](https://RSMChamber.org/Events).

This event is hosted in partnership with the Rancho Santa Margarita Chamber of Commerce, Providence Mission Hospital, and US Alliance Group. The State of the City Address portion of the program, to be delivered by Mayor Tony Beall, will begin at 7:15 p.m. This portion of the event is open to the public free of charge.



HONORABLE MAYOR  
Tony Beall



## STATE OF THE CITY and Business Awards Ceremony

PRESENTED BY



Mission Hospital

**Thursday, November 6, 2025**

**5:00-5:30 pm Reception | Program 5:30-8:00 pm**



**Dove Canyon Golf Club**

**22682 Golf Club Drive, Dove Canyon, CA 92679**

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**\$60 MEMBERS**

**\$70 NON-MEMBERS**

**\$80 AT THE DOOR**



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[INFO@RSMCHAMBER.ORG](mailto:INFO@RSMCHAMBER.ORG)



**RSM CARES**  
Bell Tower Foundation



### **Food Pantry Monthly, First and Third Wednesday**

The RSM Cares Food Pantry is open on the first and third Wednesdays of each month from 2:00 to 4:30 p.m. All are welcome; no prequalification is required. Drive through to obtain a box of groceries for yourself, your family, or a neighbor in need!

Located in the parking lot of Shepherd of the Hills United Methodist Church, 30605

Avenida de Las Flores, the pantry is supported solely by donations from generous private donors, local churches, and businesses. RSM Cares serves more than 500 families at their pantry distribution site twice each month. Anyone who stands in line receives food with no questions asked. Everyone is welcome. Individuals will receive fresh fruits and vegetables, non-perishable canned goods, and more.

Email [rsmcares@belltowerfoundation.org](mailto:rsmcares@belltowerfoundation.org) for more information or to volunteer.

**RSM CARES**  
Bell Tower Foundation

**RSM Cares Food Pantry**  
2:00 - 4:30 PM  
30605 Avenida de las Flores  
Rancho Santa Margarita, 92688  
Visit [rsmcares.org](http://rsmcares.org)  
to donate! ❤️

## **RSM Arts Program Monthly Exhibits at the Bell Tower Regional Community Center**

The RSM Arts Program is an initiative of RSM Cares that inspires creativity through visual arts, dance, and music. Talented local artists and students exhibit their work monthly in the Bell Tower Regional Community Center lobby on weekdays, excluding holidays.

Follow [@rsm\\_cares\\_art\\_gallery](https://www.instagram.com/rsm_cares_art_gallery) on Instagram!

More information at [rsmcares.org](http://rsmcares.org).

**RSM CARES**

Bell Tower Foundation



**ART HUB**



*Please join us at our*

**FINE ART FAIR**

**AT**



**BELL TOWER COMMUNITY  
CENTER BALLROOM**

**Friday, October 3, 3:00-7:00 pm**

**Saturday, October 4, 2:00 - 10:00 pm**



Tickets are available at  
**RSMCHAMBER.ORG**

***Also check out:***

**ART HUB'S**  
Fall Show "Autumn" art exhibit!

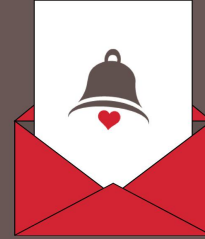
On display September 9 – October 31, located in The Bell Tower Community Center's Lobby. This will be adjacent to the Fine Art Fair at Rancho Family Fest.



## RSM Cares News and Events

RSM Cares seeks to enrich the quality of life for residents of Rancho Santa Margarita by inspiring local philanthropy, engaging stakeholders in community service, and embracing the local nonprofit network through collaborative partnerships.

SUBSCRIBE to our newsletter



MONTHLY UPDATES

RSM Cares ❤️

PLEASE JOIN US

*Magic* of  
**RSM CARES** 

SUNDAY OCTOBER *12<sup>th</sup>* 2025  
5 PM TO 8 PM

HOSTED BY CELINDA'S RSM - 29870 SANTA MARGARITA PKWY

TICKETS  
**\$125**  
Per Person

Hand passed hors d'oeuvres  
Four course gourmet meal  
including dessert  
beer, Champagne, wine  
entertainment by  
Rich 'Doc Magic' Freeman

**SCAN ME**  


**www.rsmcares.org**

## Rancho Santa Margarita Branch Orange County Public Library

Visit the Rancho Santa Margarita Library, located at 30902 La Promesa, for a variety of services, events, and activities.

The popular Friends of the Library bookstore is stocked with books, games, puzzles, and DVDs; proceeds from sales support library services. Please call the library for current hours and volunteer information.

# ENTER THE MAZE!

an AI-guided puzzle RPG  
for adults

2:00-3:00 PM, three Saturdays:

- September 13th
- September 27th
- October 11th

What happens when imagination, puzzles, and technology come together? Step into a D&D-inspired mystery in this one-of-a-kind AI-guided game experience for adults who love escape rooms, riddles, bookish quests, or are curious about AI.

Each session offers a standalone story ... but attend all three for an even deeper experience!

- 🔍 Solve riddles by the Maze Master (powered by ChatGPT)
- 🔓 Decipher clues and unlock logic puzzles
- 👤 Perfect for ChatGPT beginners and lifelong learners!

This adult-level program is free with no registration required. Fun prizes available while supplies last! Generously sponsored by the Rancho Santa Margarita Friends of the Library.











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30902 La Promesa  
Rancho Santa Margarita,  
CA 92688  
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Monday - Thursday: 10am-7pm  
Friday - Saturday: 9am-5pm  
Sunday: Closed



## AI Puzzle

**MONSTER BASH**

Wednesday, October 22nd  
3:30-4:30pm

Silly and spooky children of all ages are invited to our 4<sup>th</sup> annual Monster Bash! Take your Halloween costume for a test drive and join us for fun festive activities, a costume parade, and lots of tricky treats!

Costume parade around the library will begin at 4PM.

**RANCHO SANTA MARGARITA LIBRARY**  
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Sunday: Closed



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## Monster Bash



# COVER <sup>TO</sup> COVER

## CLUB

**Saturday, October 4 – Saturday, November 15, 2025**

**Read 5 books or 300 minutes and earn a free  
hamburger or cheeseburger at In-N-Out.**

*Ask the librarian for details.*

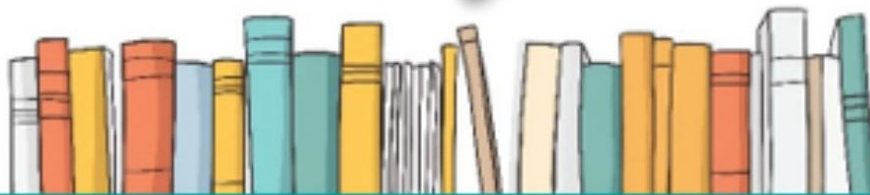


# Follow Us on Instagram!

Be the first to know about  
RSM FOL events, sales, and  
new additions to the bookstore!



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## Orange County Mosquito and Vector Control District

The Orange County Mosquito and Vector Control District provides services for:

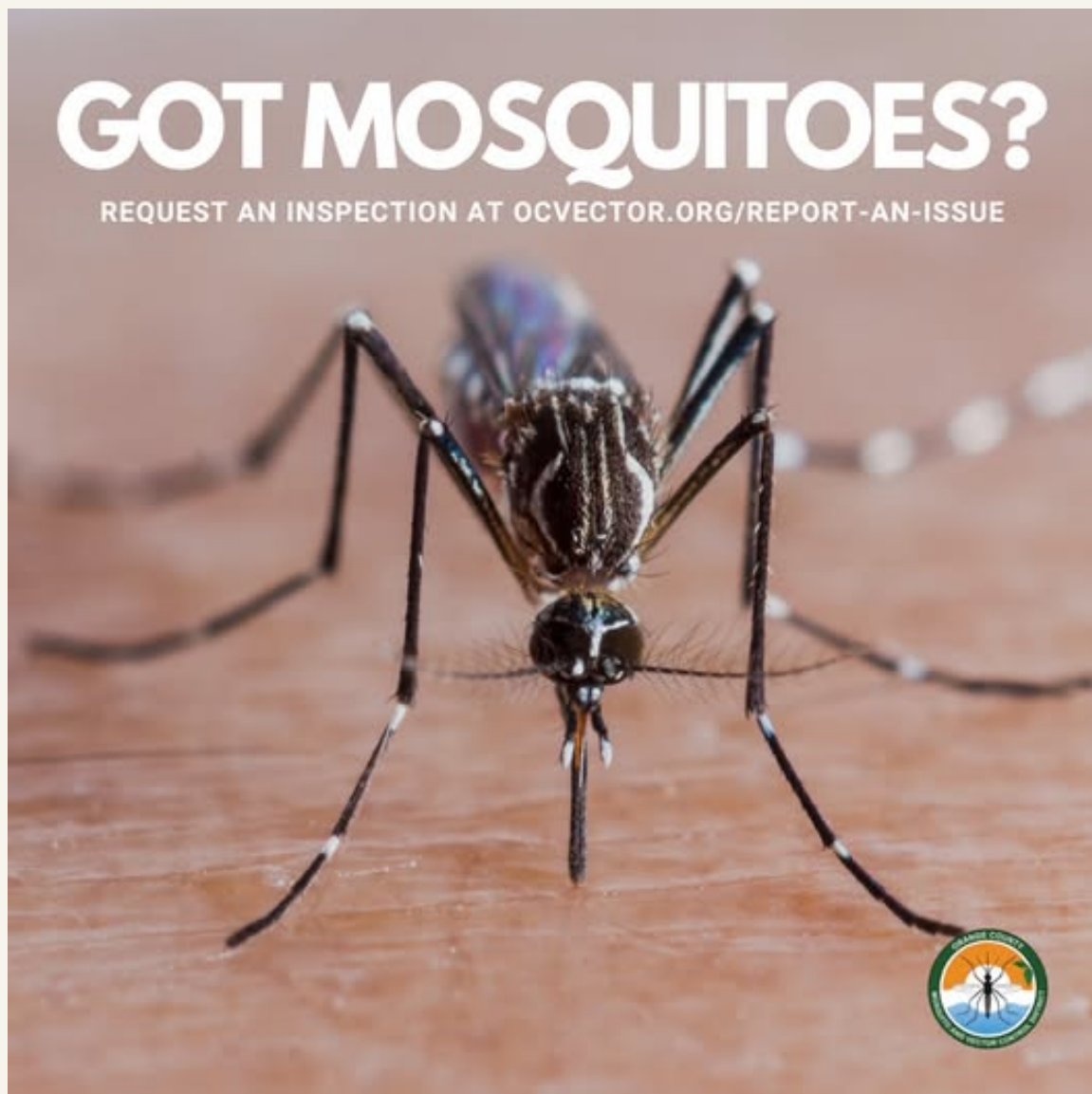
- Mosquitoes
- Red Imported Fire Ants (RIFA)
- Rats
- Mosquito Fish Drop-off



Got mosquitoes? Don't ignore them! OCMVCD recently detected West Nile virus in the Cities of Garden Grove and Anaheim. Now is the time to be proactive. Request a FREE inspection if you suspect a mosquito breeding problem near you!

Submit a service request [here](#) to OCMVCD.

Visit [ocvector.org](https://ocvector.org) for more vector safety and prevention tips.



## **The Lifeline & 988**

### **Crisis Support**

Callers to 988 are connected to trained counselors who provide free and confidential emotional support and crisis counseling and connect them to the appropriate resources. These services are available 24 hours a day, seven days a week, across the United States. Special support services are available to veterans, and Tele-Interpreters support more than 240 languages.

For more information, visit <https://988lifeline.org/talk-to-someone-now/>.

### **What is 988?**

The 988 Suicide & Crisis Lifeline offers 24/7 call, text and chat access to trained crisis counselors who can help people experiencing suicidal, substance use, and/or mental health crisis, or any other kind of emotional distress.

People can also dial 988 if they are worried about a loved one who may need crisis support.

**988** SUICIDE & CRISIS  
**LIFELINE**



## OC Health Care Agency OC Navigator

OC Navigator is part of the Orange County Behavioral Health System Transformation Innovation Project. The project seeks to help people find and connect with the supportive resources they need in different areas of their lives, including health and well-being, as well as other services.

Some services are available 24/7, such as suicide prevention and domestic violence assistance. Users can also suggest resources they would like to see featured on OC Navigator.

Learn more at [ocnavigator.org](https://ocnavigator.org). Resources are available in Spanish, Vietnamese, Korean, Arabic, Farsi, Mandarin, Khmer, or Tagalog.

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## Safe Pool Draining

Are you getting ready to drain your pool or spa? Drain the water into the sanitary sewer to protect our waterways. The sanitary sewer system treats wastewater and is where your showers, sinks, and toilets drain.



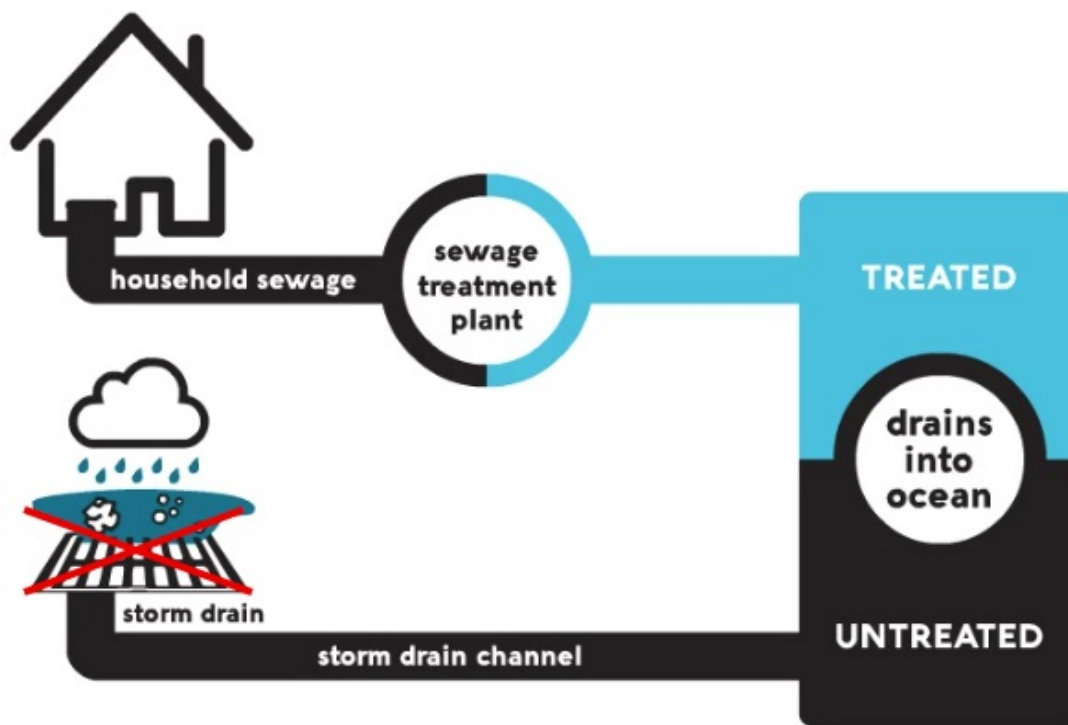
Avoid flushing to the storm drain system. The storm drains, located in the streets, allow rainwater to flow directly into waterways. This water is NOT treated. Residents can ONLY flush pool and spa water to the storm drain IF:

- It is not a saltwater pool.
- Chlorine levels are below 0.1 mg/L.
- The pH level must be between 6.5 and 8.5.
- The water is free of algae, debris, and other chemicals.
- Filter media (diatomaceous earth) or acid cleaning is not being discharged.

Ensure that sand filters, filter cartridges, and diatomaceous earth (DE) filters are washed or backwashed into the sanitary sewer system only – never into the storm drain system.

Thank you for protecting our waterways while draining your pool! Learn more helpful tips [here](#).

To learn more about the work Orange County is doing to prevent harmful runoff, visit [h2oc.org](https://h2oc.org).



## Orange County Transportation Authority

### OC ACCESS Service

OC ACCESS is a shared-ride service that is available to qualified applicants whose physical or cognitive limitations prevent them from utilizing the regular OC Bus fixed-route service.

### OC Bus - Youth Ride Free

The OCTA Youth Ride Free Program provides youth ages 6 to 18 with free travel on OC Bus fixed-route service to school, work, or fun on safe, clean, and reliable buses.

### OC Bus - Community College Pass

The OCTA Community College Pass Program provides students at all of the nine OC community colleges with free travel on the OC Bus service to school, work, or fun on safe, clean, and reliable buses.

### Senior & Disabled Fares

Fares are valid for persons 60 and older, persons with disabilities, and Medicare cardholders.

For more information, visit [OCTA.net](https://www.octa.net).

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