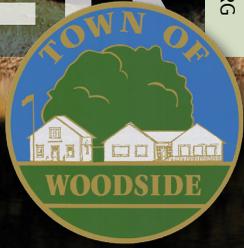


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MESSAGE FROM THE TOWN MANAGER

Welcome

Welcome to the fall edition of the *Woodsider*. Fall is perhaps the most spectacular time of year. The days get shorter, and as the sun takes a more gradual path from sunrise to sunset something magical happens with the natural light. Unfortunately, in part because fall is also the end of the dry season, it can be the time when small fires can become big fires quickly if conditions are right.

Given the foregoing and that the State has endured two of the worst fire seasons in its history, it should come as no surprise that the Town Council continues to keep wildfire issues at the top of their agenda. Much of the focus of the Town over the last several years has been on reducing the risk of fire by proactively managing fuel load. This is done by keeping the Town's roadsides appropriately mowed and clear of debris, as well as removing the most hazardous trees in the rights-of-way. The Town has also fully funded a Defensible Space Matching Fund Program on its own and supported the Woodside Fire Protection District's Chipper Program, both of which provide direct benefits to homeowners who keep their properties clear of debris which might contribute to the spread of wildfire.

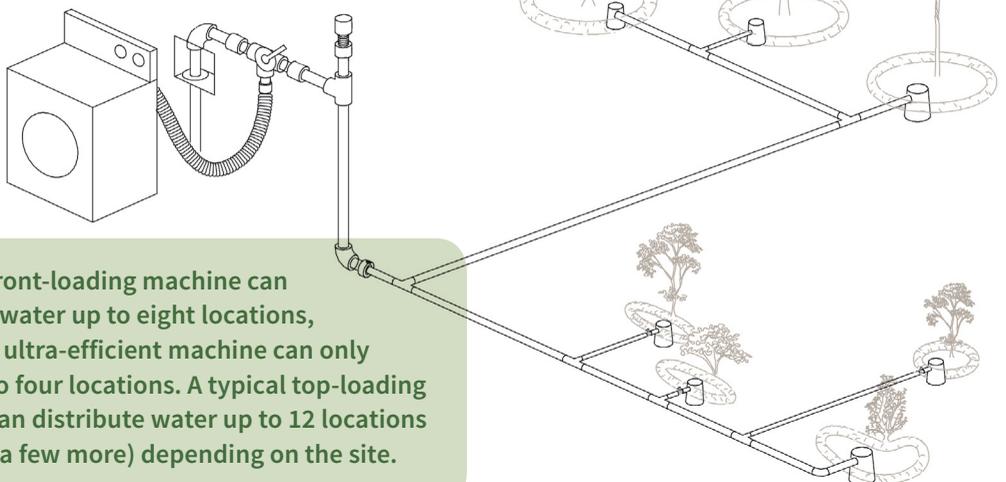
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Graywater Systems

The California Plumbing Code includes wastewater from showers, bathtubs, bathroom sinks, clothes washing machines, and laundry tubs as being sources of graywater. That graywater can comprise up to 90% of residential wastewater. The specific calculations are unique to each family's lifestyle and home. According to data from a 2012 study, in the United States, an average person uses between 50 to 75 gallons per day. Wastewater from toilets, utility sinks, kitchen sinks, or dishwashers is considered blackwater and cannot be used for graywater systems.

The simplest system is commonly called the "Laundry to Landscape" system. One clothes washing machine simply discharges its graywater out into a gravity system of pipes/hoses that discharge the water into downhill landscaped areas. A "Laundry to Landscape" system with a discharge capacity of less than 250 gallons of water per day does not require a Building Permit. All other systems will require a Building Permit by the Building Dept & County Health.

LAUNDRY-TO-LANDSCAPE LAYOUT



A typical front-loading machine can distribute water up to eight locations, though an ultra-efficient machine can only reach up to four locations. A typical top-loading machine can distribute water up to 12 locations (and even a few more) depending on the site.

Positive graywater use is possible in Woodside. The only lifestyle modification required might be an adoption of plant-friendly hygiene and cleaning products within the home.



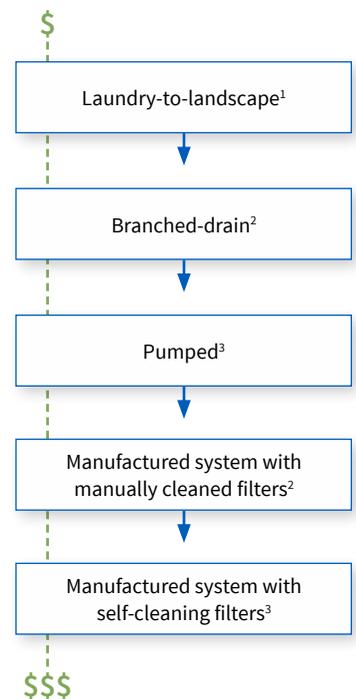
To have a successful graywater system, it is important to understand how to use this water source safely. Some considerations should include:

- Use graywater for sub-surface irrigation where distribution lines are covered by a material such as mulch. If you intend to use graywater for uses other than sub-surface irrigation, please consult with San Mateo County's Environmental Health Department in addition to Woodside's Building Department (<https://www.woodsidetown.org/building/graywater-water-conservation>).
- Hire a professional graywater installer.
- Learn about safe graywater system installation if you can't hire a professional installer. Organizations such as Greywater Action (<https://greywateraction.org/>) offer courses about graywater installation.
- Daily discharge. Graywater systems using tanks shall be designed to minimize the amount of time graywater is held in a tank and shall be sized to distribute the total amount of estimated graywater on a daily basis (2019 CA Plumbing Code §1503.8.3).
- Understand your watering needs including how much and how often plants need to be watered. It is important that graywater does not pond or runoff your property.
- Use detergents and other household products that do not contain salts, boron, or other chemicals that may be harmful to plants.
- If you are washing heavily soiled items such as diapers, the water should be diverted to the sewer.
- Prevent connections to your home or building's drinking water system.

For more information on using rain, gray, and other alternative water sources, please visit the San Mateo County Health's website at: <https://www.smchealth.org/alternative-water-program>.

SYSTEM COMPLEXITY AND COST

(In order of increasing complexity and Cost)



¹ Systems can use graywater from washing machine only.

² System can use graywater from washing machine, shower, tub or bathroom sink.

³ System typically only used for graywater from multiple fixtures.

COMMUNITY BENEFITS

Did you know...

The **SAN MATEO COUNTY MOSQUITO AND VECTOR CONTROL DISTRICT** provides free residential mosquito surveillance and larval control, control of ground-nesting yellowjackets and wasps, pick up of dead bird specimens for disease testing, identification of insects or ticks, and more! It's easy to request District services online at: <https://www.smcmvcd.org/request-service>.

SMC ALERT is an alert notification system used to immediately contact you during urgent or emergency situations. SMC Alert lets you select the areas that you want to get alerts for, the types of alerts you want to get, and whether you want them sent by text message, voice message, and/or email. SMC ALERT is free at: <https://hsd.smcsheriff.com/smcalert>. About half of Woodside residents have already signed up for SMC ALERT!

On that note, please take the time to update your contact information with PG&E in case they need to contact you about potential power outages. For more information about the State-wide Public Safety Power Shutoff program, please visit: <https://prepareforpowerdown.com/>.

WOODSIDE LIBRARY consistently hosts activities and events for everyone in the community such as: Tai Chi, Storytime, Morning Tea, Stay and Play activities for babies, and more. There are also WiFi connected computers and a 3-D printer for public use! Browse all upcoming events at: <https://smcl.org/location/woodside-events/>. The library is open Monday – Thursday 11:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m., Friday – Saturday 11:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m., and closed on Sunday.

Despite being a small town, Woodside does have its own museum dedicated to the Town's local history. The **WOODSIDE COMMUNITY MUSEUM** is tucked in roughly between the Village Pub and Town Hall, at 2961 Woodside Road. The Museum is staffed by volunteers of the Woodside History Committee. The Museum is open from 1:00 – 4:00 P.M. on the first and third Saturday of each month, or by appointment by calling (650) 851-1294. The current exhibit features the history of Wine & Winemaking in Woodside, Blacksmithing, Town Incorporation and Estates.

The **DEFENSIBLE SPACE MATCHING FUND PROGRAM** provides a direct financial incentive to property owners to maintain defensible space around their property and, new to the program, home hardening projects. Defensible Space is the area between a house and an oncoming wildfire where the vegetation has been modified and/or maintained in a way that significantly reduces fire fuel loads and the wildfire threat. It also provides an opportunity for firefighters to more effectively defend the house. Home hardening projects include replacing wood shake roofs, installation of ember-resistant vents, and automatic gas shut-off valves.

In support of these efforts, and to improve the fire safety of the whole community, the Town will reimburse property owners 50% of the cost of creating defensible space or qualifying home hardening projects, up to a maximum of \$3,000. Please visit <https://www.woodsidetown.org/community/defensible-space-matching-fund-program> or Town Hall, 2955 Woodside Road, 8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. and 1:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. for more information on how to apply.

The **ARTS & CULTURE COMMITTEE** sponsors the popular First Friday series every first Friday of the month. The First Friday events aim to strengthen multigenerational community involvement in Woodside. The Committee seeks to encourage local art, creativity, and cultural activities which showcase local creative talent. You can subscribe to the Events Calendar and/or apply to be a First Friday presenter at: <https://woodsideartandculture.org/>.

Town Projects Spotlight

RECENTLY COMPLETED PROJECTS

BARKLEY PARK SHADE STRUCTURE

In March 2019, the Town completed a project to install a shade structure over the Barkley Park Playground. During spring and summer months, the metallic Barkley dog statue and play equipment would get very hot from direct sunlight rendering the playground largely unusable for much of the day.



KINGS MOUNTAIN ROAD STABILIZATION

In July 2019, the Town completed a project to protect Kings Mountain Road between Josselyn Lane and Manuella Avenue from further erosion along the banks of West Union Creek. Continued erosion of the creek bank was damaging the roadway shoulder and threatening to cause the future closure of the roadway. The project installed an approximately 25' tall retaining wall along the westerly side of the roadway, re-established the shoulder, and installed a metal beam guard rail at the top of the new wall.



WOODSIDE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL PATHWAY PHASE 3

In September 2019, a project to extend the pathway from the Woodside Elementary School to Roberts Market along the south side of Woodside Road was completed. In addition to the reconstruction of existing pathways and the creation of new pathway segments from the Fire Station to Roberts Market, the project also included a new push-button controlled crosswalk at Woody the Fish.



UPCOMING PROJECTS

GLENS PATHWAY PROJECT ON HILLSIDE DRIVE

This fall a project will begin to install a new pathway along the east side of Hillside Drive between Glenwood Avenue and Alta Mesa Road. The path will allow for pedestrian access off of the narrow roadway, and will include storm drainage improvements along the new pathway.



2019 ROAD REHABILITATION PROJECT

The following streets will be repaved as part of the Town's annual Road Rehabilitation project. The work is anticipated to be completed in October 2019.

Alta Mesa Road between
Highland Terrace and Hillside

Arbor Court

Barrett Drive

Crest Road from Cinnabar
to Ridgeway

Eastview Way

Eleanor Drive from Eugenia
to Northgate

Eleanor Drive from Northgate
to Southgate

Hidden Valley Lane

Highland Terrace

Hillside Court

Greer Road

Maple Way

Moore Road from Highway
84 to Town Limit

Normandy Lane

Northgate Drive

Oakhaven Way

Ravine Drive

Roan Place

Southgate Drive

Trail Lane

W. Glen Way

W. Maple Way between
Maple Way and Eastview Way



VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT

JIM MILTON *Recreation Committee***How long have you been a Woodside resident?**

40 years

Which Committee(s) have you served on?**Please describe a highlight of your volunteer experience.**

Recreation Committee and the General Plan Task Force. The highlight would have to be all the great events we put on as the Recreation Committee, like the Barn Dance at Runnymede Farm, the May Day Fun Run, SWAT tennis tournaments, Adult Coed Summer Softball, Broomball, as well as playing many Recreation pickup basketball games. Every event was a team effort and there was always a party.

What do you enjoy outside of volunteering for the Town?

Enjoying my grandchildren, photography, and appreciating Woodside's natural setting.

Please share a favorite memory while living in Woodside.

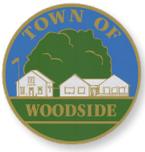
It would have to be the period starting in the 80s when my girls started at the elementary school. I was fortunate enough to be fully engaged with the kids and their school activities. I did a lot of coaching, field trip chaperoning, became a member of the Woodside School Foundation, as well as joining the Recreation Committee. There was a great sense of community and the friendships made during those days are still strong today.

What advice would you give to a new Woodside resident?

Embrace the community. Get involved in activities you would like to promote, improve, or change.



Jim Milton with his daughters and grandchildren. Jim Milton with Skip Pirman working the May Day picnic at the school when Jim received the "Citizen of the Year Award".



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WELCOME / CONTINUED FROM FRONT COVER

In September, the Town Council took two additional actions to make the community safer. The Council authorized the allocation of funds to a multi-agency project which would remove large stands of Eucalyptus and Acacia trees along Sand Hill Road between Manzanita Way and Sand Hill Court. This project is being coordinated by the Woodside Fire Protection District and has participation from San Mateo County and PG&E.



COVER PHOTO
One of Jim Milton's beautiful photos of Woodside. Please look inside to read about what Jim does for the community in the Volunteer Spotlight.

The Town Council has also authorized an expansion of the Defensible Space Matching Fund Program to include three important home hardening projects: the replacement of wood shake roofs, the installation of non-combustible ember-resistant vent screens, and the installation of seismic gas shut-off devices. These distinct projects will now be eligible to receive matching grants of up to \$3,000.

The Town still seeks other opportunities to accelerate the management of fuel load. Therefore, the Town has also applied for funding from the Federal Emergency Management Agency to vastly increase the amount of hazardous tree removal the Town can complete within its right-of-way.

Not one of these programs or initiatives would be enough on their own. We recognize that natural disasters do not respect borders or property lines. Local government is ultimately a pact among neighbors — a recognition that my actions reverberate around me. The Town is pleased to play a role in helping residents meet the responsibility of us all to reduce risk where we can for the betterment of our community, and on behalf of the Council and staff I sincerely thank you for your efforts.

Kevin Bryant
Town Manager