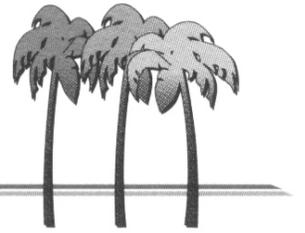




City of Chowchilla

# City Spotlight



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## CITY OFFICES BUSINESS HOURS

Monday - Thursday, 8AM - 4PM  
CLOSED FRIDAY

## CALENDAR

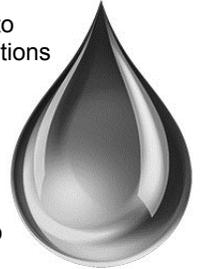
- Oct 14** - City Council Meeting, City Hall, 7PM
- Oct 15** - Planning Commission Meeting, City Hall, 7PM
- Oct 17** - City Hall Closed
- Oct 18** - Chowchilla Chamber Oktoberfest, Chowchilla Fairgrounds, 6PM
- Oct 21** - Parks & Recreation Commission Meeting, City Hall, 7PM
- Oct 23** - RDA Successor Agency Meeting, City Hall, 9AM
- Oct 25** - "Trunk or Treat" Halloween Event, Chowchilla Fairgrounds, 5PM
- Oct 25** - Chowchilla Sober Grad 5K Zombie Run, Chowchilla Fairgrounds, 8PM
- Oct 28** - City Council Meeting, City Hall, 7PM
- Oct 31** - City Hall Closed
- Nov 11** - Veterans Day Holiday, City Offices Closed
- Nov 11** - Veterans Memorial Ceremony, Veterans Memorial Park, 11AM
- Nov 14** - City Offices Closed
- Nov 18** - City Council Meeting, Civic Center, 7PM
- Nov 15** - Under the Barn Winter Gymkhana Event, Chowchilla Fairgrounds, 6:30PM
- Nov 19** - Planning Commission Meeting, Civic Center, 7PM
- Nov 26** - City Offices Closed
- Nov 27 & 28** - Thanksgiving Holiday, City Offices Closed
- Dec 6** - Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony, Veterans Memorial Park, 7PM

Read more on the City web site at [www.ci.Chowchilla.CA.US](http://www.ci.Chowchilla.CA.US)

## Chowchilla Enacts New Irrigation Rules

**NEW REGULATIONS** have been enacted by the **CHOWCHILLA CITY COUNCIL** to comply with the California State Water Resources Control Board emergency regulations for statewide urban water conservation during the ongoing drought conditions.

**EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY**, property residents are **REQUIRED** to **SET** their automatic irrigation controllers to their new watering schedule as determined by **THEIR STREET ADDRESS NUMBER**. All property residents who do not use automatic irrigation controllers are also required to follow these regulations. The City of Chowchilla will be monitoring and providing assistance to help property residents to comply with the state mandated restrictions.



- ◆ **WATERING** outdoor landscape areas is **ONLY ALLOWED TWO (2) DAYS PER WEEK**.
- ◆ **EVEN** number addresses (0, 2, 4, 6 or 8) **ONLY WATER** on **TUESDAYS** and **SATURDAYS**.
- ◆ **ODD** number addresses (1, 3, 5, 7 or 9) **ONLY WATER** on **WEDNESDAYS** and **SUNDAYS**.
- ◆ **WATERING** is **PROHIBITED** on **MONDAYS, THURSDAYS** and **FRIDAYS**.
- ◆ **WATERING** is **PROHIBITED** between **10:00AM** and **7:00PM** every day.

**EXCESS WATER** cannot be allowed to flow along **STREET GUTTERS** more than **25 FEET BEYOND** the front of your property.

Residents **ARE ENCOURAGED TO LIMIT** washing their vehicles but if you choose to wash them you **MUST** attach a **SHUTOFF NOZZLE** to the hose and **NOT USE** an **OPEN FLOWING HOSE**.

Using an **OPEN FLOWING HOSE** to irrigate landscapes, trees, flowers, lawns, gardens, etc. is **PROHIBITED** and property residents must attach and use a shutoff nozzle.

**WASHING PARKING LOTS, DRIVEWAYS** and **SIDEWALKS** is **PROHIBITED**.

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## "Clean-Up Drop-Off Event"

Mid Valley Disposal and the City of Chowchilla will conduct a **"CLEAN-UP DROP-OFF EVENT"** the last two weekends in October from **7AM to 3PM**. The event is **ONLY** for Chowchilla residents.

Residents can rid themselves of accumulated household debris. **THIS IS NOT A CURBSIDE PICK-UP EVENT**. Please **DO NOT PUT ANY ITEMS AT THE STREET CURB** as they will not be picked up during this event. Property owners will **NEED TO TRANSPORT** their debris to one of the **DROP-OFF LOCATIONS** in their neighborhood (visit the City web site for street maps).

If you live **SOUTH** of Robertson Boulevard your event date is **SATURDAY, OCTOBER 18** and **YOUR DROP-OFF LOCATIONS** are at South Front St. at Colusa Avenue, and at South 11th St. at Mariposa Avenue.

If you live **NORTH** of Robertson Boulevard your event date is **SATURDAY, OCTOBER 25** and **YOUR DROP-OFF LOCATIONS** are Santa Cruz Boulevard north of Howell Road, and North 1st Street at Lake Avenue (Public Works Corp. Yard).

If you live in **GREENHILLS** your event date is **SATURDAY, OCTOBER 18** and **YOUR DROP-OFF LOCATIONS** are Golf Drive West & Emerald Street (Recreation Center), Golf Drive West & Pheasant Run Boulevard (park), and Granite Falls Way & Golden Sands Way.

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## Veterans Day

The annual Veterans Memorial Ceremony will be Tuesday, November 11 at 11:00AM in Veterans Memorial Park on Robertson Blvd at 6<sup>th</sup> Street.

## Chowchilla Senior Center

820 W. Robertson Blvd.  
Open Monday-Friday (except holidays) 9AM-1PM  
Telephone: (559) 665-1089

## Pay Online

Paying your City utilities bill is easy with online bill pay at the City web site. Simply click **"Xpress Bill Pay"** at [www.ci.Chowchilla.CA.US](http://www.ci.Chowchilla.CA.US).

## CITY OFFICES

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## CITY COUNCIL

Richard Walker, *Mayor*  
John Chavez, *Mayor Pro Tem*  
Dennis Haworth, *Council Member*  
Janan Hebert, *Council Member*  
Isaac Jackson, *Council Member*

Jay Varney, *Police Chief & Acting City Administrator*

City Council meetings are held on the second and fourth Tuesday of each month at 7:00PM in the Council Chambers at City Hall. The agenda can be viewed or downloaded from the City web site.

# 911 EMERGENCY

## PHONE NUMBERS

Civic Center	(559) 665-8615
City Council	ext. 102
City Administrator	ext. 100
City Clerk	ext. 102
Airport Information	ext. 322
Building & Inspections	ext. 410
Code Enforcement	ext. 407
Community Relations	ext. 110
Finance	ext. 783
Fire	ext. 600
Human Resources	ext. 102
Planning	ext. 400
Police Dispatch	ext. 590/591
Public Works	ext. 789
Recreation	ext. 110
Utilities	ext. 783

## DIRECT NUMBERS

CATX & CATLinX	665-8655
Senior Center	665-1089
Police	665-8600
Anonymous Tips	665-8624
Fire	665-8625



accepted for in-person payments  
at the Chowchilla City Hall and  
Police Department.



# Fire Prevention Week is October 5-11, 2014

You are asked to help the **CHOWCHILLA FIRE DEPARTMENT** sound the alarm that working smoke alarms save lives during **FIRE PREVENTION WEEK**.

Smoke alarms that are properly installed and maintained play a vital role in reducing fire deaths and injuries. Smoke alarms save lives. If there is a fire in your home, smoke spreads fast and you need smoke alarms to give you time to get out. Having a working smoke alarm cuts the chances of dying in a reported fire in half.



In 2007-2011, smoke alarms sounded in half of the home fires reported to U.S. fire departments. Three of every five home fire deaths resulted from fires in homes with no smoke alarms or no working smoke alarms. No smoke alarms were present in more than one-third (37%) of the home fire deaths.

Many people don't test their smoke alarms as often as they should. When there is a fire, smoke spreads fast. You need working smoke alarms to give you time to get out. Be sure to test your smoke alarms **TODAY** and every month thereafter. To learn more about fire safety visit [www.NFPA.org](http://www.NFPA.org).

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## Chowchilla Enacts New Irrigation Rules

A permit **MUST BE OBTAINED** from the **PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT** before **DRAINING OR FILLING SWIMMING POOLS** at any time throughout the year.

The City of Chowchilla is obligated to follow legal procedures to **ISSUE WRITTEN WARNINGS** by **CERTIFIED MAIL** and **IMPOSE PENALTY FINES** up to a **MAXIMUM \$500** per violation for on-going multiple offenses with a possibility of shutting off water service to non-compliant properties.

For special water usage needs, inquiries and permits, contact the **PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT** at (559) 665-8615, ext. 789, or send an email to **PublicServices@ci.Chowchilla.CA.US**.

Please understand that City personnel are doing the best they can to educate and assist property residents to meet the requirements of the State of California regulations. Each telephone and email inquiry is handled as soon as possible and limited available resources may not allow the City to provide a direct response to your inquiry. Be assured though that each inquiry is reviewed and action is taken in as timely a manner that is possible.

Residents are encouraged to visit the City's **OUR WATER CONSERVATION** web page at [www.ci.Chowchilla.CA.US/OurWater.htm](http://www.ci.Chowchilla.CA.US/OurWater.htm) for more information. If you have specific water-related questions or comments you can send them to the City by email to [Water@ci.Chowchilla.CA.US](mailto:Water@ci.Chowchilla.CA.US).

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## “Clean-Up Drop-Off Event”

The following lists items that **ARE** and **ARE NOT** accepted for this event.

### ACCEPTED ITEMS

**GREENWASTE:** Prunings cut to 4' lengths • Lumber cut into 4' lengths • Tree trunks cut into 12" lengths • Tree stumps/Rootballs 12" diameter or less • Clean wood (NO oil, paint, nails or metal hardware) • Put leaves & lawn clippings into your green-waste cart for regular weekly pick up.

**METAL:** Refrigerators (secure or remove doors) • Lawn furniture • Pipe • Appliances • Stoves • Water heaters • Clean auto parts • Lawn mowers • Miscellaneous scrap metal

**ELECTRONICS & MISCELLANEOUS:** Computers • Televisions • Phones • Other E-WASTE electronics • Mattresses • Furniture • Carpeting and padding (rolled and tied) • Bagged and boxed trash/debris • Tires • Open, dry and empty paint cans

### SMOKE ALARMS—WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW!

- Install smoke alarms in every bedroom, outside each sleeping area and on every level of your home
- Test your smoke alarms every month
- When a smoke alarm sounds, get outside and stay outside
- Replace all smoke alarms in your home every ten years

Visit [www.NFPA.org](http://www.NFPA.org) for more information about smoke alarms and fire prevention.



### ITEMS NOT ACCEPTED

Dirt • Sod • Motor oil • Cement • Concrete • Asphalt • Bricks • Rocks • Chemicals • Paint • Solvents • Herbicides • Pesticides • Fluorescent lights • Car Batteries • Home Batteries • Construction debris • Roofing material