



CITY LINK FALL 2023

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WASTE MANAGEMENT TRASH COLLECTION

CHANGES TO CURBSIDE PICKUP BEGINNING IN 2024

Last year, Waste Management (WM) transitioned a handful of Fruita neighborhoods to an automatic collection system utilizing 96-gallon carts. This change improves safety for Waste Management personnel, helps improve cleanliness in Fruita, and reduces litter in the environment. Starting in January 2024, all Fruita households will be transitioned to the automated collection system.

We realize this change in service will be an adjustment for residents, so we've worked with WM to provide as many options as possible to help meet the needs of the community. With this, we want to say thank you to all the residents who were part of the initial roll out of service. Your feedback has been extremely valuable and was used to help with the rest of the transition. The full transition will provide more options to residents, including additional services throughout the year.

New Recycling Services

Starting in 2024, recycling will become much easier with a single-stream recycling



service. Instead of having multiple bins for recycling, residents will receive one 96-gallon container that all recyclables can be placed in. Materials being recycled will no longer need to be separated and sorted.

New Fall Leaf Pick-Up Program & Holiday Trash Drop-Off

Some feedback we received during the initial roll out was that only having one 96-gallon cart for trash made it difficult to dispose of yard waste during certain times of the year. Starting this year (2023), during the month of November, WM will pick up bagged leaves from all Fruita residents. WM will offer three weeks of leaf clean ups for Fruita residents. They will also be offering a drop-off location after the holiday season for extra household trash. We will provide more information about this new service on our website and on social media when it gets closer.

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E-WASTE RECYCLING EVENT

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 7
9 AM - 1 PM
FRUITA CIVIC CENTER
325 E. ASPEN AVE.

The City of Fruita and Waste Management are proud to offer residents an opportunity to responsibly recycle their old and unwanted electronics at this annual event.

Recycle for FREE

- Cell Phones
- Laptops
- Cords/Cables
- CPUs
- Speakers
- Mice & Keyboards

Recycle for a FEE

- Computer Monitors - \$12
- Desktop Printers/Copiers - \$5
- Flat Screen/CRTs (measured diagonally)
 - Up to 27" \$1 per inch
 - Over 27" \$2 per inch
- All Other Electronics \$5 and Under



FRUITA CITY COUNCIL: If calling City Hall at 858-3663 does not answer your questions, please feel free to contact any of your City Council Members.



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WASTE MANAGEMENT TRASH COLLECTION CONTINUED STORY

What to Expect

- You will receive more information from WM in the mail over the next few months.
- WM will deliver a 96-gallon trash can and recycling cart (optional) in December 2023.
- You will also have the option of receiving an additional trash can, at a reduced rate of \$4 per can/per month.
- Information on how to dispose of old trash cans or recycling bins will be provided by WM.

We thank you for your time and patience as this new program starts at the beginning of the year. Please be on the lookout for additional communication from the City of Fruita and WM. For additional information, please visit fruita.org/trashcollection.

FRUITA BUDGET RECOGNIZED FOR FINANCIAL EXCELLENCE

For the first time, the City of Fruita has received the Distinguished Budget Presentation Award by the Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA). This esteemed recognition highlights the City of Fruita's commitment to financial excellence, transparency, and meeting the highest principles of governmental budgeting.

In order to receive the award, the City of Fruita had to meet nationally recognized program criteria guidelines and excel as a policy document, a financial plan, an operations guide, and a communications device. The award recognizes those entities that have achieved the highest standards of clarity, accountability, and fiscal responsibility.

“Receiving the GFOA Distinguished Budget Award is a tremendous honor for the City of Fruita. It is a testament



to the hard work, collaboration, and expertise of our budget and finance team, city officials, and staff.” – Mike Bennett, City Manager

This award reaffirms the city's commitment to transparent and effective budgeting, that aligns with the City of Fruita's core values of allocating time, resources, and talents to Fruita's quality of place, economic health and lifestyle. As the City of Fruita looks to the future, it remains dedicated to building upon this accomplishment. By continually refining its budgeting procedures, engaging with the community, and seeking innovative solutions, Fruita aims to foster sustained economic growth, community development, and an exceptional quality of life for its residents.

To learn more about the City of Fruita's budget, visit fruita.org/2023budget.

MAINTENANCE WEEK AT THE FRUITA COMMUNITY CENTER

September 18-24, 2023 – The entire Fruita Community Center will be closed for maintenance week. The expected re-opening date is Monday, September 25, 2023.



Every fall season, the Fruita Community Center closes for one week so staff can perform routine maintenance and upgrades, including refinishing all the wood floors, carpet cleaning, new paint on the walls, window cleaning, mechanical inspections, and deep cleaning of all workout equipment. In addition, the pool gets drained, power washed, and refilled. New this year, the tile floors in the locker rooms and family changing rooms will be replaced. Please mark your calendars for September 18 - 24 when the entire Fruita Community Center will be closed. The expected re-opening date is Monday, September 25, 2023.

INFORMATION ON ENOCH'S LAKE

The City of Fruita owns four reservoirs on the Pinon Mesa near Glade Park, CO including Enoch's Lake. Prior to 1980, these reservoirs supplied domestic water to the City of Fruita. However, as Fruita grew, these water rights could not adequately serve their historic use. The City now maintains these four reservoirs but has experienced many challenges managing these properties. To learn more and to read about the current status of the Fruita's Mountain Properties including Enoch's Lake, please visit fruita.org/mountainproperties.



BACK TO SCHOOL SAFETY

With the start of each new school year, it is important for parents and drivers to be aware of children walking to and from school. Whether students walk, bike, skate, ride or drive to school, it takes all of us to ensure they get there safely.

Walking/Crosswalk Safety Tips:

- Look for traffic at every driveway and intersection. Be aware of drivers in parked cars that may be getting ready to move.
- Obey all traffic signs and signals.

Cross the street safely:

- Stop at the curb or edge of the street.
- Look left, right, behind you and in front of you for traffic.
- Wait until no traffic is coming before you begin crossing.
- Keep looking for traffic until you have finished crossing.
- Walk, don't run, ride or bike across the street.

Driving Precautions to Keep Pedestrians Safe:

- Don't block the crosswalk when stopped at a red light or waiting to make a turn. This forces pedestrians to go around you, which could put them in the path of moving traffic.
- Always stop for a school patrol officer or crossing guard holding up a stop sign.
- Take extra care to look out for children in school zones, near playgrounds and parks, and in all residential areas.
- Never pass a vehicle stopped for pedestrians.
- Be alert; children are often unpredictable, and they tend to ignore hazards and take risks.

Dropping students off at school:

- Schools often have very specific drop-off procedures for the school year. Make sure you know them for the safety of all students.

The following apply to all school zones:

- Don't double park; it blocks visibility for other children and



vehicles.

- Try to avoid loading or unloading children across the street from the school.
- Carpool to reduce the number of vehicles at the school.

Our children learn by example. Be sure to follow traffic laws and safety tips at all times. Teach your children these rules and then be sure to follow them yourself as a pedestrian and as a driver.

EMPLOYEE SPOTLIGHT - SEAN LOPEZ



Sean Lopez, Fruita's Parks Supervisor for the City of Fruita, is one of our newest team members serving the community. Sean was born and raised in Fruita and the surrounding area, attending Fruita Monument High School. Before coming to the City of Fruita, Sean worked for the Mesa County Valley School District 51 (D51). During his time with D51, Sean gained experience with custodial work, commercial maintenance, grounds operations, supervising, and obtained his welding certification and became a certified playground inspector. Fruita has always been home for Sean, so when he applied to work for the City of Fruita, he

was excited at the opportunity to help make a positive difference in the community. Sean and his wife have been married for 31 years and raised three daughters right here in Fruita. When Sean has free time, he likes to spend time with his daughters, golf, and camp. Welcome to the team, Sean!

2023 STATE OF THE CITY ON THE BIG SCREEN

Watch this year's 2023 Fruita State of the City. The video will take you on a tour around Fruita, CO, showcasing new projects and services the City of Fruita has been working on. Throughout the film, try to guess who you think is behind the camera! 2022/2023 has been full of exciting new projects here in Fruita, CO. Learn more about these projects at fruita.org/2023stateofthecity.





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UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

9/16 - 10/28	Fruita Farmer's Market	8:30 a.m. - 12 p.m.	Reed Park
9/15	Movie Night in the Park	Dusk	Fruita Civic Center
9/20	City Engagement Event	1:00 p.m.	Circle Park
9/21 - 9/24	Fruita Fall Festival	Open Venue	Downtown Fruita
9/23	Mesa County Search & Rescue 5K	8:00 a.m.	Snooks Bottom Open Space
10/6	Movie in the Park	Dusk	Fruita Civic Center Park
10/7	E-Waste Recycling Event	9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.	Fruita Civic Center Parking Lot
10/7	Rexy, Queen of the Desert Gravel Race	Open Venue	Fruita Civic Center Park
10/12	City Engagement Event - Walk to See Fruita	9:00 a.m.	Meet at the Mulberry Plaza
10/14	Cups for a Cure	6:00 p.m.	Fruita Civic Center Park
10/29	Huntingtons Disease 5K	8:00 a.m.	Riverfront Trail
10/21	Truck-N-Treat	10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.	Fruita Civic Center Park
11/5	Rimrock Marathon	8:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.	Colorado National Monument
11/14	City Engagement Event - Coffee & Chat	8:00 a.m.	Camilla's Kaffe
11/25	Small Business Saturday	All Day	Various Locations in Fruita
12/9	Holiday Arts & Craft Fair	10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.	Fruita Community Center
12/9	Hometown Christmas and Parade of Lights	5:30 p.m.	Downtown Fruita
12/13	Cookies and Claus	6:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.	Fruita Community Center
12/20	City Engagement Event - Hot Cocoa	4:00 p.m.	Starbucks Coffee

For more information, or if you don't see the event you were looking for:

City of Fruita, fruta.org/calendar, 970-858-0360

Fruita Tourism, gofruita.com

Fruita Chamber of Commerce, fruitachamber.org, 970-858-3894