



## Carbon Monoxide - The Silent Killer

With the recent cold temperatures, Watsonville Fire Department is reminding residents to be aware of the dangers of carbon monoxide (CO) - a colorless, odorless, tasteless, yet deadly toxic gas that can overcome a person without warning.



**Effects of Carbon Monoxide Poisoning**  
Severe carbon monoxide poisoning causes neurological damage, illness, coma, and death.

### Symptoms:

- Headaches, dizziness, drowsiness.
- Nausea, vomiting, tightness across the chest.
- You feel better when you are away from home.
- Everyone in the home feels sick at the same time.

### Preventing CO Exposure

- Never take a BBQ into a home.
- Never use a generator indoors or in enclosed or partially enclosed area
- Do not use gas powered equipment outdoors near doors, windows or vents
- When using space heaters and stoves ensure that they are in good working order to reduce CO buildup, and never use in enclosed spaces or indoors.
- Never leave your car running in an attached garage.



### Install and maintain CO alarms in your home

Every home should have at least one operational CO alarm within 10 feet of every room used for sleeping. All CO alarms should conform to the latest Underwriters Laboratory (UL) Standards. Follow the manufacturer's instructions for placement of your CO alarm, and suggested replacement date.

If you experience symptoms of CO poisoning, **call 911**, get to fresh air right away and seek immediate medical attention.

## Facility Rentals

The Parks and Community Services Department now offers all-inclusive, discount rental packages for all of its indoor facilities. In order to make renting a facility easier, each package contains:

- a fixed number of event hours
- hours for set up and clean up
- prior day setup if facility is available
- tables and chairs
- insurance and security
- all required permits

As an example, the Veterans Memorial Building, with a capacity of 400 and a kitchen, is perfect for large events and receptions. The discount package price of \$2,900 includes 8 hours of event time, 6 hours of set up and clean up time, along with tables and chairs and all required security, insurance and permits.

For smaller events, the Ramsay Park Family Center also features a kitchen, but a lower



capacity of 200. The discount package price of \$1,400 includes 8 hours of event time and 4 hours of set up and clean up time. Tables, chairs, security, insurance and all permits are also included.

Packages are available for other centers, or facilities can be rented for an hourly rate if the packages don't meet a customer's needs.

## Keeping Up with Watsonville

### Earth Day/Day of the Child:

4/24/16 from 12-4 p.m. at Ramsay Park soccer field. Free Admission, local agency booths, kids' activities and entertainment. For more information call 768-3107.

### Mañana Lane Sewer Replacement Project:

Replacement of this sewer line will help prevent sewer overflows in the neighborhoods west of Freedom Blvd. This sewer line was included on the list of highest priority as data collected revealed this area would overflow during wet weather flow. The project will include the replacement of 3,154 lineal feet of 8", 10" and 12" sanitary sewer with 15" and 18" pipe. For more information on this project call 768-3100.

### Freedom Blvd. Underground Project:

This project will place utilities: electric, telephone and cable facilities in underground conduit and boxes. The benefits of this include better reliability, reduced storm outage potential, greater traffic safety, improved neighborhood appearance and enhanced property values. Project will begin in March and will take up to 18 months. The work will be done on Freedom Blvd. between East High St. and Miles Lane. It will involve removing the utility poles and placing the wire within conduit and boxes installed by City crews in 2011. For more information you can call 768-3117.

### Sunshine Gardens

In January City Council approved a tentative map for an 89 unit development on the housing section of the Manabe-Ow land. The units will be two and three bedroom single family detached homes, duets and row houses. Construction is expected to start in April and available for sale sometime this summer. It will include 18 affordable units.

Visit [www.watsonvillerec.com](http://www.watsonvillerec.com) for more information about the packages, all required forms, and virtual tours of all facilities.

**The Parks and Community Services Department customer service staff is available for assistance in person at 231 Union St. or by phone at 768-3240.**