



ROCK HILL

SOUTH CAROLINA

Operation Weed & Seed Coming to Urban Rock Hill

Five neighborhoods in the urban core of Rock Hill are about to gain some valuable strategies and assistance with improving their surroundings through Operation Weed & Seed. A joint federal, state and local coordinated law enforcement and community investment initiative, Weed & Seed is sponsored by the U.S. Department of Justice. The local Weed & Seed initiative is titled "Urban Rock Hill Weed & Seed" and operates under the leadership of the City of Rock Hill and the U.S. Attorney's Office. Urban Rock Hill Weed & Seed will focus on five neighborhoods in the urban core: Sunset Park, North Crawford Road, Flint Hill, South Central and Hagins-Fewell.

The Weed & Seed initiative is a community-based, multi-agency approach to law enforcement, crime prevention and neighborhood restoration. It brings together federal, state and local crime-fighting agencies, social service providers, representatives of the public and private sectors, prosecutors, business owners and neighborhood residents under the shared goal of "weeding" out violent crime and gang activity, while "seeding" in social service programs and neighborhood restoration.

Weed & Seed is funded through a five-year grant awarded to the City of Rock Hill in September 2004. The Urban Rock Hill Weed & Seed initiative is now in the

first stages of implementation. The initiative is governed by a steering committee composed of a diverse group of residents, citizens and representatives of various law enforcement agencies and service providers. A Weed & Seed coordinator organizes day-to-day activities and oversees the initiative. Several agencies collaborate with the Weed & Seed initiative, including The Boys & Girls Club of York County, Safe Passage, Keystone, York Baptist Association, United Way, Winthrop University, York Technical College and Clinton Junior College.

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Customers Asked to Reduce Water Consumption During Drought

Important Numbers

for 24-Hour Automated Service

803/329-5555 Outage Reporting
803/329-5588 Billing Inquiries and
Payment Processing

Other Important Numbers

803/325-2500 Customer Service
Requests
803/329-5610 City-Maintained
Road Pothole Reporting
803/327-6186 State-Maintained
Road Pothole Reporting

Recent drought conditions have prompted local officials to implement voluntary water-use restrictions, specifically asking for a reduction in landscape watering and residential vehicle washing to no more than two days per week.

"By following pro-active water conservation measures, we'll go a long way toward minimizing the effects of a long-term drought," said Carey Smith, Rock Hill City Manager.

Following are just a few water-wise landscaping practices that will help customers maintain a healthy, beautiful garden all year long:

- Plant trees, bushes and flowers that are drought-resistant or suited to local conditions.
- New landscaping should be planted in the spring or fall, when watering requirements are lower.
- Group plants according to their water needs. Remember that fertilizers may increase the amount of water a plant needs. Apply the minimum amount of fertilizer needed.
- To minimize evaporation, water the lawn at night or in the early morning — and don't forget to mulch!

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- Check your irrigation/sprinkler system frequently to avoid watering the street or sidewalk. Don't water your lawn on windy days.
- Adjust your lawn mower to a higher setting. Longer grass helps shade root systems and holds soil moisture better than a closely clipped lawn.
- Use a rain gauge to track how much rain your yard receives.

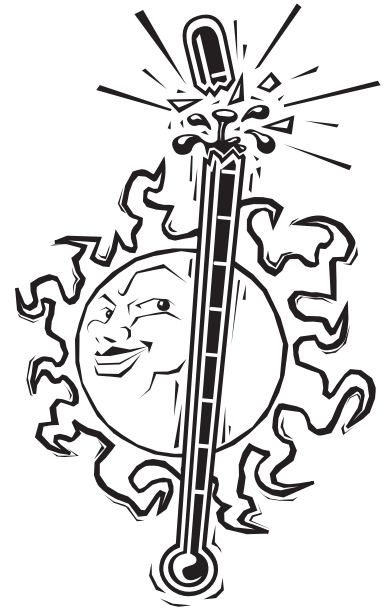
For more information on both indoor and outdoor water conservation, or to conduct a home water-use audit, visit our Web site at www.cityofrockhill.com/utilities/mission.asp and click on the "H2ouse" icon.

Easy Tips to Stay Cool and Save Money

- During the summer, set your thermostat as high as comfortably possible (72° to 78° F). For every degree you raise your thermostat, you can save up to 5 percent on your summer cooling bills.
- Use ceiling and stand-alone fans to circulate air.
- Check your home's air duct system for leaks. Duct leaks cause a cooling system to run inefficiently and use more energy. Use UL-rated duct tape to repair and seal duct holes and tears.
- Wherever possible, hang blinds, shades and/or draperies on windows or glass doors. Interior shading can block up to 95 percent of the sun's heat and help keep your home cooler in the summer.

For more information on how to save energy during the summer, visit www.cityofrockhill.com/utilities/mission.asp and connect to the Energy Depot®

online library. Energy Depot promotes energy efficiency, helps customers understand and manage their energy costs and provides a valuable source of energy-saving information.



It's Mowing Season!

Mow on a regular basis — front and back, and all the way to the street!

The Weed & Seed initiative has two primary goals:

1. To eliminate violent crime, drug trafficking and drug-related crime from targeted high-crime neighborhoods.
2. To provide a safe environment, free of crime and drug use, where law-abiding citizens may live, work and raise families.

Weed & Seed is composed of four elements: law enforcement community policing, prevention, intervention and

treatment, and neighborhood restoration. The primary components of Weed & Seed are coordination and concentration of resources in specific geographic areas, private sector investment and community involvement.

The involvement of all Rock Hill citizens — not just of residents of the targeted neighborhoods — is a critical component of the Weed & Seed strategy. While the Urban Rock Hill Weed & Seed initiative focuses on five neighborhoods in the urban core, the entire community is affected, because although our city is comprised of many neighborhoods, we are all part of one body, the City of Rock

Hill. As residents, each of us is responsible for working to make a better community for all a reality. Your contribution to this strategy can help bring consistency to the urban core of Rock Hill, by ensuring that neighborhoods are not just merely crime-free, but also vibrant and respected.

Contact Dorene Watts, site coordinator in the Weed & Seed office, at [803/325-2527](tel:8033252527) with questions, and to learn more about how you can help make the Weed & Seed Strategy a success.

Trash Collection Guidelines

Garbage, recycling, bulky trash items and yard waste are collected once a week. Collection takes place Monday through Thursday and begins at 7:00 a.m.

To ensure that your garbage, yard waste, leaves, recycling and other trash are picked up and there is no damage to your property, follow these simple guidelines:

- Rollcarts may be placed at the curb no earlier than noon the day before collection and should be removed by 7:00 a.m. the day after collection. The green rollcart is for household garbage. Do not place bricks, dirt, rocks, building materials or other hazardous materials in the cart.
- Garbage must be bagged and fit inside the cart with the lid closed. No garbage will be collected outside the cart. Extra garbage may be taken to county convenience centers. If you consistently have more trash than will fit in your rollcart, you may purchase an extra rollcart for \$50, and your sanitation fee will increase by 50 percent.

- Backyard garbage service is available to elderly and disabled residents with verification from your doctor if no one else in the household is physically able to place the cart at the curb.
- Recycling bins are available free of charge and should be placed at least 3 feet away from your rollcart. Items collected include: aluminum and steel food and beverage cans, glass food and beverage bottles and jars, soft drink bottles, plastic milk jugs, plastic detergent or food bottles marked with a #1 to a #7 on the bottom, phone books, newspapers, grocery bags, junk mail, magazines and chipboard (cereal, soft drink and shoe boxes).
- Bulky items such as furniture are collected once a week, the same day as your garbage collection, and should be placed at the curb no earlier than noon the day before collection.
- Appliances and metal items should be kept separate from other bulky trash so they can be picked up separately and recycled. Call [803/329-5600](tel:8033295600) to request collection of appliances.

- Yard waste is collected weekly on the same day as garbage. Limbs must be less than 6 inches in diameter and no more than 12 feet long. Keep yard waste separate from other trash so it can be picked up separately and recycled into mulch and compost.

Due to the operation of automated trucks, please:

- Ensure that the lid opening on your rollcart faces the street.
- Place your rollcart at least 2 feet and no more than 6 feet from the street.
- Keep your rollcart clear of other objects. It must be at least 3 feet away from all other items such as mailboxes, recycling bins and cars.

Thank you for your help in ensuring efficient garbage collection. If you have questions, please call the Public Works Department at [803/329-5600](tel:8033295600).

Manchester Meadows Grand Opening

On Sunday, June 11, a crowd of 1,600-plus helped celebrate the grand opening of Manchester Meadows, Rock Hill's newest sports venue. A ribbon cutting marked the official opening of the park and the adjacent John Ross Parkway Extension, while ceremonial kicks by the families of Rick and Kay Carlisle and Ralph and Shirley Brannan inaugurated the championship fields named for them. Following the ceremony, the action kicked into high gear as soccer players hit the fields and fans filled the stadium seats for exhibition games and a rules orientation. A little rain couldn't dampen the spirits or muddy the synthetic turf on the championship fields!

Activities also included a scavenger hunt, self-guided tours, balloon sculptures and a caricature artist. The skills of the Area 11 Special Olympics soccer team were highlighted during the grand opening as they prepare to participate in the USA National Games in Ames, Iowa, in July.

Manchester Meadows is located at 337 E. Mount Gallant Road and, in addition to its eight soccer fields, the park includes playgrounds, a lake pavilion, a soccer pavilion and walking trails. The park is



The Grand Opening of Manchester Meadows on June 11.

now open daily from 7:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m., and park office hours are Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. The phone number is **803/326-3792**.

Check out the information online, including photos from the grand opening, a tournament schedule and a park map, at www.rockhillrocks.com. A brochure describing the park and information on

facilities that may be rented for private functions is available online or by contacting the park office.

Beginning July 31, registration for fall youth soccer and football will be taken at Manchester Meadows and at our PRT recreation centers, Cherry Park tower and at the PRT office at City Hall.

Recycling Facts – Did You Know?

- Products made from recovered plastic bottles include drainage pipes, toys, carpet, pillow and sleeping bag filler and cassette casings.
- In Rock Hill, we recycle plastics numbered 1 through 7.
- Most of the glass recovered in the United States is used in new glass containers. A portion is also used in fiberglass and in "glasphalt" for highway construction.
- All glass food and beverage containers can be recycled.
- Recycling a glass jar saves enough energy to light a 100-watt light bulb for four hours.





Rock Hill Parks Foundation

Manchester Meadows welcomes these two new field sponsors:

Rock Hill Galleria
Field #5

Cactus Creek Restaurant
Field #4

For information about becoming a field sponsor, contact the Rock Hill Parks Foundation at
(803) 329-5620