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Pledge to Support Local

Now more than ever, it is important that we support our local Folsom businesses. Shopping locally supports the local economy, promotes a thriving community, and contributes to a high quality of life in Folsom. Dollars you spend in Folsom fund vital public services, such as police, fire, schools, trash collection and recycling, road maintenance, and parks. When you shop online, a smaller percentage of the sales tax is invested locally. A new #WeSupportFolsom campaign encourages shopping and dining locally and promotes all the benefits of supporting our Folsom businesses.



Pledge to be loyal to local! Take the pledge today and receive an I Heart Folsom sticker to show your support.

Share your Folsom pride and learn more at www.wesupportfolsom.com.

LATE CHRISTMAS TREE RECYCLING

You can still recycle your Christmas tree, even if you missed local tree recycling pick up events. Christmas trees can be recycled in your green waste bin. Trees must be cut into pieces no larger than two feet in length and four inches in diameter, and the lid must close completely to receive service. Remove all ornaments, tinsel, lights, nails, and stands before placing in the green waste bin. Flocked trees cannot be accepted.



As a reminder, the city collects garbage, green waste, and recycling on all holidays, so place cans out on your normal collection day.

THE R.E.C. CLUB KEEPS KIDS BUSY AND ENGAGED

Folsom Parks & Recreation launched the R.E.C. Club last spring to provide an in-person enrichment opportunity for kids ages 5 to 12. The program provides structured and free choice recreation, enrichment activities, homework and distance learning support, outdoor play, and socialization. The R.E.C. Club's quality, age-appropriate activities encourage social development, promote physical and mental wellness, and provide diverse experiences. Our caring staff are committed to providing a safe, nurturing, and inclusive environment.

The R.E.C. Club is offered in month-long blocks from 1 to 6 p.m. and from 3 to 6 p.m. Monday through Friday to accommodate varying school schedules. The program is held at the Folsom Community Center, 52 Natoma Street. Space is limited, and preregistration is mandatory. Program activities and requirements for staff and participants will follow the current Sacramento County Public Health Order. Learn more and register at webtrac.folsom.ca.us.

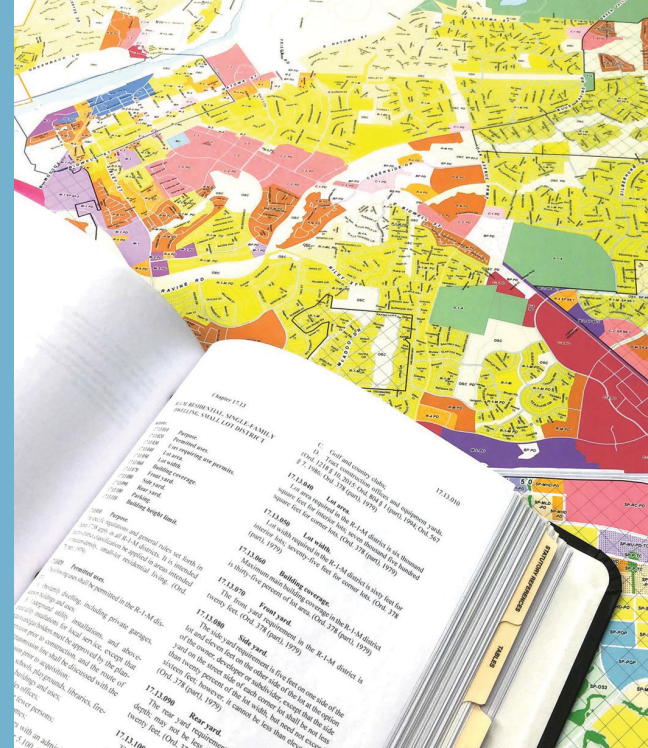


Zoning Code Update

The City of Folsom zoning code regulates existing and new development and specifies appropriate land uses in Folsom. The city is updating its zoning code with the goal of creating clear expectations for quality development and regulations that are easy to understand and follow. Zoning regulations can affect land use, design, parcel size, building heights, density, setbacks, landscaping, fencing, and other aspects of property use.

The zoning code draft will be presented to the Planning Commission, Historic District Commission, and Folsom City Council for review and adoption this spring. A series of virtual workshops and public meetings are planned in January and February, and public participation is encouraged.

For information about the zoning code update and meetings, visit www.folsom.ca.us/zoningcode.



IMPORTANT BENEFITS OF PERMITS AND INSPECTIONS

SAFETY: Your project is checked to ensure that it meets building safety standards.

QUALITY: Permits and inspections help ensure the quality of your remodeling investment and are important to the value of your property.

LEGAL: Building permits are required by state and local laws. Unless voluntarily corrected, illegally conducted work may incur costs for citations, permits, and reconstruction.

City of Folsom Building Department staff is available to answer questions about your project and the building permit process.

For more information, call 916-461-6201 or visit www.folsom.ca.us/BuildingPermits.



CONSIDERING A HOME IMPROVEMENT IN 2021? YOU MAY NEED A BUILDING PERMIT

When you plan for a home improvement project, you probably spend time considering style, color, and whether you'll need to hire a contractor or architect. But don't forget one more important step: determining whether your project requires a building permit from the City of Folsom. Building permits are required for most construction or remodeling projects. A permit is typically not needed for painting your home, adding cabinets, changing floor coverings, replacing countertops, and other similar cosmetic improvements.

YOU WILL LIKELY NEED A PERMIT FOR:

- New construction
- Home additions
- Home alterations or demolitions
- Patio covers
- Re-roofing
- Retaining walls taller than 3 feet
- Electrical, plumbing, and mechanical work



Housing Element Update

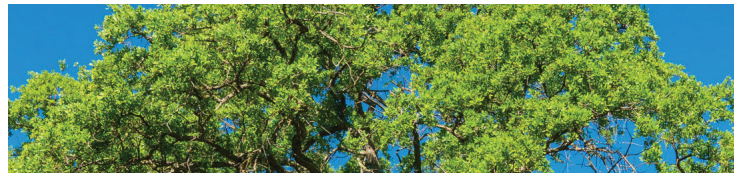
The City of Folsom is updating the Housing Element of the General Plan to ensure the city is meeting the housing needs of all members of the community. The plan is designed to provide the city with a coordinated and comprehensive strategy for promoting the production of safe, decent, and affordable housing.

The city invites community members to review the draft Housing Element Update and provide city staff with comments by February 9, 2021. To review the draft plan and for more information, visit www.folsomhousingelement.com.

Housing Element Public Review and Hearing Dates:

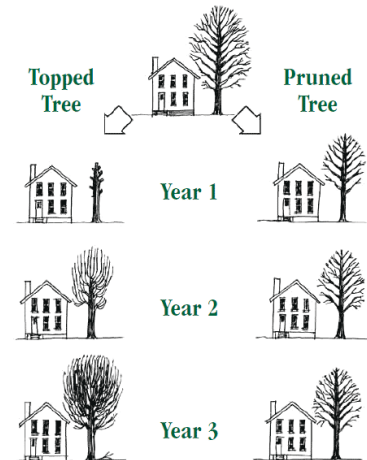
Planning Commission Public Hearing:
January 20, 2021

City Council Public Hearing:
February 9, 2021



Topping Hurts Trees

Topping of trees—leaving trunks with stubby limbs—is recognized by the City of Folsom, the State of California, and arborists as a harmful and unacceptable practice. It can cause a multitude of problems that often result in either the death of the tree or weakened limbs falling on people or property.



Tree topping is illegal in the City of Folsom for any tree that is considered a protected tree—including native oak trees, privately-owned trees that are within 12.5 feet of the sidewalk or right of way, heritage trees, and trees on commercial properties that were planted as part of the original development. Pruning or removal of any protected tree requires a City of Folsom tree permit. When you obtain a tree permit, the city arborist can provide guidance to help you protect your property and trees.

Learn more at www.folsom.ca.us/arborist.

TO BURN OR NOT TO BURN—TIME TO CHECK

It's the season to Check Before You Burn. Through the end of February, residents and businesses in Sacramento County, including Folsom, must check the daily burn status before using a wood-burning fireplace or other wood-burning devices.

This is due to the Sacramento Metropolitan Air Quality Management District's Check Before You Burn law.



health and achieve federal air quality standards, it's illegal to burn wood, pellets, manufactured logs, or any other solid fuel when fine particle pollution (PM2.5) is forecast to be high. This applies to indoor or outdoor fireplaces, wood stoves, fire pits, and chimineas.

No Burn days are called when weather conditions trap wood smoke near the ground.

To protect public

Here's how to Check Before You Burn:

1. Download the free Sacramento Region Air Quality app.
2. Visit www.AirQuality.org.
3. Follow on Twitter @AQMD.
4. Call 1-877-NO-BURN-5 (1-877-662-8765).
5. Sign up to get a daily Air Alert email at www.SpareTheAir.com—input your Sacramento County zip code and check the "Daily Air Quality Forecast" box.



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THE GALLERY AT 48 NATOMA OFFERS NEW ONLINE STORE AND RETAIL SHOPPING HOURS

Shop for one-of-a-kind paintings, mosaics, and ceramics on the new Gallery at 48 Natoma online store at webtrac.folsom.ca.us.

The gallery also offers in-person retail shopping from 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. January 5, 8, and 12. Additional in-person shopping dates are available by appointment between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m. Monday through Friday – call 916-461-6601 to reserve a time.

Proceeds from the sales help support local fine artists and artisans, and public art programs for all ages.

Current COVID-19 public health protocols are in place, and masks must be worn at all times while waiting to enter and inside the building. Shoppers will be limited to a maximum of 10 inside the building at a time to ensure adequate space for social distancing. The City of Folsom is following public health guidelines provided by county, state, and federal officials. As these guidelines evolve, program and event details may change as well.



HOW TO RECYCLE USED BATTERIES

New toys and electronics could mean old, unwanted batteries. In California, batteries are considered hazardous waste when they are discarded. This includes AAA, AA, C, D, button cell, 9-volt, and all other batteries, both rechargeable and single-use. If your old batteries end up in a landfill, pollutants can leak out and contaminate groundwater. Lithium batteries can cause fires if not taped or bagged when recycled.

All types of electronics and batteries can be recycled in Folsom's Door-to-Door Residential Household Hazardous Waste Collection program. Schedule an appointment at www.folsom.ca.us/wastecollection or call 916-461-6730. You can also drop off your old, unwanted batteries at participating Folsom retailers. Find a retailer near you at www.folsom.ca.us/hazmat.

ZIP BOOKS...YOUR LIBRARY. DELIVERED.



Zip Books is a way for you to request books that the Folsom Public Library or its partners do not own. Eligible books are purchased through Amazon.com and shipped directly to your home—at no cost to you! Visit the Zip Books page on the Folsom Public Library website for more information or to request a Zip Book. Zip Books is a statewide project of the NorthNet Library System, funded by the California State Library. Learn more at www.folsom.ca.us/library.

CAREER ASSISTANCE FOR JOB SEEKERS, VETERANS, AND STUDENTS

New online job search, job training, and workforce development tools for veterans and other Californians are now available in all of the state's libraries, including the Folsom Public Library.

The JobNow and VetNow platforms help library patrons to learn new skills, prepare for certification testing, create more impactful resumés, improve interviewing techniques, and search for jobs. VetNow provides information and one-on-one benefits assistance for veterans and their families and helps veterans become aware of the benefits they've earned.

The JobNow and VetNow platforms are made available by the California State Library through emergency federal Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act funding to help local communities recover. Learn more at www.folsom.ca.us/library.

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