

City of Highland Weekly Report



August 4, 2022



Public Services

COMPOST GIVEAWAY

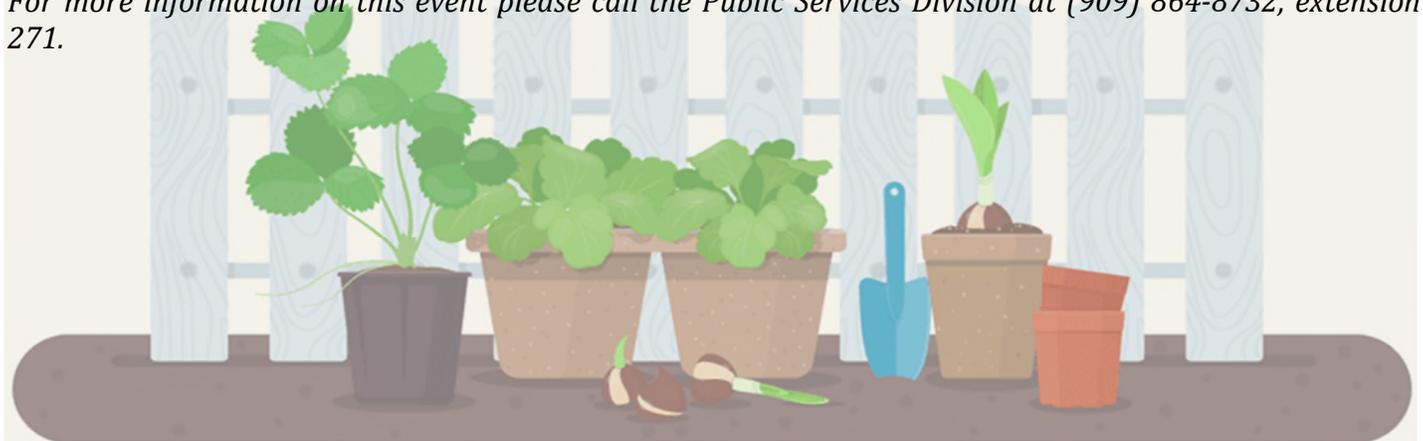


Highland residents this is an opportunity for you to tackle those lawn and garden projects. The City of Highland Public Services Division and Burrtec Waste Industries, Inc. are teaming up to host a one day compost give-a-way. Join us on **August 27, 2022** from **8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. (Noon)** at Highland City Hall, 27215 Base Line, to pick up your FREE compost.

Here is how it works: Open to Highland Residents ONLY (proof of residency will be required). **This is a self-service program, therefore participants must provide their own shovels and assistance to load their vehicles.**

- Available on a first come, first serve basis.
- A tarp is recommended for open bed trucks or trailers.
- The City of Highland reserves the right to end the event at any time due to product availability.
- Compost can be used as a soil additive in gardens and flower beds to give plants additional nutrients and acts as a natural fertilizer. Compost helps grow stronger, healthier flowers, plants and vegetables.

For more information on this event please call the Public Services Division at (909) 864-8732, extension 271.



Volunteer Services



2022 Blood Drive Schedule:

Monday, September 26
Monday, November 28



Critically Low Blood Supply Threatens Patient Care ~ LifeStream is Urging All Who Are Able to Donate Immediately

SAN BERNARDINO, CALIFORNIA – Officials at LifeStream Blood Bank, which provides blood products and services to more than 80 Southern California hospitals, are desperately urging residents to help the community battle back against a severe blood shortage that threatens local patients.

“Area hospitals do not have enough blood on their shelves to treat patients in need,” said Dr. Rick Axelrod, LifeStream’s president/CEO and medical director. “All blood types are desperately needed. Our type O supply has taken a considerable hit, reaching historic low levels. This is extremely alarming, especially in the summer months, which is already a challenging time for blood collection. We are making an immediate call to action. Hospitals will cancel needed surgeries for adults and children if collections continue to decline.” To fulfill patient need, LifeStream must collect at least 500 blood donations daily. LifeStream has fixed-site donor centers in San Bernardino, Riverside, Ontario, Victorville, Murrieta, La Quinta, Rancho Mirage, Placentia, and Hemet and conducts mobile drives throughout its service area.

“This critical shortage puts patient care at risk, and we ask our community to stand with those patients and their loved ones by ‘rolling up a sleeve’ and sharing their most precious gift,” continued Dr. Axelrod. “Just one pint of blood can save three lives. By donating, you can bring hope to many local families and their loved ones. Your donation will save a life.”

You can help Highland increase blood donations...schedule your appointment today! Blood Drive will take place at the Highland Police Station, 26985 Base Line, from 12:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. As a special incentive, donors will receive a special edition “Fearless Fighter” shirt and a beach towel, while supplies last.

Follow this link to reserve an appointment:

https://giftoflife.lstream.org/donor/schedules/drive_schedule/98508

For more information or to schedule an appointment, contact Volunteer Services at (909) 864-6861, extension 203 or email dmoreno@cityofhighland.org.

FEEDING OUR COMMUNITY MOBILE FOOD DISTRIBUTION



Community Action Partnership of San Bernardino County (CAPSBC) will host a monthly mobile food distribution in the City of Highland through the end of the year. Food distribution will take place at Highland Community Park located at 7793 Central Avenue. Food Distribution is from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. on Thursday, August, 11, 2022.

For more information please contact CAPSBC at (909) 723-1500 / www.CAPSBC.org / #CAPSBCCARES

Administration



CDC's Eight Tips for Safe and Healthy Summertime Work and Play



Whether you are planning an overseas vacation, getting ready for a staycation, or will be working outdoors, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's latest health tips, alerts, and social media updates include practical advice for travelers, swimmers, and everyone who wants to beat the summer heat. "Summer is a great time to travel and enjoy the great outdoors, but it's important to take simple, common-sense precautions," said CDC Principal Deputy Director Anne Schuchat, M.D. "From information about travel vaccinations to tips to prevent insect bites, CDC provides resources to help keep you and your loved ones healthy and safe."

Travel abroad safely — Before traveling abroad, check out health and safety risks at your destination. Animal illnesses and drinking water might be very different from what you're used to and could make you sick. Get needed vaccinations at least 4 to 6 weeks before you leave to ensure you're protected by the time you travel.

CDC's Summer Travel Abroad site has health and safety tips for anyone traveling outside the United States. CDC's latest traveler's health updates include information about measles and malaria. Many countries are experiencing measles outbreaks, including Brazil, England, France, Israel, Japan and Ukraine. Check out CDC's Vaccine Information Statements (VIS) to get the latest information. New anti-malarial medications are available for travelers to parts of the Caribbean, Central and South America, Southeast Asia, and Africa. About 1,700 cases of malaria are diagnosed every year in U.S. travelers who go abroad.

Swimming safety — Swimming, one of the most popular summer activities for children and adults, gets the spotlight May 20–26, when we observe Healthy and Safe Swimming Week. This year's theme, "Pool Chemistry for Healthy and Safe Swimming," highlights the roles that swimmers, parents of young swimmers, aquatics and beach staff, residential pool owners, and public health officials play in preventing disease outbreaks, drowning, and pool chemical injuries.

CDC recommends that everyone check out the latest inspection score of pools where you plan to swim. Look for inspection scores online or on site. Chemicals like chlorine are added to pool water to kill germs and stop them from spreading, helping to keep swimmers healthy. However, mishandling pool chemicals can cause injuries. Owners and operators of both public and privately owned pools, hot tubs/spas, and water playgrounds can take steps to prevent pool chemical injuries.

Food safety — Food poisoning peaks during summer months due to warmer temperatures, which can let foodborne germs thrive. Each year, 1 in 6 Americans get sick from eating contaminated food. CDC also has advice for food safety when grilling.

Insect protection — Protect yourself and your family from insect bites by using Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)-registered insect repellents external icon with active ingredients such as DEET. Apply repellents only to exposed skin or clothing, as directed on the product label and always follow instructions when applying insect repellent to children.

Young Worker Safety and Health — Young workers (ages 15–24) have higher rates of job-related injury compared to adult workers. To help keep young workers safe at their summer jobs, CDC's National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH) is participating in the social media campaign, #MySafeSummerJobexternal icon, to provide workplace safety and health information and resources to employers of youth, young workers, parents, and educators.

My Safe Summer Job is a collaboration between government agencies—including the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) and NIOSH—and numerous professional and non-profit organizations, including Career Safe and the National Safety Council. The campaign is raising awareness about job-related hazards and how to address them, workers' rights and responsibilities, voicing safety concerns on the job, and injury prevention.

Beat the heat and rays — Heat kills more than 600 people in the United States each year. Preventing heat-related illnesses, including heat stroke and heat exhaustion, is important for people of all ages, but extreme heat poses the greatest risk for people under age 4 and over 65, and anyone who has a pre-existing medical condition or who lives in a home without air conditioning.



The best ways to protect yourself from heat include staying cool, hydrated, and informed: find air-conditioning during hot hours and wear cool clothing, drink plenty of liquids, and pay attention to heat advisories. NIOSH offers several recommendations and tools that employers can incorporate into trainings, and workers can use in real-time, in order to help stay safe when working in heat.

Sunburn is a common summertime injury. Unprotected skin can be burned by the sun's UV rays in as little as 15 minutes, but can take up to 12 hours for the skin to show the damage. CDC recommends staying out of the sun between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m., when its UV rays are at their highest level. Sunscreen is recommended for anyone working and playing outside in the summer, even on cloudy days. Hats, sunglasses, and long sleeves are also recommended for outdoors activities.

Children's health and safety — Summer activities, such as riding a bike and playground time, are great for a child's development. To keep kids healthy and safe all summer long, be sure children use helmets that fit well while riding their bikes and follow playground safety tips from CDC's website. Parents should ensure children stay safe while traveling in cars. Children should be properly buckled in a car seat, booster seat, or seat belt —whichever is appropriate for their weight, height, and age — on every trip. Properly buckling up reduces serious and fatal injuries by up to 80 percent. Children under age 13 are best protected in the back seat.



Volunteer Services

CORONAVIRUS RECOVERY FUND FOR SMALL BUSINESSES



Don't Wait Any Longer... Apply Now while funding is Available

The City of Highland is encouraging small businesses in Highland to apply for the Coronavirus Recovery Fund Grant Program. First launched in September 2021, the purpose of this program is to provide financial assistance to City-based small businesses impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic. Successful grant recipients will receive a one-time \$7,500 disbursement. Businesses that meet these specific criteria are eligible for consideration:

- Must have a physical location within the City of Highland (store front, office, commercial structure).
- Be in good standing with the City of Highland (**current/valid business license, no outstanding code enforcement actions, or compliance orders**).
- Must have no more than 100 employees.
- Must be in existence as of August 24, 2021.

Contact Denise Moreno at (909) 864-6861, extension 203 or by email to dmoreno@cityofhighland.org for an application and more information.



EMERGENCY MORTGAGE ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (EMAP)

The City of Highland has established the Emergency Mortgage Assistance Program (EMAP) to assist Highland residents with mortgage delinquencies resulting from the pandemic.

This program is aimed at assisting homeowners of limited income, impacted by the pandemic, by reducing delinquent mortgage payments and/or avoiding foreclosure.

For more information and program eligibility pre-screening, contact (909) 864-6861, extension 203 or (909) 864-6861, extension 230.



Public Services

Scavenging Hurts Businesses!

Whether it is called dumpster diving or scavenging, it is the unauthorized removal of recyclable materials placed in a designated container at a designated location for the purposes of collection and processing by an authorized agent. The only authorized agent in the city of Highland is Burrtec Waste. The regular removal of recyclable materials from a bin will increase the cost of collection services! Materials placed in a recycling bin have a value, and that value is used to offset collection and processing costs which directly lower rates. When scavengers break the law by removing those materials, they are also removing items valuable to the recycling program, which ultimately affects rates.

Do not approach or confront a scavenger! Get a description of the person and the vehicle with license plate number or take a picture. Then report the incident to the Highland Police Department at (909) 387-8313 or during business hours contact Public Services at (909) 864-6861, extension 250.

Discourage scavenging - do not give permission to scavengers or the "Cardboard Man" to take recyclables from your bins.

Volunteer Services

HIGHLAND IMPROVEMENT TEAM



This month's Highland Improvement Team (HIT) cleanup project is cancelled (originally scheduled for August 6, 2022). Cleanups will resume in September. We apologize for any inconvenience this may cause. We look forward to seeing you next month!

Please join us for the next scheduled cleanup on Saturday, September 10, 2022. The September cleanup will take place from 8am to noon, with registration beginning at 7:30am at Highland City Hall, 27215 Base Line. Please contact Volunteer Services to sign-up and for more information at (909) 864-6861, extension 203.

Building & Safety

June 2022 Report
 Total Permits: 255
 Total Valuation: \$3,291,689.20

Permit #	Permit Type	Permit Status	Total Valuation
3	Plumbing	Issued	\$19,470.00
6	Plumbing	Finaled	\$6,809.00
3	Pool/Spa	Issued	\$70,356.25
1	Pool/Spa	Finaled	
6	Reroof	Issued	\$69,280.00
13	Reroof	Finaled	\$69,040.00
1	Reroof	Stop Work Notice	
4	Sign	Issued	\$27,200.00
1	Single-Family Addition	Stop Work Notice	
1	Single-Family Addition	Issued	\$59,241.99
1	Single-Family Alteration	Issued	\$27,600.00
6	Single-Family Alteration	Finaled	\$4,000.00
2	Single-Family New	Issued	\$444,656.14
2	Single-Family New	Finaled	
59	Solar - Residential	Issued	\$759,791.14
49	Solar - Residential	Finaled	\$370,565.00
1	Solar - Residential	PC Approved	\$38,000.00
1	Solar - Residential	Withdrawn	\$32,480.00
5	Walls	Issued	\$29,000.00
3	Walls	Finaled	\$2,000.00

A SAFE GARDEN: A LOT DEPENDS ON IT.



Protect your family and community when using pesticides and fertilizers.

- ❖ **STRATEGICALLY** apply products on your lawn when rain is not expected. Rain can wash toxic chemicals from your lawn into local waterways.
- ❖ **SPOT-APPLY** products directly on the problem instead of the whole area. Use less chemicals, and conserve the supply of your product.
- ❖ **SAFELY** dispose of unwanted products. The County of San Bernardino offers 9 HHW Centers that accept pesticides, fertilizers and other toxic waste **FREE** of charge.

To report illegal dumping, call
(877) WASTE18 or visit
sbcountystormwater.org



PICK UP AFTER YOUR PET



WHY SHOULD I PICK UP?



Dog waste can infect children and adults with disease-causing bacteria and parasites.



Your dog can get infected from the waste of other dogs.



Dog waste can affect the quality of our rivers and oceans and make the water unsafe for swimming, drinking, or fishing.



BAG IT AND TRASH IT!

— Steps and Tips —

Step 1: Keep a supply of bags tied to your dog leash.

Step 2: Bag the poop and tie the bag.

Step 3: Dispose of the tied bag properly by throwing it into a trash can.

NEED A
**DOGGIE
CANISTER?**



@sbcountystormwater



Scan code for a
FREE CANISTER

freedoggiebags.com

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How to Safely Dispose Sharps

**EFFECTIVE
JULY 1, 2021**



SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY RESIDENTS can safely dispose of their used SHARPS in a 2 gallon or smaller, heavy-duty, plastic container as an alternative to plastic bio-hazard sharps containers at participating Household Hazardous Waste Collection facilities.

Containers should only contain needles, lancets, and syringes with a needle attached that must be completely spent (no liquid remaining, including EpiPens).

HOW TO CREATE YOUR OWN CONTAINER:

- Place sharps into an Approved Sharps Container or 2 gallon or smaller heavy-duty plastic container
- Do not use food product containers
- Must have a screw-top and puncture resistant lid
- Made of thick plastic
- 2 gallons or less
- Leak-resistant
- Remain upright when standing
- Place printed Bio-Hazard Label on both sides
- When $\frac{3}{4}$ filled, secure lid, and tape the container closed

DO NOT USE FOR SHARPS:



Print **FREE** labels by visiting
Greensb.net

Preprinted labels are available at
HHW collection facilities



For more information and locations, call 1-800-Oily Cat (645-9228) or visit **Greensb.net**

SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY FIRE – Household Hazardous Waste

Cómo desechar las agujas de forma segura

**EFFECTIVO EL
1 DE JULIO 2021**



LOS RESIDENTES DEL CONDADO DE SAN BERNARDINO pueden desechar de manera segura sus agujas usadas en un recipiente de plástico resistente de 2 galones, o más pequeño como alternativa a los recipientes de plástico para objetos punzantes con riesgo biológico en los Centros participantes de Colección para desechos peligrosos del hogar.

Los recipientes solo deben contener agujas, lancetas y jeringas con una aguja adjunta que debe gastarse por completo (Sin residuo líquido incluyendo los EpiPens).

COMO CREAR SU PROPIO CONTENEDOR:

- Coloque las agujas en un recipiente para objetos punzantes aprobado o en un recipiente de plástico resistente de 2 galones o más pequeño
- No utilice envases de productos para alimentos
- Debe tener una tapa de rosca y resistente a los pinchazos
- Hecho de plástico grueso
- 2 galones o menos
- Resistente a fugas
- Permanezca erguido cuando esté de pie
- Coloque la etiqueta impresa de peligro biológico en ambos lados
- Cuando esté lleno 3/4, cierre la tapa y pegue el recipiente con cinta adhesiva para mantener el contenedor cerrado

NO UTILIZAR PARA AGUJAS :



Para imprimir etiquetas
GRATIS visite Greensb.net

Las etiquetas preimpresas están
disponibles en los Centros de Colección
para desechos peligrosos del hogar



Para obtener más información y ubicaciones,
llame al 1-800-Oily Cat (645-9228) o visite Greensb.net

SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY FIRE – Household Hazardous Waste



HAVE YOU PLAYED SPOT'S NEW TRASH MATCH-UP GAME?

Find out how much you know about sorting waste in San Bernardino County.



Step 1: Scan QR code or visit spot.sbcountystormwater.org

Step 2: Drag a trash item to a bin to start the game

Step 3: Make an account to claim your score on the leaderboard.

**available for mobile phones and desktops*



For a list of collection centers near you, visit TooToxicToTrash.com
Must be a San Bernardino County resident to visit centers.

PROTECT YOUR COMMUNITY KEEP TRASH OUT OF OUR STREETS



Step 1

Gather your used masks, gloves, and wipes

Step 2

Place the used items in a bag

Step 3

Tie or seal the bag and dispose into a trashcan



SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY STORMWATER PROGRAM
WHERE WATER MEETS COMMUNITY

Calendar of Events

August 4, 2022

5pm — Historic and Cultural Preservation Board Meeting, Donahue Council Chambers

August 9, 2022

6pm — City Council Meeting, Donahue Council Chambers

August 11, 2022

6pm — Community Trails Committee Meeting, Donahue Council Chambers

August 16, 2022

6pm — Planning Commission Meeting, Donahue Council Chambers

August 27, 2022

8am to 12pm — Free Compost at Highland City Hall, 27215 Base Line

September 6, 2022

6pm — Planning Commission Meeting, Donahue Council Chambers

September 10, 2022

8am to 12pm — Highland Improvement Team Cleanup, Registration at 7:30am, Highland City Hall, 27215 Base Line

September 12, 2022

4pm to 5pm — Blood Drive Committee Meeting Highland City Hall, 27215 Base Line, Conference Room C

September 13, 2022

6pm — City Council Meeting, Donahue Council Chambers

September 20, 2022

6pm — Planning Commission Meeting, Donahue Council Chambers

September 26, 2022

12pm to 5pm—Blood Drive at Highland Police Station, 26985 Base Line



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THE CITY OF HIGHLAND FACEBOOK PAGE

The City of Highland has a new and improved Facebook page that we would like for you all to follow us on. This is where you will find important information regarding road closures and construction projects that may affect your travel time, scheduled power outages, emergencies, events such as: Community Blood Drives, Highland Improvement Team projects, Compost Give-A-Way, Used Oil Filter Exchange & Recycling Events and much more. Please "Like" City of Highland - City Hall (<https://www.facebook.com/cityofhighland.cityhall>) as the official page.



COMPOST GIVEAWAY

The City of Highland Public Services Division and Burrtec Waste Industries Inc. are teaming up to host a one day compost give-away, so residents can tackle those lawn and garden projects for FALL.

Date: Saturday, August 27, 2022

Time: 8am—12pm (Noon)

Location: Highland City Hall—27215 Base Line

How It Works:

- Open to Highland Residents ONLY (proof of residency will be required)
- This is a SELF SERVE program, therefore participants must provide their own shovels and assistance to load their vehicle.
- Available on a first come first service basis.
- Wait time could be up to 2 hours.
- A tarp is recommended for open bed trucks and trailers.
- City staff reserve the right to end the event at any time due to product availability.

Information: 909-864-6861 ext. 271



**Aging and Adult Services -
Public Guardian**

HOT WEATHER

TIPS

DANGER SIGNS

Hot weather can be dangerous and even deadly. Precautions must be taken to ensure health and safety during our summer months. A person suffering from the heat may not realize it. Be aware of the warning signs of heat related illness, which include:

- Heat cramps: Painful muscle contractions, usually in the hamstring muscles.
- Heat exhaustion: Dizziness, fatigue, headache, rapid/weak pulse, pale or clammy skin.
- Heatstroke: Hot/dry/flushed skin, high body temperature, rapid heartbeat and confusion.

PREVENTION TIPS

- Drink plenty of water. Carry a bottle with you when you are away from home.
- Wear loose fitting cotton clothing and hats with wide brims and carry an umbrella.
- Check with your doctor. Heat may affect your reaction to certain medications.
- Keep electric lights low or off, shades drawn and blinds closed and limit oven use.
- Stay in well-ventilated areas. Circulation of air helps you keep cool.
- Open a window or turn on a fan or air conditioner.
- Have a friend check up on you at different times of the day when it is very hot.
- Eat light meals and avoid alcohol and caffeine.
- Plan ahead so your outside activities are during the coolest part of the day.
- Avoid unnecessary activity and being in direct sunlight or a hot environment.
- Take your time. Do not run around in a hurry.
- Never wait in a car or leave people or pets in a car.
- Remember, excessive heat exposure can result in illness or death!

**Call Senior Information and Assistance at
1-800-510-2020 to connect with resources and services.
If you need emergency medical services, call 911 immediately!**

www.SBCounty.gov/daas



CLIMA CALUROSO

Servicios para Ancianos y Adultos -
Guardián Público

CONSEJOS

SEÑALES DE PELIGRO

El clima caliente puede ser peligroso y hasta mortal. Se deben tomar precauciones para asegurar la salud y seguridad durante los meses de verano. Es posible que una persona sufriendo del calor no se dé cuenta. Este consciente de las señales de advertencia de enfermedad relacionada con el calor, que incluyen:

- ▶ Calambres por el calor: contracciones musculares dolorosas, generalmente en el músculo de la corva.
- ▶ Agotamiento por el calor: Mareos, fatiga, dolor de cabeza, pulso rápido/débil, piel pálida/húmeda.
- ▶ Insolación: piel caliente/seca/enrojecida, alta temperatura del cuerpo, latidos cardíacos rápidos y confusión.

CONSEJOS DE PREVENCIÓN

- ▶ Tome suficiente agua. Lleve una botella de agua con usted cuando esté fuera de casa.
- ▶ Use ropa floja de algodón y sombreros de ala ancha y lleve un paraguas.
- ▶ Consulte con su doctor. El calor puede afectar su reacción a ciertos medicamentos.
- ▶ Mantenga las luces eléctricas bajas o apagadas, las cortinas bajadas y persianas cerradas y limite el uso del horno.
- ▶ Permanezca en zonas bien ventilados. La circulación de aire ayuda a mantenerse fresco.
- ▶ Abra una ventana o encienda un ventilador o aire acondicionado.
- ▶ Pídale a un amigo que lo visite a diferentes horas del día cuando este muy caliente.
- ▶ Coma comidas ligeras y evite el alcohol y la cafeína.
- ▶ Planee con anticipación actividades de aire libre durante las horas más frescas del día.
- ▶ Evite actividades innecesarias y estar bajo el sol o un ambiente caliente.
- ▶ Tómese su tiempo. No corra de prisa.
- ▶ Nunca espere en un automóvil o deje personas o mascotas en un automóvil.
- ▶ ¡Recuerde, exposición excesiva al calor puede resultar en enfermedad o muerte!

Llame a Información y Asistencia para Personas Mayores al

1-800-510-2020 para conectarse con recursos y servicios.

¡Si necesita atención médica de emergencia, llame al 911 inmediatamente!

www.SBCounty.gov/daas

DO NOT DISPOSE OF THESE

HAZARDOUS ITEMS IN YOUR TRASH

KEEP YOUR COMMUNITY
SAFE FROM HOUSEHOLD
HAZARDOUS WASTE



1

Scan to learn what items are HHW and to find the nearest HHW facility



2

Safely contain HHW in container

Limit of 15 gallons or 125 pounds in containers no larger than 5 gallons.



3

Place in trunk or rear of vehicle and take to your nearest HHW facility



*Facilities open to San Bernardino County residents only.
Proof of residency required. Business waste not accepted.*

Scan the QR code or find the nearest HHW facility at
tootoxictotrash.org



SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY STORMWATER PROGRAM
**WHERE WATER
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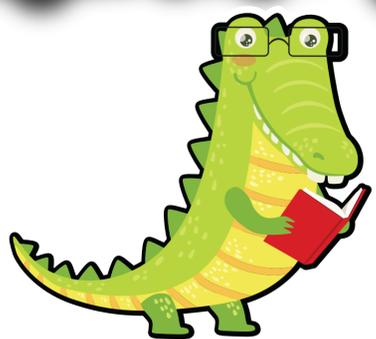
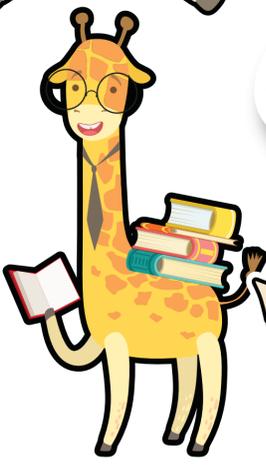




1000

Books

Before Kindergarten



**The concept is simple, the rewards are priceless.
Read a book to your newborn, infant, and/or toddler.
The goal is to have read 1,000 books before your little one starts kindergarten.
This program is available for children aged 0 - 5.**

How it Works:

- Sign Up on Beanstack
- Log Your Reading
- Earn Rewards

Let's Start Reading



Library





Economic Development

SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY

MICROBUSINESS

COVID-19 RELIEF GRANT

Award Amount: \$2,500



What is the San Bernardino County Microbusiness COVID-19 Relief Grant Program?

The San Bernardino County Microbusiness COVID Relief Grant is designed to assist businesses that have experienced economic barriers due to the effects of the global pandemic.



What are the Grant requirements?

- Businesses & Non-Profits located within the San Bernardino County boundaries
- 5 or less full-time employees
- Gross Revenues of less than \$50,000 in 2019 Tax Year or 2020 Tax Year
- Did not receive the California Relief Grant issued by Lendistry

SOURCE: GUIDELINES SET BY THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA



How can I use the funds?

- Renewal of local permits to operate (i.e. sidewalk vendor, etc.)
- Payment of business debt accrued during pandemic.
- The purchase of new certified equipment.



How do I apply and is there a deadline?

Applications open on 2/28/2022 and will remain open until funds are exhausted.

Go to:

www.selectsbcounty.com/major-initiatives/microbusiness-covid-19-relief-grant



Who do I contact with questions?

For questions regarding your grant application, scan the below:



For general information please contact:

grants@eda.sbcounty.gov
phone: 909-387-3286

For more information please visit our website at:

www.selectsbcounty.gov



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NEWS RELEASE

New Eligibility Guidelines Open SoCalGas Energy Savings Assistance Program to More Customers

Recently enacted California law increases customer access to no-cost energy-saving home improvements which support SoCalGas' efforts to lead the transition to a clean energy system

LOS ANGELES (July 6, 2022) – [Southern California Gas Co.](#) (SoCalGas) announced that as of July 1, 2022, more customers will now be eligible for no-cost energy-saving home improvements through the Energy Savings Assistance Program. The new guidelines expand eligibility criteria for customers whose income is up to 250% of federal poverty guidelines, compared to the previous criteria of up to 200%. A family of four that earns up to \$69,375, will now be eligible for no-cost energy efficiency upgrades. The previous income eligibility guidelines were up to \$55,500 for a family of four.

The ESA program provides attic insulation, furnace repair or replacement, clothes washer, water heater repair or replacement, water heater blankets, door weather stripping, caulking, low-flow showerheads, faucet aerators, minor repairs to doors and windows, and other services to eligible customers.

Customers could save up to 20% annually on their natural gas bill depending on the energy efficiency upgrades performed. More than 1.6 million homes have been enrolled in the program since 2002.

Customers can qualify for the Energy Savings Assistance Program based on having one individual in the home who falls under the income guidelines or participates in a public assistance program like Medi-Cal/Medicaid, CalFresh, the National School Lunch Program, among others. The program is open to renters and homeowners, and income levels are updated annually to adjust for federal poverty guidelines.

“SoCalGas is leading the transition to a more resilient energy future by providing customers with affordable, more sustainable energy. Through the Energy Savings Assistance Program, we can offer long-term, energy-efficient home improvements to customers that will lower their costs and reduce a household’s environmental footprint. The program’s expanded guidelines will allow more SoCalGas customers to save energy and save money and help us collectively reach clean energy goals,” said Brian Prusnek, SoCalGas’ Director of Customer Programs and Assistance.

The Energy Savings Assistance Program’s revised income guidelines were the result of Senate Bill 756, authored by San Diego Senator Ben Hueso (D-40). “The ESA program is an important tool for our state in the fight against climate change,” said Senator Hueso. “Energy efficiency upgrades reduce energy utility bills, increase a family’s quality of life and comfort, support economic development, and move the state closer toward its climate goals. However, the ESA program budgets are routinely not fully expended – often with hundreds of millions of dollars remaining unspent each year. This new law will remedy that by expanding eligibility to include more low-income customers.”

“My family and I are very happy and grateful for the weatherization repairs SoCalGas and their contractor ACSGROUP provided to our home,” said Veronica Medrano, a SoCalGas customer from Montclair. “We received a new furnace, and they installed a new water heater and we also qualified for a new washing machine. Our home is now more energy efficient. This program has changed our lives.”

Another SoCalGas customer assistance program is the California Alternative Rates for Energy (CARE) program, which will continue to provide a 20% discount on the monthly natural gas bill for customers who participate in certain public assistance programs or fall within 200% of federal poverty guidelines. A family of four that earns up to \$55,500 is now eligible for the discount.

To learn about SoCalGas’ customer assistance programs, including the CARE program, or to sign up for the Energy Savings Assistance Program, visit socalgas.com/assistance or call (800) 331-7593. Information is available in the following languages: Chinese, Hmong, Korean, Russian, Spanish, and Vietnamese.

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About SoCalGas

Headquartered in Los Angeles, [SoCalGas®](#) is the [largest gas distribution utility](#) in the United States. SoCalGas delivers affordable, reliable, and increasingly renewable gas service to 21.8 million consumers across [24,000 square miles](#) of Central and Southern California. Gas delivered through the company's pipelines will continue to play a key role in California's clean energy transition—providing electric grid reliability and supporting wind and solar energy deployment.

SoCalGas' mission is to build the [cleanest, safest and most innovative energy company in America](#). In support of that mission, SoCalGas aspires to achieve [net-zero greenhouse gas emissions](#) in its operations and delivery of energy by 2045 and to replacing 20 percent of its traditional natural gas supply to core customers with renewable natural gas (RNG) by 2030. Renewable natural gas is made from waste created by dairy farms, landfills, and wastewater treatment plants. SoCalGas is also committed to investing in its gas delivery infrastructure while keeping bills affordable for customers. SoCalGas is a subsidiary of [Sempra](#) (NYSE: SRE), an energy services holding company based in San Diego.

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