

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

City of Highland



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 free compost give-a-way.



JOIN US ON AUGUST 27, 2022
8:00 A.M. TO 12:00 P.M. (NOON)
HIGHLAND CITY HALL, 27215 BASE LINE

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.

AUGUST 26, 2022

Administration

Following a disaster there may be power outages that could last for several days. Stock canned foods, dry mixes and other staples that do not require refrigeration, cooking, water, or special preparation. Be sure to include a manual can opener and eating utensils. Consider the following things when putting together your emergency food supplies. Store at least a several-day supply of non-perishable food. Remember any special dietary needs. We suggest the following items when selecting emergency food supplies. You may already have many of these on hand.



- Ready-to-eat canned meats, fruits, vegetables, and a can opener
- Protein or fruit bars
- Dry cereal or granola
- Peanut butter
- Dried fruit
- Canned juices
- Non-perishable pasteurized milk
- High-energy foods
- Food for infants
- Comfort/stress foods

Without electricity or a cold source food stored in refrigerators and freezers can become unsafe. Bacteria in food will grow rapidly at temperatures between 40- and 140-degrees Fahrenheit and if these foods are consumed you can become very sick. Thawed food usually can be eaten if it is still “refrigerator cold.” It can be re-frozen if it still contains ice crystals. Remember “When in doubt, throw it out.”

Do:

- Keep food in covered containers.
- Keep cooking and eating utensils clean.
- Throw away any food that has come into contact with contaminated flood water.
- Throw away any food that has been at room temperature for two hours or more.
- Throw away any food that has an unusual odor, color, or texture.
- Use ready-to-feed formula. If you must mix infant formula, use bottled water or boiled water as a last resort.

Don't:

- Eat foods from cans that are swollen, dented, or corroded, even though the product may look safe to eat.
- Eat any food that looks or smells abnormal, even if the can looks normal.
- Let garbage accumulate inside, both for fire and sanitation reasons.



Managing Food without Power

- Keep the refrigerator and freezer doors closed as much as possible. The refrigerator will keep food cold for about four hours if it is unopened.
- Refrigerated or frozen foods should be kept at 40 degrees Fahrenheit or below for proper food storage.
- Use a refrigerator thermometer to check temperature.
- Refrigerated food should be safe if the power was out for no more than four hours.
- Discard any perishable food such as meat, poultry, fish, eggs, or leftovers that have been above 40 degrees Fahrenheit for two hours or more.

Public Works

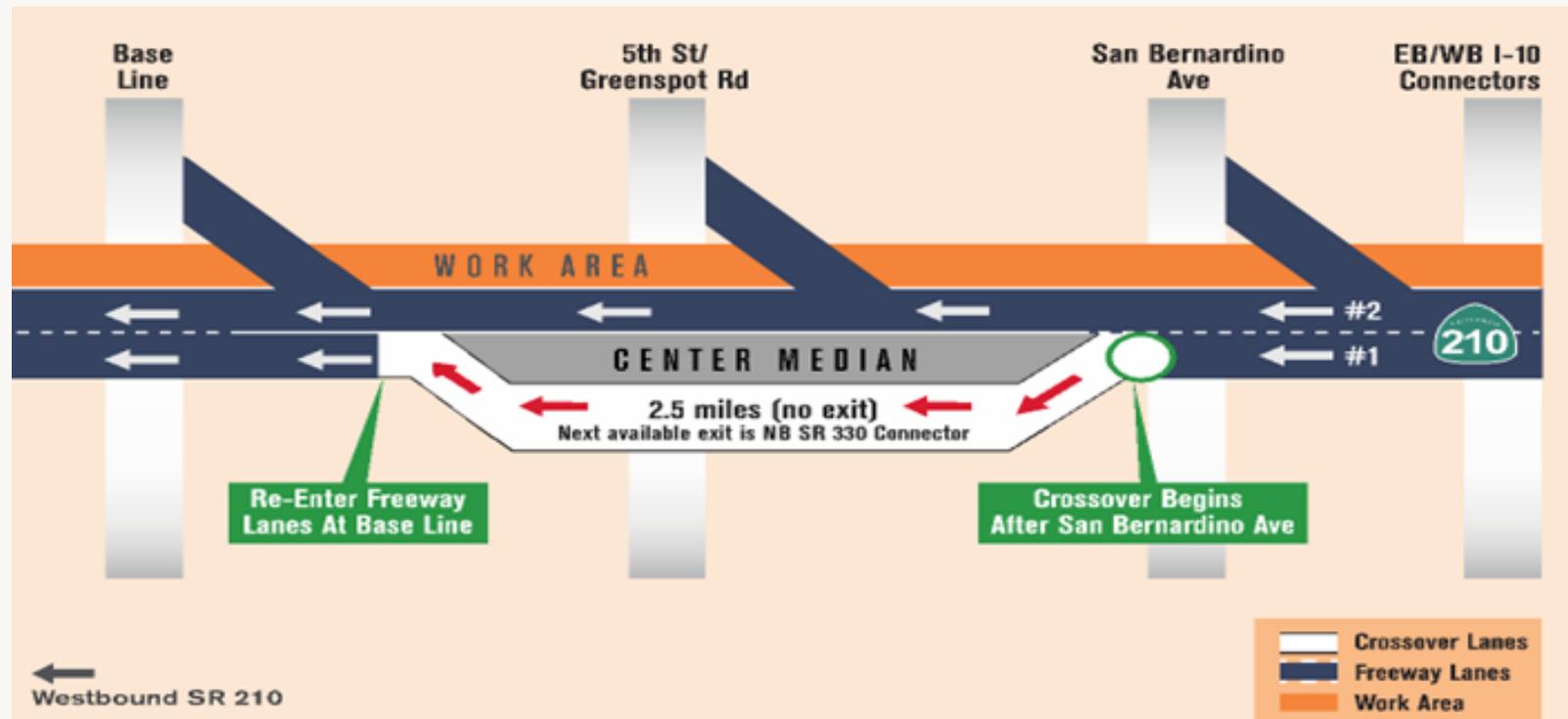
SR - 210 Construction Update

Construction of the SR-210 Lane Addition and Base Line Interchange Project is approximately 75% complete. San Bernardino County Transportation Authority (SBCTA) has several major upcoming construction activities that are necessary for project completion. On the week of August 22, 2022 a temporary crossover lane will go into effect on westbound SR-210 between San Bernardino Avenue and Base Line.

This temporary pattern will shift traffic on westbound SR-210 to the other side of the center median for 2.5 miles, allowing construction crews to begin pavement rehabilitation activities on the existing westbound freeway. Drivers in the crossover lane will not be able to exit 5th Street/Greenspot Road or Base Line. This freeway lane configuration will be in place for approximately 6 months.

Please visit the <https://www.gosbcta.com/project/sr-210-lane-addition-base-line-interchange/> for more information on both construction activities, including lane restrictions and recommended detours.

We want to thank Highland residents for their continued patience and support of this project.



Volunteer Services

HIGHLAND IMPROVEMENT TEAM

THE HIGHLAND IMPROVEMENT TEAM NEEDS VOLUNTEERS!

We are looking for you to be part of a wonderful group of dedicated community volunteers! JOIN US AS WE BEAUTIFY OUR COMMUNITY! Our mission is to improve the overall environment of our city for all residents and businesses. GET INVOLVED TODAY! Sign up to become Highland's newest volunteer!

Projects vary and include:

- Residential yard cleanups
- Residential garage cleanout
- Graffiti abatement
- Litter pickup
- Park cleanups
- Special events and more!



**Do you know of a potential project or Highland residence that may need our help...Contact Volunteer Services for more information!

Please join us at our next HIT project, scheduled for Saturday, September 10, 2022, from 8am to noon. Registration begins 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.

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 aims to assist 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 us at (909) 864-6861, extension 203 or 230.

Volunteer Services

CORONAVIRUS RECOVERY FUND FOR SMALL BUSINESSES



Please don't wait any longer...APPLY NOW while funding is still available!!!

The City of Highland is encouraging small businesses in Highland to apply for the Coronavirus Recovery Fund grant program, first launched in September. 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 \$7500 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 email dmoreno@cityofhighland.org for an application and for more information.

Public Works

During the period of August 15, 2022 through August 19, 2022, graffiti was made known to Public Works staff by the following means and removed:

Routine observation by Public Works: Central Ave. & Fisher St., Atlantic Ave. & Seine Ave., 26030 Base Line, 26020 Base Line, 25969 Base Line, Base Line & McKinley Ave., 26049 Base Line, 26080 Base Line, Base Line & Lillian Ln., 6917 Palm Ave., Palm Ave. & Pacific St., Pacific St. & San Francisco St., Pacific St. & Olive St., 9th St. & Elmwood Rd.

“ Volunteer Services ”

BLOOD DONATIONS URGENTLY NEEDED!!!



Local hospitals do not have enough blood for patient care. Blood donations are URGENTLY needed now to protect lifesaving treatments in your community! LifeStream urging all who are able, to donate immediately.

SAN BERNARDINO, CALIF – 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.”

Appointments are recommended, but walk-ins are welcome, please click here to schedule your appointment https://giftoflife.lstream.org/donor/schedules/drive_schedule/98508

HIGHLAND’S NEXT BLOOD DRIVE IS MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 26TH!

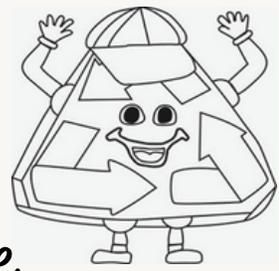
Come out and help Highland increase blood donations...schedule your appointment today for our September blood drive at the Highland Police Station, 26985 Base Line, from 12pm to 5pm.

Follow this link to reserve an appointment:

https://giftoflife.lstream.org/donor/schedules/drive_schedule/98509

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

ATTENTION HIGHLAND RESIDENTS



Labor Day Holiday Trash Pickup Schedule

Burrtec Waste Industries, Inc. will be Closed on Monday, September 5, 2022, in observance of Labor Day. Therefore, trash, green waste and recycling collection will be delayed by one day. Your regularly scheduled collection services will resume the following week. Please keep in mind that street sweeping will also be delayed by one day as well.

Labor Day Holiday Schedule is as follows:

- If regular pickup day falls on Monday, September 5
Trash will be picked up on Tuesday, September 6
- If regular pickup day falls on Tuesday, September 6
Trash will be picked up on Wednesday, September 7
- If regular pickup day falls on Wednesday, September 7
Trash will be picked up on Thursday, September 8
- If regular pickup day falls on Thursday, September 8
Trash will be picked up on Friday, September 9
- If regular pickup day falls on Friday, September 9
Trash will be picked up on Saturday, September 10


**HAPPY
LABOR
DAY!**



Should you have any questions regarding the holiday delay with collection services, please contact:

Burrtec at (909) 889-1969

City of Highland, Public Services Division at (909) 864-8732, extension 271



SENIORS WANTED!

Are you a Highland resident and sixty (60) years of age or older? If so then you could qualify for the Senior citizen rate if you meet the following criteria:

- A. Over sixty (60) years of age.
- B. Residing as head of household
- C. Single family residence only



For more information on the senior discount please contact
Burrtec Waste Industries, Inc. at (909) 889-1969

4 Tips for Jump-Starting a New Compost Pile

Food scraps and yard waste make up about a quarter of total household trash, according to the Environmental Protection Agency. Composting organic waste is a great way to save landfill space and reduce methane gas emissions while creating a rich fertilizer that will help your garden soil retain moisture. Spring is a perfect time to start a compost pile in your yard. Although there are different approaches to home composting, these compost tips will help get any outdoor pile off to a good start.

Tip 1: Get the brown/green ratio right

To keep your compost pile healthy and happy, it needs nitrogen, carbon, air and water. Maintain this balance by feeding it equal parts green and brown ingredients. Green materials — such as vegetable and fruit waste, coffee grounds, grass clippings and eggshells — contain nitrogen. Brown materials — including straw, branches and dead leaves — contain carbon.



Tip 2: Stir your compost weekly

When the compost has a lot of fresh materials, it is super important to stir it at least once a week. Aerobic bacteria, which are very important to decomposition, need oxygen to thrive. When oxygen levels drop (when the compost isn't stirred periodically), anaerobic bacteria take over the process, leading to compost that smells and slowed decomposition. Air is a necessary ingredient to keep the aerobic bacteria healthy by providing oxygen. Therefore, it's vital for keeping the microorganisms healthy and even the bug populations in an ideal range. Although it is normal to have some flies or beetles, you don't want them to get out of hand. The best way to stir your compost depends on the method you are using. Compost tumblers are popular because they can be stirred by turning a crank. Other designs use three bins, and new materials are added to only one bin. In this case, a pitchfork works well.

Tip 3: Keep critters out

Depending on where you live, raccoons and rodents may be attracted to your compost because of the types of ingredients and the smell. It is helpful to not add meat, oil or cheese products. Stirring your compost at least once a week and getting the green/brown ratio right makes your pile less attractive to neighborhood critters.

Tip 4: Cut up large rinds and peels

It's helpful to have a lot of surface area in your pile for microorganisms. Cut up your materials to make them easier to decompose, speeding up the process and keeping the microbes happy. In general, the smaller the materials, the quicker the pile will be ready. This is especially true for difficult-to-compost ingredients, such as wood. Although this tip is optional, it does speed up the composting process from start to finish and can give you a more consistent finished product.



Article courtesy of earth911.

For more information, please contact:
Carlos Florez at (909) 864-6861, extension 271

PROTECT YOUR COMMUNITY

KEEP TRASH OUT OF OUR STREETS



Step 1

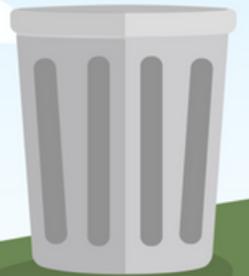
Gather your used masks, gloves, and wipes

Step 2

Place the used items in a bag

Step 3

Tie or seal the bag and dispose into a trashcan



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.

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?**



@sbcounystormwater

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

Calendar of Events

August 27, 2022

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

September 6, 2022

10am—Finance/Personnel Subcommittee Meeting, Upright Conference Room

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



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.

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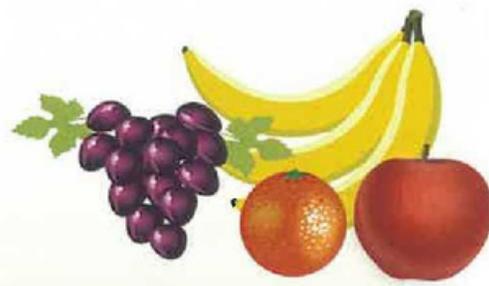
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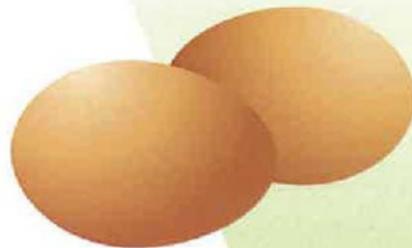
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Food Waste Recycling



YES! **All Food**

- Dairy products
- Fruits
- Vegetables
- Meat
- Bones
- Seafood
- Poultry
- Breads
- Grains
- Coffee grounds



¡SÍ! **Toda Comida**

- Lechería
- Frutas
- Verduras
- Carnes
- Huesos
- Mariscos
- Aves de corral
- Panes
- Granos
- Granos de café

NO!

- Plastic bags/wrap/straws
- Styrofoam
- Bottles and cans
- Paper
- Aluminum foil
- Liquids
- Hazardous waste
- Glass



¡NO!

- Bolsas/envolturas/pajitas de plástico
- Espuma de poliestireno
- Botellas y latas
- Papel
- Papel de aluminio
- Líquidos
- Desechos peligrosos
- Vidrio



BURRTEC
"We'll Take Care Of It"



**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



Servicios para Ancianos y Adultos -
Guardián Público

CLIMA CALUROSO

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



MEDIA CONTACT

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dcampos@socalgas.com

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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