

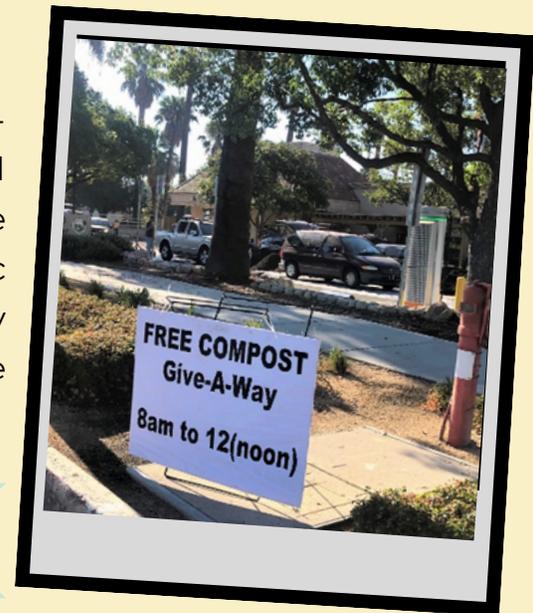
WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

City of Highland



PUBLIC SERVICES

The Public Services Division hosted its 11th free Compost Give-A-Way at City Hall on Saturday, August 27, 2022. We are proud to announce that 28 Highland residents participated in the event. For those of you who missed the event, the Public Services Division will advertise the 2023 Compost Give-a-Way on the calendar of the City's Website page. A flyer will also be posted on the City's Facebook page and on the NextDoor App.



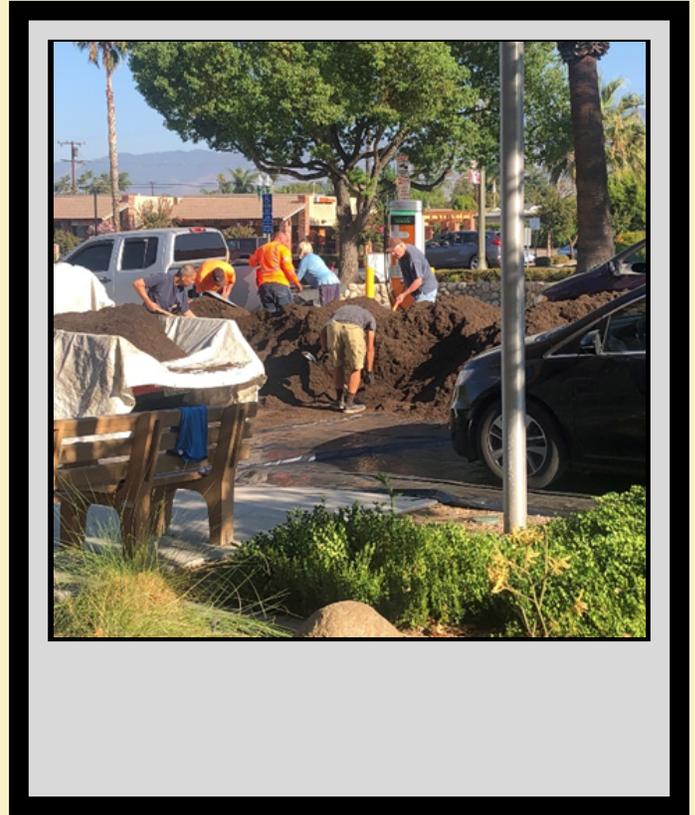
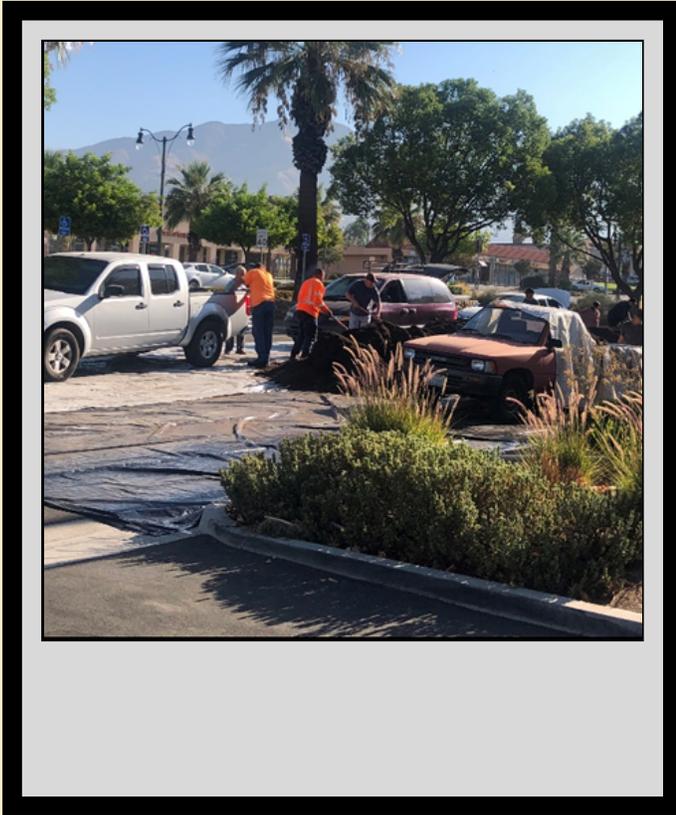
Keep an eye out for next year's event!

Listed below are a few examples of the benefits of using compost:

- Improves the soil structure, porosity, and density, thus creating a better plant root environment.
- Increases moisture infiltration and permeability of heavy soils, thus reducing erosion and runoff.
- Improves water-holding capacity, thus reducing water loss and leaching in sandy soils.
- Supplies a variety of macro and micronutrients.
- May control or suppress certain soil-borne plant pathogens.

- Supplies significant quantities of organic matter.
- Improves cation exchange capacity (CEC) of soils and growing media, thus improving their ability to hold nutrients for plant use.
- Supplies beneficial micro-organisms to soils and growing media.
- Improves and stabilizes soil pH.
- Can bind and degrade specific pollutants.

We would like to thank those who participated in helping keep Highland a cleaner and beautiful community!



ADMINISTRATION

TIPS FOR PREVENTING HEAT-RELATED ILLNESS

Wear Appropriate Clothing: Choose lightweight, light-colored, loose-fitting clothing.

Stay Cool Indoors: Stay in an air-conditioned place as much as possible. If your home does not have air conditioning, go to the shopping mall or public library—even a few hours spent in air conditioning can help your body stay cooler when you go back into the heat. Call your local health department to see if there are any heat-relief shelters in your area.

Keep in mind: Electric fans may provide comfort, but when the temperature is in the high 90s, they will not prevent heat-related illness. Taking a cool shower or bath or moving to an air-conditioned place is a much better way to cool off. Use your stove and oven less to maintain a cooler temperature in your home.

Schedule Outdoor Activities Carefully: Try to limit your outdoor activity to when it is coolest, like morning and evening hours. Rest often in shady areas so that your body has a chance to recover.

Pace Yourself: Cut down on exercise during the heat. If you are not accustomed to working or exercising in a hot environment, start slowly and pick up the pace gradually. If exertion in the heat makes your heart pound and leaves you gasping for breath, STOP all activity. Get into a cool area or into the shade, and rest, especially if you become lightheaded, confused, weak, or faint.

Wear Sunscreen: Sunburn affects your body's ability to cool down and can make you dehydrated. If you must go outdoors, protect yourself from the sun by wearing a wide-brimmed hat, sunglasses, and by putting on sunscreen of SPF 15 or higher 30 minutes prior to going out. Continue to reapply it according to the package directions. Look for sunscreens that say "broad spectrum" or "UVA/UVB protection: on their labels, these products work best.

Do Not Leave Children in Cars: Cars can quickly heat up to dangerous temperatures, even with a window cracked open. While anyone left in a parked car is at risk, children are especially at risk of getting a heat stroke or dying. When traveling with children, remember to do the following: Never leave infants, children, or pets in a parked car, even if the windows are cracked open. To remind yourself that a child is in the car, keep a stuffed animal in the car seat. When the child is buckled in, place the stuffed animal in the front with the driver. When leaving your car, check to be sure everyone is out of the car. Do not overlook any children who have fallen asleep in the car.





Diet tips: Stay away from very sugary or alcoholic drinks—these cause you to lose more body fluid. Also avoid very cold drinks because they can cause stomach cramps. Replace Salt and Minerals: Heavy sweating removes salt and minerals from the body that need to be replaced. A sports drink can replace the salt and minerals you lose in sweat.

If you are on a low-salt diet, have diabetes, high blood pressure, or other chronic conditions, talk with your doctor before drinking a sports beverage or taking salt tablets. Also try to avoid hot and heavy meals - they add heat to your body!

Keep Your Pets Hydrated: Provide plenty of fresh water for your pets and leave the water in a shady area.

Check for Updates: Check your local news for extreme heat alerts and safety tips and to learn about any cooling shelters in your area.

Know the Signs: Learn the signs and symptoms of heat-related illnesses and how to treat them.

Use a Buddy System: When working in the heat, monitor the condition of your co-workers and have someone do the same for you. Heat-induced illness can cause a person to become confused or lose consciousness. If you are 65 years of age or older, have a friend or relative call to check on you twice a day during a heat wave. If you know someone in this age group, check on them at least twice a day.

Monitor Those at High Risk: Although anyone at any time can suffer from heat-related illness, some people are at greater risk than others:

- Infants and young children
- People 65 years of age or older
- People who are overweight
- People who overexert during work or exercise

People who are physically ill, especially with heart disease or high blood pressure, or who take certain medications, such as for depression, insomnia, or poor circulation. Visit adults at risk at least twice a day and closely watch them for signs of heat exhaustion or heat stroke. Infants and young children, of course, need much more frequent watching.

For further information about severe weather conditions, please visit www.cdc.gov

Public Works

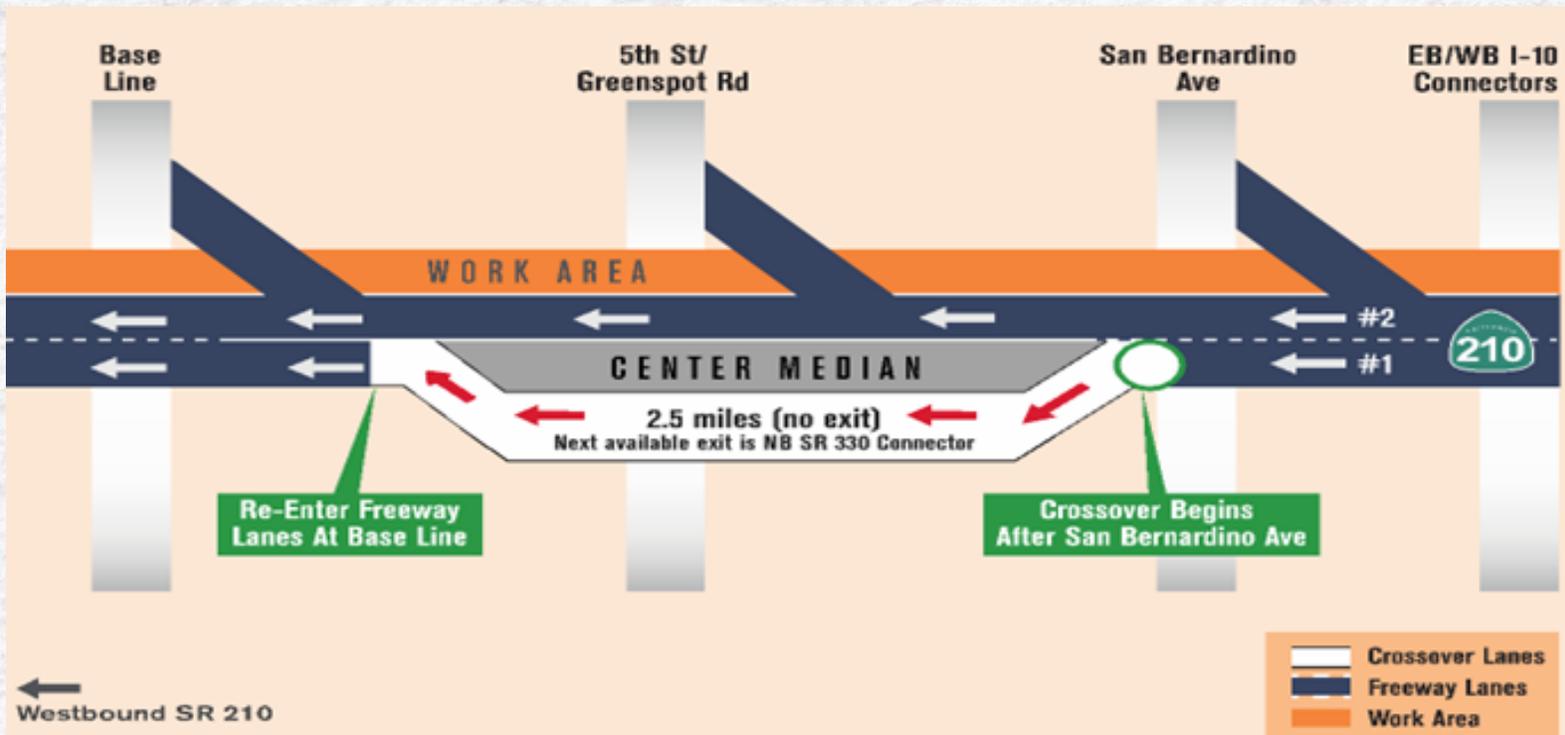
SR - 210 Construction Update

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.

Thank you Highland residents for your continued patience and support of this project.



National Prescription Drug Take Back Day

October 29, 2022

The National Prescription Drug Take Back Day aims to provide a safe, convenient, and responsible means of disposing of prescription drugs, while also educating the general public about the potential for abuse of medications. Check back for location and additional information.

The San Bernardino County Fire Department also has a great program that will accept your Medications (excluding controlled substances, separate liquids from solids), at your local:

Household Hazardous Waste
(909) 382-5401 or

1-800-OILY-CAT (1-800-645-9228)

2824 East "W" Street
San Bernardino, CA

Monday to Friday ** 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

DEA NATIONAL ^{Rx}
TAKEBACK

Saturday, October 29
10 a.m. – 2 p.m.

DEATakeBack.com



DISCOUNT

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





Volunteer Services



HIGHLAND IMPROVEMENT TEAM

THE HIGHLAND IMPROVEMENT TEAM NEEDS VOLUNTEERS!

We are looking for you to become a 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!

Please join us at our next HIT project, scheduled for Saturday, September 10, 2022, from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. (Noon). Registration begins at 7:30 a.m. at Highland City Hall, 27215 Base Line. Please contact Volunteer Services to sign-up and for more information at (909) 864-6861, extension 203.

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!



EMERGENCY MORTGAGE ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (EMAP)

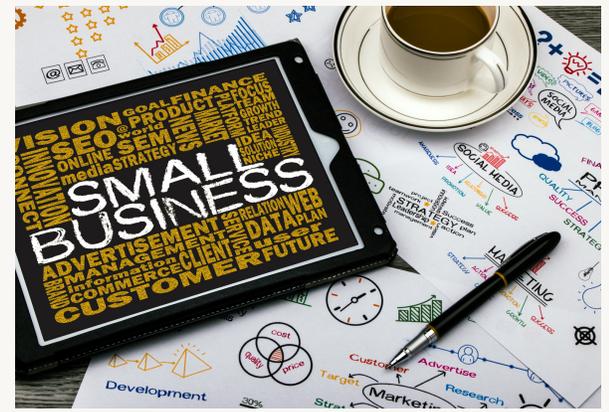
The City of Highland has established the EMERGENCY MORTGAGE ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (EMAP) to assist Highland residents with mortgage delinquencies resulting from the pandemic. This program aims to assist homeowners of limited income, impacted by the pandemic, by reducing delinquent mortgage payments and/or 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 22, 2022 through August 26, 2022, graffiti was made known to Public Works staff by the following means and removed:

Routine observation by Public Works: 26080 Base Line, 25942 Base Line, Base Line & Guthrie St., Palm Avenue bridge, Pacific St. & San Francisco St., Base Line & Seeley Ct., 26091 Base Line, Community Park, Sterling Ave. & Jane St., 5th St. & Central Ave., Base Line & Mira Vista Ave., Ward Avenue alley, Base Line & Walker St., Fisher St. & Del Rosa Ave., Del Rosa Dr. & Fisher St., Sterling Ave. & Base Line, Plunge Creek Trail

Hotline: Del Rosa Ave. & Pacific St.

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

Calendar of Events



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.

PROTECT YOUR COMMUNITY

KEEP TRASH OUT OF OUR STREETS



Step 1

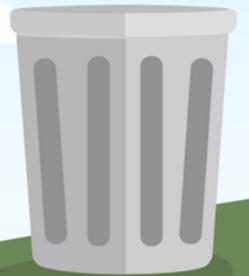
Gather your used masks, gloves, and wipes

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?**



#SBCFreeCanister
@sbcountystormwater



SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY STORMWATER PROGRAM
**WHERE WATER
MEETS COMMUNITY**



Scan code for a
FREE CANISTER

freedoggiebags.com

Big Bear • Chino • Chino Hills • Colton • Fontana • Grand Terrace • Highland • Loma Linda • Montclair • Ontario • Rancho Cucamonga • Redlands
Rialto • San Bernardino • San Bernardino County • San Bernardino County Flood Control District • Upland • Yucaipa

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

WE ARE LOOKING FOR YOU!



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Be part of a great group of dedicated community volunteers!

JOIN US AS WE BEAUTIFY OUR COMMUNITY!

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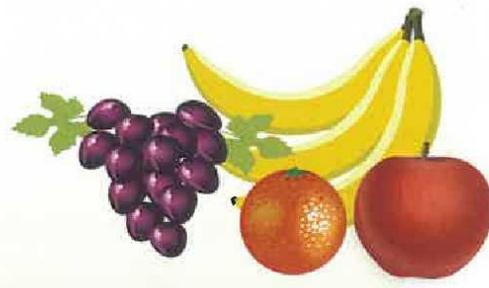
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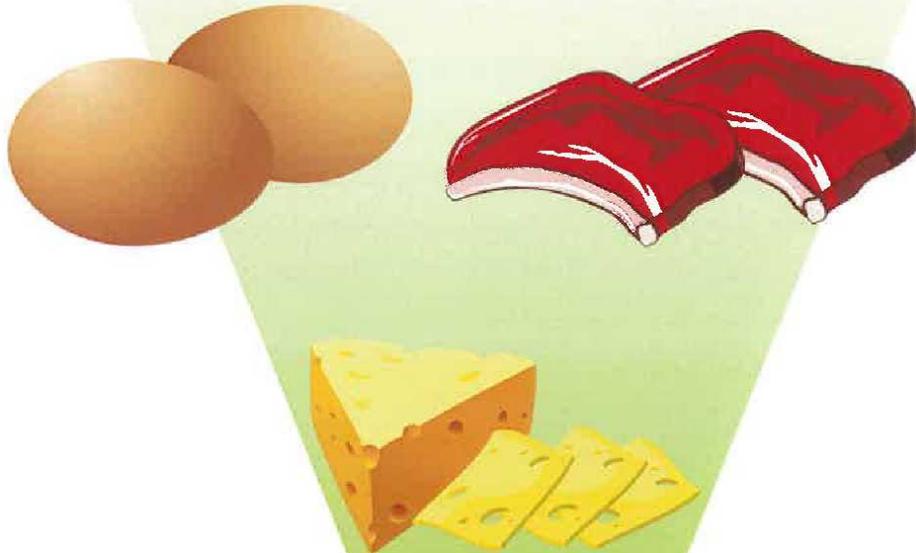
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Food Waste Recycling



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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Office of Media and Public Information
(213) 244-2442
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®](https://socalgas.com) is the [largest gas distribution utility](https://socalgas.com) in the United States. SoCalGas delivers affordable, reliable, and increasingly renewable gas service to 21.8 million consumers across [24,000 square miles](https://socalgas.com) 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](https://socalgas.com). In support of that mission, SoCalGas aspires to achieve [net-zero greenhouse gas emissions](https://socalgas.com) 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](https://sempra.com) (NYSE: SRE), an energy services holding company based in San Diego.

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