

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

City of Highland



25th Annual Citrus Harvest Festival



March 25, 2023



JOIN US

The Citrus Harvest Festival is the City's flagship event traditionally held on the last Saturday of March. Located along the blocks of Main Street between Cole Avenue and Church Avenue, the event features around 150 vendors, a car show hosted by the Highland Area Historical Society, live music and entertainment, a historic home tour, and a variety of food truck options. Event vendors include real estate advertising, clothing and accessories, games and crafts, and historic demonstrations. Live entertainment includes performances by the local school bands as well as the presentation of the Citrus Harvest Festival Honoree by the City Mayor.



For further information, please contact 909-864-6861, extension 210.



Citrus Harvest Festival Baking Contest March 9, 2023

Entry forms are available at Highland City Hall, 27215 Base Line, on our city website or can be sent via email. Multiple entries will be accepted. Entries need to be turned in by Thursday, March 9th at Highland City Hall (27215 Base Line) between 7:30am and 12:30pm.

Entries must be homemade and contain a citrus product.



Adult categories are:

- Cake/Cupcake/Bread/Muffin
- Cookie/Bar
- Pie/Tart
- Jam/Jelly/Relish/Salsa

Child categories are:

- Cake/Cupcake
- Cookie/Bar
- Pie/Tart



Refrigeration is available for those entries that need to stay cold.

Ribbons will be awarded to 1st, 2nd and 3rd place entries in each adult and child category. Winners will be notified by Thursday, March 16, 2023.

Presentation of awards will be given at the main stage during the Citrus Harvest Festival on Saturday, March 25, 2023.

For more information or to receive an entry form by email, please contact Denise Moreno at 909-864-6861, extension 203 or dmoreno@cityofhighland.org

HIGHLAND IMPROVEMENT TEAM

Please join us at our next HIT project, scheduled for Saturday, March 18, 2023 from 8:00am to 12:00pm. We need your help sprucing up the Historic District for our Annual Citrus Harvest Festival. Please contact Volunteer Services to sign-up and for detailed information at 909-864-6861, extension 203.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED...

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!

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.



Do you know of a potential project or Highland residence that may need our help? Please contact Volunteer Services for more information!

Blood Drive

Mark your calendar because Highland's 2023 Blood Drive dates and appointments are now available!!! Please consider giving back to the community by donating the gift of blood. This is especially needed right now as blood supply is at an all-time low. All Highland Blood Drives take place at the Highland Police Station (26985 Base Line) from 12:00pm to 5:00pm.

Please see the 2023 Blood Drive dates below. Follow the links to reserve your appointments for the entire year!

- Monday, March 27, 2023
https://giftoflife.lstream.org/donor/schedules/drive_schedule/105367
- Monday, May 22, 2023
https://giftoflife.lstream.org/donor/schedules/drive_schedule/105368
- Monday, July 31, 2023
https://giftoflife.lstream.org/donor/schedules/drive_schedule/105369
- Monday, September 25, 2023
https://giftoflife.lstream.org/donor/schedules/drive_schedule/105370
- Monday, November 27, 2023
https://giftoflife.lstream.org/donor/schedules/drive_schedule/105371

For more information or to schedule an appointment by phone, contact Denise Moreno, Volunteer Services Coordinator, at 909-864-6861, extension 203 or email dmoreno@cityofhighland.org.

Public Works

During the period of February 13, 2023, through February 16, 2023, graffiti was made known to Public Works staff by the following means and removed:
Routine observation by Public Works: 5th St. and Bridge, 26840 Base Line, 7272 Sterling, Pacific St. and San Francisco, Seeley Ct. and Base Line, Highland Storage, Palm Bridge, Del Rosa Ave., Mira Vista, 9th St. and Elmwood, Golondrina.

Hotline: Rogers and Base Line.

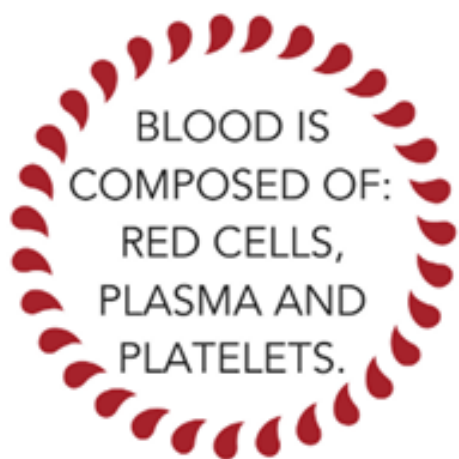
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GIVE HOPE | GIVE LIFE | GIVE BLOOD

800.879.4484 | LSTREAM.ORG

Facts & Stats



**YOU ARE THE
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**PLATELETS ARE
ESPECIALLY NEEDED BY
CANCER PATIENTS.**



**1 IN 7 PEOPLE
ENTERING THE
HOSPITAL WILL NEED A
BLOOD TRANSFUSION.**

**EVERY 2 SECONDS
SOMEONE IN THE
U.S. NEEDS BLOOD**



1 in 7

**HOSPITAL PATIENTS
NEEDS BLOOD.**



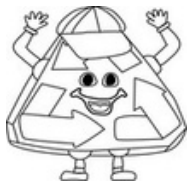
**LESS
THAN**



**OF THE POPULATION
THAT'S ELIGIBLE TO
DONATE ACTUALLY
DOES SO**



MAKE A DIFFERENCE IN SOMEONE'S LIFE



Attention Highland Residents



What You Should Know About Street Sweeping in Highland

1) Help us to serve you better by removing all possible obstacles from the street on your scheduled day. Although the City of Highland does not enforce street sweeping parking restrictions, we appreciate your assistance in keeping the streets clear on your scheduled day.

Parked vehicles cause the operator to swing wide to miss them. Moving vehicles off a street scheduled for sweeping allows crews to thoroughly clean the street from curb-to-curb. One parked car equals nearly three car lengths of space that can't be swept because the street sweeping equipment must leave room to avoid it. This can result in debris building up on the roadway and entering the storm drain which can cause flooding during heavy rains and contribute to water pollution.



2) In residential areas the street sweeper can sweep anytime from 7am to 5pm, the day after your solid waste collection day.

3) If solid waste collection is delayed one day due to a holiday, the street sweeper will be delayed one day as well. There is NO holiday delay this year.

4) Since sweeping is done as close to the curb as possible, things like overhanging tree branches, basketball hoops, solid waste collection carts and especially parked vehicles cause the operator to swing wide to miss them. When this happens, debris is left on the street and the quality of the sweeping is reduced.

5) Street sweeping also serves as one of our Best Management Practices (BMP) to control and improve water quality.

For more information or to report a street sweeping complaint please contact the Public Services Division at 909-864-6861, extension 271.

For Disposal of Large or Bulky Items

Burrtec now provides four residential curbside large or bulky item collections (maximum of 5 items per collection) during a 12-month period at no extra charge. Please call at least 24 hours in advance to schedule your bulky item pick up. Large or bulky items include: scrap metal, wood, old appliances, furniture, televisions, computer monitors, refrigerator or freezer, tree branches, mattresses, etc.



For more information please contact
the Public Services Division at 909-864-6861, extension 271.

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.



COMPOST GIVEAWAY

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

Date: March 4, 2023

Time: 8am -12(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 serve basis.

- Wait time could be up to 2 hours.

- A tarp is recommended for open bed truck & trailers.

- City staff reserve the right to end the event at any time due to product availability.



BURRTEC

"We'll Take Care Of It"

When the Wind Blows, Palm Fronds go...EVERYWHERE!!!



While Public Works Department works to clear our streets after windy weather, this is a friendly reminder to properly dispose of palm fronds by placing them in your solid waste bin!

Seniors Wanted!

Are you a Highland resident and sixty (60) years of age or older? If so, then you are eligible to receive a senior discount on trash service. Senior citizen rates are equivalent to a twenty percent (20%) discount to the individuals who meet the following criteria:

- a. Over sixty (60) years of age
 - b. Residing as head of household
 - c. Single Family residence only
- Note: proof of items a-c is required*



For more information on the senior discount please contact
Burrtec Waste Industries, Inc. customer, call 909-889-1969.

For general information regarding solid waste and/or recycling services
in the City of Highland, please contact Public Services Division
at 909-864-6861 extension 271.

Residential Food Waste Recycling Program

- **Am I required to participate?** Yes. This is a California law that requires all residents, multifamily tenants, and commercial businesses to participate in food waste recycling in order to comply with Senate Bill 1383.
- **Will plastic bags be supplied?** Customers will be required to use their own bags. Bags do not need to be compostable or biodegradable.
- **What is the benefit of recycling food waste?** Your recycling efforts contribute to the reduction of greenhouse gas emissions from landfilled organic waste. This includes methane, a greenhouse gas 80 times more potent than carbon dioxide.
- **I already have a backyard compost, do I have to participate?** We encourage you to continue backyard composting. Organic items not suitable for backyard compost can be recycled through this program.
- **Can I use my garbage disposal instead?** No need to change your current garbage disposal use. Food currently being discarded in your trash barrel should now be bagged and placed in your green waste barrel.
- **What items are acceptable?** Fruits, vegetables, meats, seafood, dairy, eggshells, bread, food scraps, food soiled paper, plate scrapings, and expired food.
- **What items are not acceptable?** Trash, styrofoam, liquids, glass, plastic, metal, diapers, pet waste, electronic waste, and hazardous waste



San Bernardino County

Household Hazardous Waste Collection Facilities

ACCEPTED ITEMS

- Motor Oil/Used Filters
- Auto & Household Batteries
- Paint Products
- Antifreeze
- Household Cleaners
- Pesticides & Fertilizers
- Medications (excluding controlled substances, separate liquids from solids)
- Home-Generated Sharps/Needles in approved container
- Fluorescent Tubes
- E-Waste (Electronic Waste) such as: TVs & Computer Monitors, CPUs, Printers, Microwave Ovens, Cell/Mobile Phones, Telephones, Space Heaters, Stereos, Radios, VCRs/DVD Players, Musical Cards, Clothes Irons
- Mercury Thermostats
- Cooking Oil

ITEMS NOT ACCEPTED

- Business/Commercial Wastes
- Wastes from foreclosed properties and non-profit organizations
- Radioactive Wastes
- Medical Wastes other than Sharps
- Asbestos
- Explosives
- Reactives
- Tires, Appliances, Furniture, Air Conditioner, etc.

Transportation Guidelines

Before transporting hazardous waste to a collection facility, be sure that:

- The amount of waste transported does not exceed 15 gallons or 125 lbs. per visit in containers no larger than 5 gallons.
- The waste is properly labeled as to its contents or in its original container.
- The containers are sound, not leaking and sealed.
- Wastes are placed securely in the vehicle for safe transport.
- The contents of the container are the same as stated on the label. If not, cover up the label and write the name of its contents.

Did you know that used motor oil and filters are 100% recyclable?

Collection Facility Information
San Bernardino County
Fire Department
Household Hazardous Waste Program
(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.

Quick Guide to Recycling

What CAN Be Recycled...

PLASTICS NO. 1-7

- ▶ Milk, juice, soda and water bottles
- ▶ Yogurt, dairy and margarine tubs
- ▶ Shampoo and conditioner bottles
- ▶ Detergent and fabric softener bottles
- ▶ Clean garden pots or flats
- ▶ Styrofoam packaging & to go containers
- ▶ Disposable plates and cups

MIXED PAPER & NEWSPAPER

- ▶ Newspaper (with inserts)
- ▶ Magazines/ catalogues
- ▶ Junk mail (remove free samples)
- ▶ White & colored paper
- ▶ Brown paper bags
- ▶ Telephone/ paperback books
- ▶ Envelopes with plastic window
- ▶ Wrapping paper

ALUMINUM & TIN (labels may stay on)

- ▶ Steel or tin cans (e.g. tuna cans)
- ▶ Pie tins
- ▶ Aluminum foil
- ▶ Aluminum food & soda cans

CARDBOARD

- ▶ Cardboard
- ▶ Cardboard (soda/beverage carriers)
- ▶ Binboard (e.g. cereal boxes)
- ▶ Milk cartons

GLASS (remove lids from jar, labels may stay on)

- ▶ Glass bottles/ jars (any color)
- ▶ Mason jars

What NOT To Recycle...

- Soiled paper or cardboard
- Pizza boxes with food residue
- Hoses or lawn furniture
- Disposable diapers
- Clothing or shoes
- Food waste
- Bathroom Waste
- Wax paper
- Plastic children's toys or pools
- Aerosol or paint cans
- Window glass
- Flooring or carpet
- Rags
- Ribbon
- Carbon paper

Please do not contaminate your recyclable containers with trash and yard waste. All materials placed in your blue cart should be relatively clean, dry and empty.

For more information please contact your service provider or a City representative:

Burrtec Waste Industries, Inc. (909) 889-1969

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



Calendar of Events

March 7, 2023

6pm — Planning Commission Meeting, Donahue Council Chambers

March 9, 2023

7:30am to 12:30pm — (Entries accepted)
Citrus Harvest Festival - Baking Contest,
Highland City Hall, 27215 Base Line
Information: 909-864-6861, ext. 203

March 13, 2023

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

March 18, 2023

8am to 12pm — Highland Improvement
Team- Historic District Cleanup, Main
Street & Palm Avenue

March 14, 2023

6pm — City Council Meeting, Donahue
Council Chambers

March 21, 2023

6pm — Planning Commission Meeting,
Donahue Council Chambers

March 25, 2023

10am to 3:30pm — 25th Annual Citrus
Harvest Festival, Highland's Historic
District at the intersection of Palm and
Main Street

March 27, 2023

12pm to 5pm — Blood Drive, 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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"We'll Take Care Of It"



HIGHLAND CITY HALL

**27215 BASE LINE
HIGHLAND, CA 92346**

**PICK UP YOUR FREE FOOD WASTE PAIL
MONDAY - THURSDAY 7:30AM TO 5:30PM**

For more information on how to
recycle food scraps scan this QR Code



FAQs

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BLACK BARREL GUIDE

YES

- ✓ Clothing
- ✓ Diapers
- ✓ Dishware
- ✓ Hoses
- ✓ Flower pots
- ✓ Paper towels
- ✓ Pet waste
- ✓ Plastic bags
- ✓ Plastic toys
- ✓ Plastic utensils
- ✓ Shrink wrap
- ✓ Soiled paper
- ✓ Straws
- ✓ Window glass
- ✓ Wipes

NO

- ✗ Batteries
- ✗ Electronic waste
- ✗ Hazardous waste
- ✗ Hot ashes
- ✗ Infectious waste
- ✗ Flammables
- ✗ Fluorescent bulbs
- ✗ Machinery
- ✗ Paint
- ✗ Pesticides
- ✗ Oil
- ✗ Sharps
- ✗ Tires



BLUE BARREL GUIDE

YES

- ✓ Aerosol cans
- ✓ Aluminum cans
- ✓ Cardboard
- ✓ Cartons
- ✓ Computer paper
- ✓ Envelopes
- ✓ Glass bottles & jars
- ✓ Junk mail
- ✓ Magazines
- ✓ Newspaper
- ✓ Paper
- ✓ #1 - #7 Plastics
- ✓ Tin cans
- ✓ Tissue boxes
- ✓ Wrapping paper

NO

- ✗ Bubble wrap
- ✗ Carpet
- ✗ Ceramic dishes & cups
- ✗ Clothing
- ✗ Electronic waste
- ✗ Furniture
- ✗ Fluorescent bulbs
- ✗ Hoses
- ✗ Mirrors
- ✗ Pet food bags
- ✗ Plastic play pools
- ✗ Plastic toys
- ✗ Stuffed animals
- ✗ Windows glass



GREEN BARREL GUIDE

YES

- ✓ Bagged food waste
- ✓ Birds of Paradise
- ✓ Brush
- ✓ Dead plants
- ✓ Expired food
- ✓ Flowers
- ✓ Food soiled paper
- ✓ Grass clippings
- ✓ Leaves
- ✓ Prunings
- ✓ Shrub trimmings
- ✓ Small branches
- ✓ Twigs
- ✓ Untreated wood
- ✓ Weeds

NO

- ✗ Animal waste
- ✗ Batteries
- ✗ Cactus
- ✗ Concrete
- ✗ Dirt
- ✗ Electronic waste
- ✗ Flammables
- ✗ Glass
- ✗ Hazardous waste
- ✗ Liquids
- ✗ Metal
- ✗ Plastic
- ✗ Rocks

HOW TO COLLECT FOOD WASTE AT HOME



1 COLLECT

Begin collecting food waste separate from your other trash and recycling. This includes: fruits, vegetables, meats, seafood, bread, dairy, eggshells, coffee, plate scrapings, peels, rinds, food soiled paper, and expired food.

2 ADD & SECURE

Add food waste to its own separate plastic-lined container. Store it in a convenient place, such as on your countertop, in your refrigerator or under your sink. Secure your plastic bag by tying it off. Remember, bags do not have to be compostable or biodegradable. They can be any color. We encourage you to re-use bags you may already have such as bread bags and produce bags.



3 DISCARD

Place your bagged food waste into your green barrel, along with your green waste. Continue using your green waste barrel as usual. Remember, food waste no longer belongs in your trash barrel.

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



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



Scan code for a
FREE CANISTER
freedoggiebags.com

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Rialto • San Bernardino • San Bernardino County • San Bernardino County Flood Control District • Upland • Yucaipa



SAFE SHARPS & MEDICATION DISPOSAL

DID YOU KNOW THAT FREE MAIL BACK OPTIONS ARE AVAILABLE TO RESIDENTS FOR PROPER AND SAFE DISPOSAL OF YOUR SHARPS AND MANY MEDICATIONS? PLEASE USE THE QR CODES BELOW OR VISIT [MED-PROJECT.ORG](https://med-project.org) FOR INFORMATION ABOUT FREE DISPOSAL OPTIONS AND TO REQUEST A MAIL BACK CONTAINER FOR YOUR SHARPS OR MEDICATION.

For sharps
disposal
please
visit



For medication
disposal
please visit



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



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NEWS RELEASE

SoCalGas Triples Contribution to Gas Assistance Fund to Help Customers *Impacted by Historically High Natural Gas Prices*

*Company encourages customers to take advantage of conservation tips and programs
to help reduce their bills*

LOS ANGELES – January 6, 2023 – Southern California Gas Co. (SoCalGas) today announced a \$1 million contribution to the Gas Assistance Fund, a program that helps income-qualified customers pay their natural gas bills. Customers will be facing bills that could be double or higher compared to last year's winter bills.

The high bills are a result of historically high natural gas prices in the western United States. SoCalGas doesn't set the price for natural gas. Instead, natural gas prices are determined by national and regional markets. SoCalGas buys natural gas in those markets on behalf of residential and small business customers, and the cost of buying that gas is billed to those customers with no markup, meaning SoCalGas does not profit from gas commodity prices going up.

According to the US Energy Information Administration (EIA), a number of factors are contributing to higher natural gas commodity prices.

- Widespread, below-normal temperatures on much of the West Coast, including Washington and Oregon;
- High natural gas demand for heating by customers in areas with below normal temperatures;
- Reduced natural gas supplies to the West Coast from Canada and the Rocky Mountains;
- Reduced interstate pipeline capacity to the West Coast because of pipeline maintenance activities in West Texas; and
- Low natural gas storage levels on the West Coast.

A detailed report about these market conditions can be found here: <https://www.eia.gov/naturalgas/weekly/>.

The Gas Assistance Fund is a joint effort between SoCalGas and United Way of Greater Los Angeles, working with non-profit organizations throughout our service territory, to help income-qualified customers pay their natural gas bill with a one-time grant of up to \$100 per household. Full guidelines for qualification can be found at <https://www.socalgas.com/gaf>.

“We know that these higher prices have a real impact on our customers,” said Senior Vice President and Chief Customer Officer Gillian Wright. “But we want them to know that there is help. We have valuable information on how to conserve energy, programs to assist with managing your energy usage and an unprecedented contribution to our Gas Assistance Fund, which will help our most vulnerable customers pay their bills.”

To help customers manage energy usage and possibly save on bills, SoCalGas recommends the following tips:

- Lowering your thermostat three to five degrees – if health permits – can save up to 10 percent on heating costs.
- Installing proper caulking and weather-stripping can save roughly 10 to 15 percent on heating and cooling bills.
- Washing clothes in cold water to save up to 10 percent on water heating costs.
- Considering turning down the temperature on your water heater.
- Limiting use of non-essential natural gas appliances such as spas and fireplaces.
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SoCalGas’ free Ways to Save tool may also help customers find ways to save on natural gas bills, with a personalized savings plan that offers a household energy analysis, customized energy-efficiency recommendations, bill comparisons and energy usage comparisons. Ways to Save can be found at www.socalgas.com/waystosave.

Customers can also sign up for weekly Bill Tracker Alerts to monitor gas consumption, take steps to reduce usage, and avoid bill surprises. Alerts are sent through email or text and include a bill-to-date and projected next bill amount to help manage energy bills as easily as possible. Eligible customers may also sign up for a Level Pay Plan (LPP), which averages their annual natural gas use and costs over 12 months.

SoCalGas also encourages individuals who are experiencing hardship to explore the many bill payment or assistance programs options it offers or to call 1-800-427-2200. Customers may be eligible for one of many assistance programs including:

- California Alternate Rates for Energy (CARE): Eligible participants can save 20 percent on their natural gas bill. [Socalgas.com/CARE](https://www.socalgas.com/CARE)
- Energy Savings Assistance Program (ESAP): Eligible customers can save energy and money through professional home improvements at no cost. [Socalgas.com/Improvements](https://www.socalgas.com/Improvements)
- Residential Advanced Clean Energy Program (RES DI): Eligible customers residing in single-family homes can receive a complimentary walkthrough energy assessment and installation of energy technologies to help conserve and lower energy usage.
- Arrearage Management Plan (AMP): Eligible customers can apply to have their past due balance forgiven. Learn more at www.socalgas.com/forgiveness.

For more information on tips, programs and ways to save, visit <https://newsroom.socalgas.com/stories/a-note-to-our-customers-high-bills-may-come-as-a-shock-in-january-but-we-have-some-tips-and>.

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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 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 infrastructure company based in San Diego.

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which have become more pronounced due to recent geopolitical events, such as the war in Ukraine; failure of our counterparties to honor their contracts and commitments; our ability to borrow money on favorable terms or otherwise and meet our debt service obligations, including due to (i) actions by credit rating agencies to downgrade our credit ratings or place those ratings on negative outlook and (ii) rising interest rates and inflation; the impact on our cost of capital and the affordability of customer rates due to volatility in inflation, interest rates and commodity prices and our ability to effectively hedge these risks; the impact of energy and climate policies, laws, rules and disclosures, as well as related goals and actions of companies in our industry, including actions to reduce or eliminate reliance on natural gas, any deterioration of or increased uncertainty in the political or regulatory environment for California natural gas distribution companies and the risk of nonrecovery for stranded assets; the pace of the development and adoption of new technologies in the energy sector, including those designed to support governmental and private party energy and climate goals, and our ability to efficiently incorporate them into our business; weather, natural disasters, pandemics, accidents, equipment failures, explosions, acts of terrorism, information system outages or other events that disrupt our operations, damage our facilities or systems, cause the release of harmful materials, cause fires or subject us to liability for damages, fines and penalties, some of which may not be recoverable through regulatory mechanisms, may be disputed or not covered by insurers, or may impact our ability to obtain satisfactory levels of affordable insurance; the availability of natural gas and natural gas storage capacity, including disruptions caused by limitations on the withdrawal of natural gas from storage facilities; the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on capital projects, regulatory approvals and the execution of our operations; changes in tax and trade policies, laws and regulations, including tariffs, revisions to international trade agreements and sanctions, such as those that have been imposed and that may be imposed in the future in connection with the war in Ukraine, which may increase our costs, reduce our competitiveness, impact our ability to do business with certain counterparties, or impair our ability to resolve trade disputes; and other uncertainties, some of which are difficult to predict and beyond our control.

These risks and uncertainties are further discussed in the reports that the company has filed with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC). These reports are available through the EDGAR system free-of-charge on the SEC's website, <http://www.sec.gov>, and on Sempra's website, <http://www.sempra.com>. Investors should not rely unduly on any forward-looking statements.

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