

# WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

*City of Highland*



## STATE OF THE CITY

The City of Highland invites you to the 2023 State of the City! Please, join us on Thursday, September 14, 2023, for the State of the City reception and program. During the program, the Mayor will highlight some of the City's achievements from this past year as well as give an update on future City endeavors.

\*Light refreshments will be served.

Reservations required. Seating is limited. Please RSVP by September 7, 2023 to 909-864-6861, extension 203 or register online using this link or QR code: <https://app.waiversign.com/e/5c322291e2176d25a49c57e6/doc/64d2754f436d1200119a190f?eventName=2023%20State%20of%20City%20Event>





CITY OF HIGHLAND

# STATE OF THE CITY

## *Address*

**Thursday, September 14, 2023**

5:30pm - Reception

6:30pm - Program

The Event Center at  
Bear Springs Hotel

27923 Highland Avenue  
Highland, CA 92346

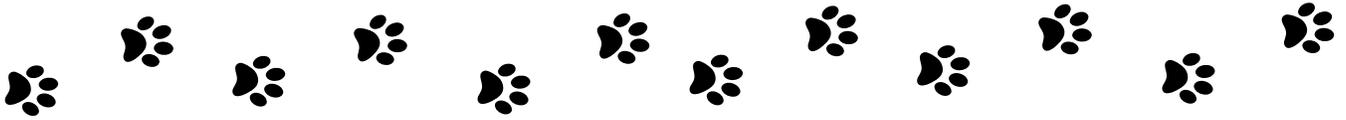
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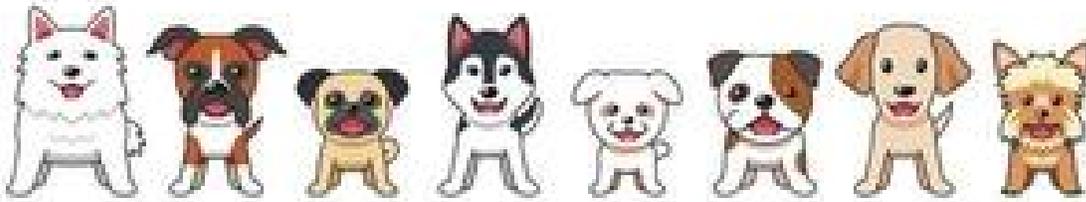
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or scan the QR Code to register.



# Online Dog License Services Have Arrived!



The City of Highland is proud to offer a new online dog license application portal. Effective August 8, 2023, new Dog License applications and renewals may be submitted and paid for online. Please visit our website at [www.cityofhighland.org](http://www.cityofhighland.org) and click on the dog paw.



If you have any questions please email: [doglicense@cityofhighland.org](mailto:doglicense@cityofhighland.org)



## CLEAN AIR DAY IS OCTOBER 4, 2023

Join the City of Highland and take your PLEDGE Today!!!

### Join All of California

Join your fellow Californians in pledging to take at least one action on Clean Air Day to help clear the air so you can breathe better and support your community's health.

### Take the Pledge

Your pledge will be part of a million actions to clean the air across California. Together, we can clear the air!

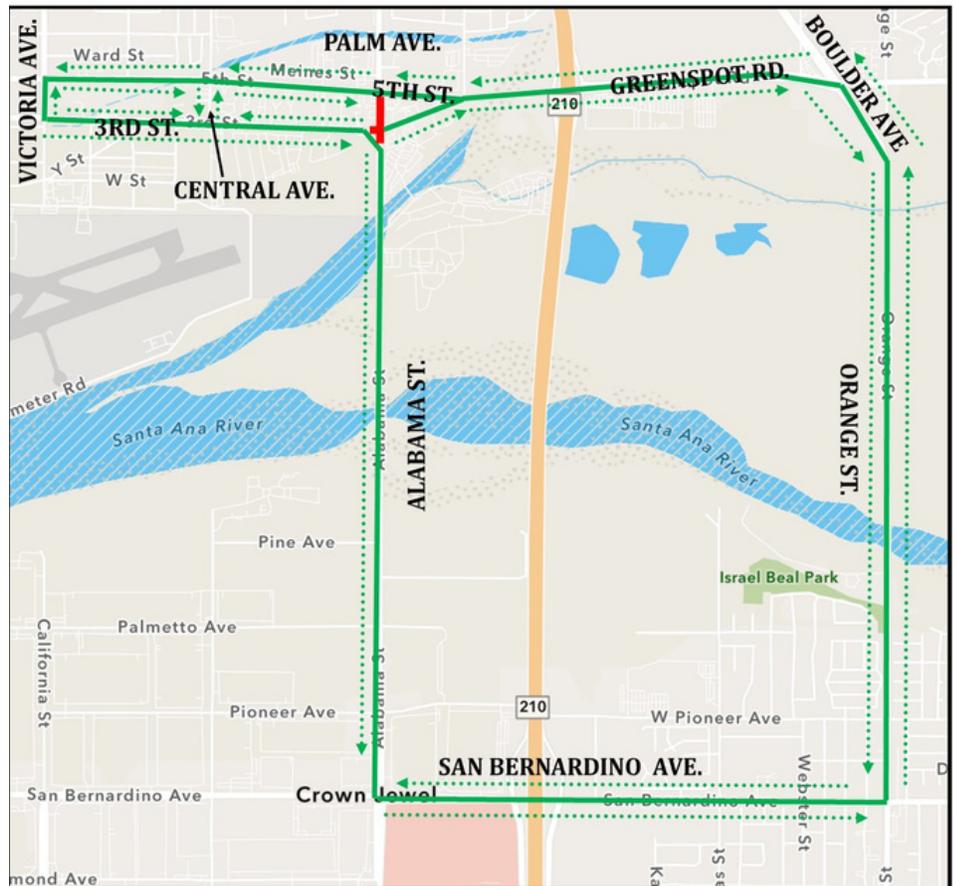


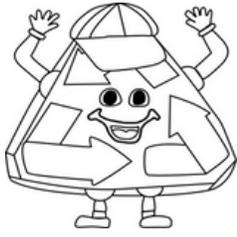
Follow this link: <https://www.cleanairday.org/pledge/individual/Highland2023/>  
or Scan this QR Code to take your pledge today!

More information can be found at [www.cleanairday.org](http://www.cleanairday.org)

# Road Closure Notice

The segment of Palm Avenue between 3rd and 5th Street will be closed to traffic beginning July 5th through August 31st to construct concrete pavement in connection with the City's 3rd Street/5th Street Corridor Improvements (Project). This Project will also construct curbs and gutters, sidewalks, storm drain, traffic signal, street lights and pavement improvements along 3rd Street, 5th Street, Palm Avenue and Central Avenue. Improvements also include extending 3rd Street to 5th Street at the Church Avenue intersection. This detour has been coordinated with the cities of Redlands and San Bernardino and County of San Bernardino. Changeable message signs have been posted to alert motorists of the planned closure of Palm Avenue. Additionally, businesses on Palm Avenue/Alabama Street between San Bernardino Avenue and 5th Street have been notified of the road closure. Northbound traffic for Alabama Street from San Bernardino Avenue to 3rd Street will be open for businesses only. Traffic is being detoured east on San Bernardino Avenue at Alabama Street then north on Orange Street and west on Greenspot Road. Southbound traffic on Palm Avenue is being detoured west on 5th Street then south on Victoria Avenue, east on 3rd Street and south onto Alabama Street. See attached road closure map for more information. We thank residents and businesses for their cooperation as we complete much needed roadway improvements on Palm Avenue in the City of Highland.

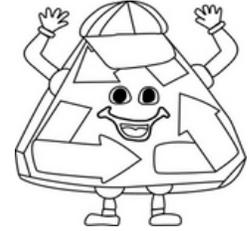




## Attention Highland Residents:

### MED-PROJECT

### Medication Education & Disposal



#### Safely Dispose of Sharps

Safely disposing of home-generated used sharps is important. Sharps that are not disposed of safely may cause injury.

#### What Should You Do With Your Sharps?

##### Sharps Disposal

**Accepted:** Sharps such as hypodermic needles, pen needles, intravenous needles, lancets, and other devices that are used to penetrate the skin for the delivery of medications, contained in U.S. Food and Drug Administration-cleared sharps containers. Please separate and remove any items that are not accepted before disposing.

**Not Accepted:** Controlled substances (such as opioids), unwanted medicine separate from sharps, batteries, illicit or illegal drugs, and biologics (such as insulin).

## Disposal of Household Sharps

### Sharps Usage

If there are specific instructions on the label, package, or package insert, please follow those instructions.

### Safe Disposal Information

Place all sharps in a sharps disposal container immediately after they have been used. This will reduce the risk of needle sticks, cuts, and punctures from sharps. Never place sharps in the trash, recycling, or green waste container. Never flush sharps down the drain or toilet.

**NEVER  
WASTE A  
CHANCE  
TO BE  
SAFE WITH  
SHARPS**



## Mail-Back Services

Mail-Back Services are available in your area. To order a Mail-Back package, visit the Mail-Back section of [www.med-project.org](http://www.med-project.org). Sharps can be dangerous to people and pets if not disposed of safely. Sharps can cause injuries and/or spread infections that cause serious health conditions. These infections may include: Hepatitis B (HBV), Hepatitis C (HCV), and Human Immunodeficiency Virus (HIV). Safe sharps disposal is important whether you are at home, at work, at school, traveling, or in other public places such as hotels, parks, and restaurants. Pet owners who use needles to give medicine to their pets should follow the same sharps disposal guidelines used for humans.

## Sharps Disposal Containers

All sharps disposal containers should be made of heavy-duty plastic; able to close with a tight-fitting, puncture resistant lid without sharps being able to come out; upright and stable during use; leak-resistant; and properly labeled as “sharps waste” or with the biohazard symbol and the word “BIOHAZARD”. Place all sharps in a sharps disposal container immediately after they have been used. This will reduce the risk of needle sticks, cuts, and punctures from sharps. Sharps disposal containers should be kept out of reach of children and pets.

## Do Not Reuse Sharps Disposal Containers

### Mail-Back Services

Mail-Back Services are available in your area. To order a Mail-Back package, visit the Mail-Back section of [www.med-project.org](http://www.med-project.org). For more information about the MED-Project program: Visit [www.MED-PROJECT.org](http://www.MED-PROJECT.org) or call 1 (844) MED-PROJECT (633-7765).

Should you have any questions regarding the MED-PROJECT Sharps free home Mail-Back Services, please contact: ·City of Highland, Public Services

Division at 909-864-8732 ext. 271



# BLOOD DRIVE



The City of Highland hosts a blood drive six times per year in January, March, May, July, September and November. Blood supply is typically lower during the summer months and with the supply already low, now your blood donation is needed more than ever. We need you...please consider joining us at our next drive on Monday, September 25th to become Highlands newest donor! 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 appointment.

• Monday, September 25, 2023

[https://giftoflife.lstream.org/donor/schedules/drive\\_schedule/105370](https://giftoflife.lstream.org/donor/schedules/drive_schedule/105370)

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](mailto:dmoreno@cityofhighland.org).



## Burrtec's Bulky Items



For Disposal of Large or Bulky Items Burrtec 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.

If you have any questions, please contact Public Services at 909-864-8732, extension 271.

# REPORT ILLEGAL DUMPING

CITY OF  
**HIGHLAND**  
*California*



**IF YOU OBSERVE SOMEONE ILLEGALLY  
DUMPING, CALL (909) 387-8313,  
DO NOT APPROACH THEM!**

If you are unable to report  
it in the moment, you can  
now report it online:

[www.cityofhighland.org](http://www.cityofhighland.org)



Click on "Report an Issue"  
Follow prompts and please  
fill in all required fields  
about the issue.

- Location Address or General Location of Issue
- Nature of Alleged Issue
- Please briefly provide more information about the issue
- Your Name
- Your Address
- Your City, State, Zip
- Your Email
- Your Phone Number (For follow up purposes only. Confidentiality will be maintained)

Providing an email or phone number is recommended just in case the city needs additional information. After successfully submitting the request, you will see a request number. Please allow 1-2 business days to process the request.

# What can I do to prevent stormwater pollution?

Everyone can help keep the City of Highland clean. Here are a few tips that can help protect our environment:

- Don't put anything in storm drains but rainwater. Storm drains and flood control channels carry surface runoff directly to the rivers and ocean without treatment. Make sure that runoff carries only rainwater.
- Avoid throwing litter into the street. Trash-laden gutters increase neighborhood pollution and clog storm drains causing street flooding and more traffic congestion.
- Pick up after your pet. Animal waste, when left on the ground, washes down storm drains and contaminates beaches. Picking up dog waste is a City ordinance and dog owners disregarding this law may be fined.
- Recycle your motor oil. Auto parts stores will collect and recycle used motor oil. You can also take your hazardous waste here in San Bernardino County to our local Household Hazardous Waste located at:



2824 East "W" Street,  
Building 302  
San Bernardino, CA 92415  
(cross street: Victoria  
Avenue)  
Hours: Monday – Friday  
9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

- Bag, compost or recycle grass, tree limbs, leaves and other yard waste. Soggy yard waste is a major contributor to clogged storm drains and street and neighborhood flooding.
- Use yard waste as mulch, as natural fertilizer, or as ground cover. Nearly 20 percent of the waste buried in landfills is from our yards like grass and tree trimmings.
- Encourage local businesses to start a recycling program if they don't already have one. Today's consumers take their business to companies that have an environmental conscience.
- Use double-sided photocopies. You can cut down on paper costs and reduce waste by making double-sided originals and copies whenever possible.
- Don't use harsh, abrasive or toxic chemicals around the house. Select water-based products over solvent-based products when available (e.g. paint, glue, shoe polish). Also, avoid aerosol sprays, choose a pump spray or other alternatives.

What can I do to prevent stormwater pollution continued...

- Make sure you grasscycle. You can save water, fertilizer and your back by GRASSCYCLING (the natural recycling of grass by leaving clippings on the lawn when mowing. Grass clippings decompose quickly, returning valuable nutrients back to the soil)
- Report illegal dumping. To report illegal dumping anytime, day or night, call Highland Public Works Department at (909)864-6861 ext 217.
- Keep sanitation workers safe. When thrown in with the regular trash, household hazardous waste can injure sanitation workers. In addition, landfills are not intended or permitted for those types of wastes, which could impact groundwater.
- Don't flush, even if in a rush. When flushed down a toilet, sink or drain, household hazardous waste goes through the sewage system to treatment plants not equipped to handle hazardous waste.
- Buy just what you need to do the job. Give leftover materials to a friend, neighbor, business or charity that can use them up.
- Be smart when you apply pesticides or fertilizers. Do not apply pesticides or fertilizers before it rains. Not only will you lose most of the chemicals through runoff, but you will also be harming the environment. Do not over-water after application. Read the label and do not apply more than recommended.
- Purchase re-refined motor oil for your vehicle. Re-refined oil has been recycled and then reprocessed so it is as good as or better than virgin oil. By using re-refined motor oil, you are closing the recycling loop and saving natural resources.
- Don' do time. The illegal dumping of hazardous waste carries a minimum fine of \$10,000 per day per violation up to \$100,000 per day per violation and imprisonment.



**We need your help to  
keep our water clean!**



### Proper Lawn Watering & Yard Waste Disposal Practices

Never blow grass clippings or lawn waste into the storm sewer system!  
Bag it for the licensed waste haulers to transport or compost the waste into mulch.

Water the lawn during the early hours of the morning or late in the evening to maximize water absorption.

Set automatic sprinklers to only water as much as needed.

Avoid over-spray from sprinkler heads onto impervious surfaces like concrete.



### Proper Animal Waste Management & Disposal Practices

- Always pick up pet waste
- Carry disposable bags on your walk
- Throw away pet waste
- Encourage others to pick up pet waste

Failure to pick up pet waste allows it to be carried by rainwater directly into our local water bodies

Improper disposal can also allow bacteria to wash into receiving waters



# Calendar of Events

September 5, 2023

6pm — Planning Commission Meeting,  
Donahue Council Chambers

September 9, 2023

8am to 12pm Registration opens at  
7:30am, Highland Improvement Team  
Community Day of Service Cleanup  
Location TBD  
Information: 909-864-6861 ext. 203

September 12, 2023

6pm — City Council Meeting, Donahue  
Council Chambers

September 14, 2023

5:30pm — State of the City Address, The  
Event Center at Bear Springs Hotel, 27923  
Highland Avenue, Reservations required,  
RSVP/Info: 909-864-6861, ext. 203

September 19, 2023

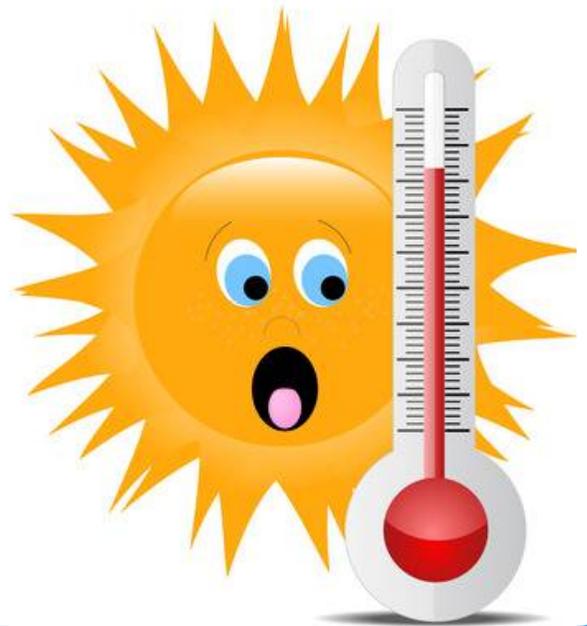
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Donahue Council Chambers

September 25, 2023

12:00pm to 5:00pm — Blood Drive,  
Highland Police Station, 26985 Base  
Line

September 27, 2023

4:30pm — State of the County, Ontario  
Convention Center, 2000 E. Convention  
Center Way, Ontario, CA



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.



**BURRTEC**  
"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

## Residential Food Waste Recycling Program

### Am I required to participate?

Yes. This is a California law that requires all residents, multi-family 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 in landfilled organic waste. This includes methane, a greenhouse gas 80 times more potent than carbon dioxide.

### I already 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.





### 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

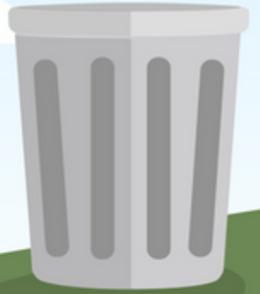
Gather your used masks, gloves, and wipes

### Step 2

Place the used items in a bag

### Step 3

Tie or seal the bag and dispose into a trashcan



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



## 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](http://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](http://TooToxicToTrash.com)  
Must be a San Bernardino County resident to visit centers.

# PICK UP AFTER YOUR PET



Step 1

Step 2

Step 3



## BAG IT AND TRASH IT! — Steps and Tips —

### 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.

**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.



Scan code for a **FREE CANISTER**  
[freedoggiebags.com](http://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