

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

City of Highland



Public Works



The Public Services Division hosted its 14th free Compost Give-A-Way at City Hall on Saturday, September 23, 2023. We are proud to announce that 20+ Highland residents participated in the event. Thank you all who came by.

For those of you who missed the event here at City Hall, there is still compost available at City Hall on the southwest corner of the property. You are welcome to come get some until it's gone. For more information please contact Public Services Coordinator, Carlos Florez at 909-864-6861, extension 271.



HIGHLAND IMPROVEMENT TEAM

VOLUNTEERS and PROJECTS NEEDED...

The Highland Improvement Team (HIT) is recruiting volunteers and seeking clean up sites! Now is your chance to be part of this excellent group of dedicated community volunteers. Our mission is to improve the overall environment of our city for all residents and businesses. Join us as we beautify our community. Get involved today and sign up as Highland's newest volunteer!



OCTOBER PROJECT...

For this month's project, the Highland Improvement Team will be staffing a water station at the Highland Run on Saturday, October 7th. We are seeking volunteers that would like to help with water duties as well as anyone interested in cheering on the runners. Please bring along any creative & motivational signs with you to cheer on the run participants.

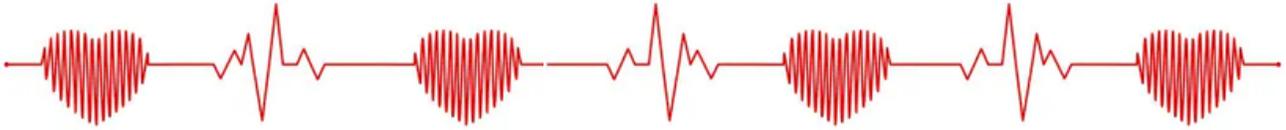
Please contact Volunteer Services to sign up for the water station project on October 7th and/or for more information at 909-864-6861, extension 203.

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 and click on the dog paw.

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, November 27th 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.

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.



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 909-864-6861, extension 271.

CLEAN AIR DAY IS OCTOBER 4, 2023

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



California suffers from some of the worst air quality in the country. Collectively we have the power to change the world and can choose to do so in ways that help, not harm, all Californians. Join us in challenging yourself to create clean air in Highland.

The following pledge includes the most common things an individual can do to clear the air. Select one or more you pledge to do on October 4th as well as other things you plan to do that are not listed here, too!

Pledge Actions

Easy Actions:

- Taking public transit
- Attend meetings remotely instead of driving or flying.
- Walk, bike or scoot to the store or transit stop.
- Carpooling/vanpooling
- Bringing lunch to work or walk to lunch.
- Don't idle your engine.
- Compost your food or engage in a composting program.
- Test drive or rent an electric vehicle.

Small Investments:

- Buy produce locally.
- Change or clean your home air filter.
- Plant a tree.
- Change your car cabin air filter.
- Switch to using natural all-purpose cleaner only.
- Choose a greener energy rate.
- Plant a home garden or plant in a community garden.
- Donate to an eco-friendly non-profit organization.

Plan Ahead

- Install an air quality monitor at your home.
- Switch from an old gas-guzzler car to a hybrid or zero-emission vehicle.
- Install solar panels at your home.
- Replace gas-powered yard tools with electric- or hand-powered tools.
- Replace gas-powered appliances with electric appliances.
- Don't burn wood or switch to a cleaner non-wood burning stove.
- Make all online purchases in one order each week.
- Eat no meat for at least one day.

California Needs You to Step Up!

Commit and come together to take at least one action on or by #CleanAirDayCA. Take the individual pledge to challenge yourself to take the actions we know are essential to clean air, like taking transit, shopping locally, installing an air monitor and much more.

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



FREE

**Saturday,
October 14, 2023
9am to 2pm**

Fire Station #3 Open House

7649 Sterling Avenue
San Bernardino, CA 92410

Meet
Highland's
Fire
Fighters!

Tour the Fire
Station & Explore
a Fire Engine

Fire
Prevention
Information

Free
Blood Pressure
Check

Enjoy
Refreshments!



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California

Contact Volunteer Services
for more information at
909-864-6861 ext. 203

CIUDAD DE HIGHLAND

Estación de Bomberos #3 Casa Abierta

7649 Sterling Avenue
San Bernardino, CA 92410

GRATIS

Sábado,
14 de octubre de 2023
9am a 2pm

¡Conoce a los Bomberos de Highland!

Recorre la estación de bomberos y explora un camión de bomberos

Información sobre prevención de incendios

Control gratuito de la presión arterial

¡Disfruta de refrescos!



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California

Comuníquese con Servicios de Voluntarios para obtener más información al 909-864-6861 ext. 203

National Prescription Drug Take Back Day

Saturday, October 28, 2023

10AM to 2PM



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.

Your San Bernardino County Fire Department also has a great program that will take your Medications (excluding controlled substances, separate liquids from solids), at your local Household Hazardous Waste Collection at 2824 East "W" Street San Bernardino, CA, Monday to Friday 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. or for more information call (909) 382-5401 or 1-800-OILY-CAT (1-800-645-9228).



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!**



REPORT ILLEGAL DUMPING

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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



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.

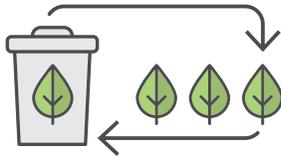


DISCHARGE TO THE STORM DRAIN, ACCIDENTAL OR NOT, COULD LEAD TO ENFORCEMENT ACTIONS AND FINES

Sustainable Practices for Landscape Maintenance

Your contributions make a difference in the way you maintain your yard. Learn how to truly be a “green” thumb and prevent stormwater pollution.

Recycle Yard Waste



Yard waste, like grass and leaves, can block the storm drain or carry harmful chemicals into it.

- Recycle yard waste by placing them into your greenwaste container.
- Do not blow, sweep, rake, or hose yard waste into the street or catch basin.
- Try grasscycling by leaving clippings on the lawn when mowing.

For more information, visit www.calrecycle.ca.gov/organics/grasscycling.

Use Safe Products



Fertilizers, herbicides, and pesticides are often carried into the storm drain by sprinkler runoff.

- Use natural and non-toxic alternatives as often as possible.
- Spot-apply, rather than blanketing entire areas.

Apply chemicals directly to the area that needs treatment.

- Read the product label and use only as directed.
- Never apply before a rain.

Use Water Wisely



Conserving water minimizes the amount of urban runoff going into the street.

- Control the amount of water and direction of sprinklers.

The average lawn only needs about an inch of water a week or 10 to 20 minutes of watering.

- Periodically inspect and fix sprinklers for leaks.

Realign sprinkler heads to make sure water is distributed onto the lawn and not onto the sidewalk.

- Plant native vegetation to reduce the need of water.



HOMEOWNERS

Keep these tips in mind when hiring professional landscapers and remind them as necessary.



Leftover pesticides, fertilizers, and herbicides contaminate landfills and should be disposed of through a Household Hazardous Waste Center*.

For more information on proper disposal, call 1 (800) OILYCAT or visit tootoxictotrash.com.

*FREE for San Bernardino County residents. Businesses can call for cost inquiries and to schedule an appointment.

To report illegal dumping or toxic spills, call (877) WASTE18 or visit tootoxictotrash.com

To dispose of hazardous waste, call 1 (800) OILYCAT

sbcountystormwater.org



SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY STORMWATER PROGRAM

WHERE WATER MEETS COMMUNITY



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

October 3, 2023
6pm — Planning Commission Meeting,
Donahue Council Chambers

October 14, 2023
9am to 2pm — Open House at Fire
Station #3, 7649 Sterling

October 7, 2023
8am — Run/walk/Jog 5k & 10k at Arroyo
Verde Elementary School, 7701 Church St.

October 17, 2023
6pm — Planning Commission Meeting,
Donahue Council Chambers

October 10, 2023
6pm — City Council Meeting, Donahue
Council Chambers

Happy Fall



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

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

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.



Scan code for a **FREE CANISTER**
freedoggiebags.com

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