

# WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

*City of Highland*



## 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!

Highland Improvement Team projects are scheduled on the first Saturday of each month. Projects vary from month to month but can include:

- Residential yard cleanups for senior residents (our #1 priority)
- Residential garage cleanouts for senior residents
- Graffiti abatement
- Litter pick-up
- Park cleanups
- Special events and many more!

**BECOME A VOLUNTEER - MAKE A DIFFERENCE**



The next opportunity to join us is on Saturday, November 4, 2023, for a community litter cleanup project from 8AM to 12PM. Many hands make light work, and we'd love to have you join us!

Please contact Volunteer Services to sign up or for more information at 909-864-6861, extension 203.



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](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](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 909-864-6861, extension 271.

# National Prescription Drug Take Back Day

Saturday, October 28, 2023

10AM to 2PM



Now in its 13th year on October 28, 2023 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. the Highland Police Station and the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) will give the public its 15th opportunity to prevent pill abuse and theft by ridding their homes of potentially dangerous expired, unused, and unwanted prescription drugs.

Bring your medications for disposal to the Highland Police Station located at 26985 Base Line Highland, CA 92346. The service is free and anonymous, no questions asked.

In the more than seven years since new regulations made the disposal of controlled prescription drugs easier for patients and their caregivers, law enforcement agencies, pharmacies, hospitals and clinics have begun continuous collection of these medications. To visit a collection site between Take Back Days, go to [www.rxdrugdropbox.org](http://www.rxdrugdropbox.org) to find your nearest location. The service is also free and anonymous, no questions asked.

Locally in between take back days you can take your expired, unused and unwanted medications (excluding controlled substances, separate liquids from solids), to 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.



We encourage every citizen to look in their homes for any old, unused prescription medication and bring them to a collection site for disposal. For more information about the disposal of prescription Drugs or about the October 28, 2023 Take-Back Day event, go to:

[https://www.deadiversion.usdoj.gov/drug\\_disposal/takeback/](https://www.deadiversion.usdoj.gov/drug_disposal/takeback/)

Any public inquiries can be made to 1-800-882-9539, contact the Sheriff's Public Affairs Division at 909-387-3700; or please contact the City of Highland Public Services Division at 909-864-6861, extension 271.

## *A Holiday Resource List*

is now available on the Department of Aging and Adult Services - Public Guardian (DAAS-PG) website under Quick Links to Resources and Help:

<http://hss.sbcounty.gov/daas/>

This resource list contains information on:



Fall

- Food Distribution Locations
- Clothing Giveaway Locations
- Special Events and Health Fairs



Harvest

- Holiday Meals
- Harvest Food Baskets
- Holiday Special Events



Winterfest

- Holiday Meals
- Holiday Food Baskets
- Toy Giveaways



# Celebrate the Holidays with Savings in Mind!

## Holiday LED Light Exchange and Complimentary Energy Efficiency Starter Kits

Join the San Bernardino Regional Energy Partnership (SBREP) at a local community event to exchange your old incandescent holiday lights for energy efficient LED holiday lights and receive a COMPLIMENTARY energy efficiency starter kit.

This opportunity is available at NO COST to all Southern California Edison (SCE) and Southern California Gas Company (SoCalGas) residential customers in San Bernardino County.

Limited supplies will be available at each event, first come, first served!

### Participating is easy, BRING:

- 1** Up to **TWO** inefficient, incandescent holiday light strands, in exchange for up to **TWO** LED holiday light strands.  
*\*Old, inefficient, incandescent holiday light strands must be 50-count or higher, still work, and contain all bulb parts.*
- 2** A copy of your monthly **SCE** bill for the holiday light exchange and **SoCalGas** bill for the complimentary energy efficient starter kit (electronic bills will be accepted).
- 3** A license or photo identification matching customer name and address on the utility bills.  
*\*To participate in the exchange, all three requirements must be met.*



### Event Date & Location:

#### Between

**October 1st & December 15th**

Schedule your exchange from Monday-Thursday, 7:30 AM-5:30PM  
To schedule a date & time for exchange please call: (909) 864-6861, ext. 271

**City of Highland**  
City Hall  
Public Services

Location: 27215 Base Line  
Highland, CA 92346



**For more information contact:**  
City of Highland  
Public Service

(909) 864-6861, ext. 271

# FURRY FRIENDS AND FLOODING THOUGHTS



This August 2023, San Bernardino County was hit by Tropical Storm Hilary, and according to the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, there are only going to be more frequent and intense storms in the future. With the storm, Southern California was heavily impacted by flooding, which means that we could be at higher risk for stormwater pollution. Stormwater pollution occurs when pesticides, trash, and other pollutants are washed away by urban runoff water into our nearby storm drains that lead directly into local rivers, channels, and the ocean without being treated. Storm drains are different from sewage in that water and waste that travel to sewage go to a treatment plant where they remove toxins. While trash flowing into storm drains may be your first thought when it comes to stormwater pollution sources, our pets can also be a source of stormwater pollution.

## What does your furry friend have to do with the recent storm?

Dog waste is actually one of the leading contributors to stormwater pollution! When pet waste is not disposed of properly, rain, sprinklers and other irrigation systems can carry this to storm drains. From there, it ends up in our waterways which we recreate, affecting our health and the aquatic life that live there! Dog waste can also carry pathogens, bacteria, and parasites that can spread diseases when left on the ground, but there are actions you can take to help!



## What can you do to help prevent stormwater pollution?

Pick up your pet's poop! Here are some do's and don'ts for your pet's doo:

- DO: Bring a pet waste canister with waste bags on your walk. Don't have one? Request a free one here <https://sbcountystormwater.org/residents/dog-owners/>! You'll also get coupons for waste bag refills.
- DO: Pick up pet waste and throw it in the trash.
- DON'T: Compost pet waste. This could lead to the spread of diseases because of the bacteria that it contains, and may not be safe to use in fruit and vegetable gardens.
- Not only is picking up after your dog courteous to your neighbors and community, it helps keep our waterways clean!



## Prep your pup!



It's also a good idea to prepare for future storms. Come up with a disaster prep checklist for your pup!

- Plan: Set up an evacuation plan for your pet and coordinate with friends or relatives.
- Build a pet kit: Have several days worth of food, water, and medicine stored in airtight containers along with a first aid kit, and sanitation supplies.
- Stay informed: Download the FEMA app to stay up-to-date on weather alerts.
- Learn more about disaster preparation here <https://www.ready.gov/pets>.



## Stay Connected

- Subscribe to our newsletter and stay up-to-date on all things stormwater here, <https://sbcountystormwater.us11.list-manage.com/subscribe?u=5c7a99c6b286bc188a9dee20b&id=64c2d9aa00>
- Instagram: @sbcountystormwater  
<https://www.instagram.com/sbcountystormwater/>
- Facebook: @sbcountystormwater  
<https://www.facebook.com/sbcountystormwater>
- Read our past blogs <https://sbcountystormwater.org/blog/category/blog/>

Article curtesy of Gabi Ballardo, for more information please contact Carlos Florez of the Public Services Division at 909-864-6861 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.

### 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

November 4, 2023

8am to 12pm — Highland Improvement Team Cleanup, Meet at Highland City Hall, 27215 Base Line

November 7, 2023

6pm — Planning Commission Meeting, Donahue Council Chambers

November 14, 2023

6pm — City Council Meeting, Donahue Council Chambers

November 21, 2023

6pm — Planning Commission Meeting, Donahue Council Chambers

November 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.



**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

# 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](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)

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