



The Backbone



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Coming Your Way: Household Hazardous Waste Event

The City's Household Hazardous Waste event is coming soon! The City has partnered with the County of Los Angeles to sponsor a free one-day event for the proper disposal of universal waste (e.g. motor oil, paint thinner, anti-freeze, varnish, pesticides, batteries and other household hazardous products), and electronic waste (e.g. computer monitors, televisions, computer CPUs, keyboards, printers and cell phones), as well as expired pharmaceuticals (controlled substances will not be accepted).

The Beverly Hills event is one out of approximately 57 events held throughout the county. Each event is open to all Los Angeles County residents.

Start preparing to dispose of your items properly.

Date: Saturday, September 15, 2018

Location: West Third Street and Civic Center Drive

Time: 9:00 am to 3:00 pm

Please note the event has been relocated to West Third Street (between Foothill Road and Civic Center Drive).



Photo above: Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta

California Waterfix Update

In response to many years of drought, California Waterfix (Delta tunnels) is a major project that will provide Southern California with a reliable water supply.

The plan includes building new water intakes and two large underground tunnels to move water under the Delta to the distribution system that supplies water to the Bay Area, the Central Valley and the Southland. The water system would reduce environmental conflicts in the Delta and help endangered fish, while also delivering high quality water.

The Southern California region gets about one-third of its water from Northern California through the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta, where the California WaterFix project would be located. The tunnel project would modernize the system that provides us with water.

California WaterFix is about reliably moving, capturing and storing water when available during wet times so water can be used during dry times. It is also about providing water to grow food we eat and supporting lives and jobs across the state.

For more information about this project, please visit www.californiawaterfix.com



The Turf Removal Rebate / Landscape Transformation Program is Back

The Landscape Transformation Program (formerly known as the Turf Removal Rebate Program) is back. Residents and businesses can get a rebate of \$1 per square foot to remove living turf and replace it with a water wise landscape.

The Landscape Transformation Program includes new rules with a rebate maximum of 1,500 square feet of turf removed for residents and 10,000 square feet for businesses. Rules also require a landscape plan, a watershed approach, efficient irrigation and 70% plant coverage upon maturity. Please note that synthetic turf is prohibited.

This program focuses on transformation of front lawns. However, if the front lawn was previously transformed, residents are eligible to receive a rebate for removing turf from their side or backyard. Funding is available for the next two years (subject to funding availability).

For more information, please visit www.socalwatersmart.com. To begin, all participants must work with the City of Beverly Hills' Water Conservation Administrator, Debby Figoni. She can assist with providing guidance on plants, design and irrigation.

Did you know COMPOST is available?

In 2009, the City initiated a food waste and recycling program with food service establishments and 35 businesses. Today, the program has expanded to 146 businesses that include restaurants, hotels and schools.

The City generates approximately 1,000 tons of food waste each month that is diverted from landfills and processed into compost. Compost provides rich nutrients that will help plants flourish; a rich soil base can reduce the need for water.

Residents can either contact Public Works Customer Service every six months to schedule a pickup (no more than 5 bags) or twenty pound bags are available during Public Works special events (e.g. Earth Day and Public Works Day) at no charge. If larger quantities are needed, arrangements can be made with the waste hauler for a nominal fee.

Energy Upgrade California: Do Your Thing!

The City of Beverly Hills is joining Energy Upgrade California. This program is a state-wide initiative to ensure every Californian has the tools needed to keep making strides toward cleaner, healthier and a more prosperous state. The goal is to double energy efficiency and reduce greenhouse gas emissions by 40% before 2030.

To help California reach its goal, here are some tips:

- **Seal Your Home:** Caulking and weather stripping help to keep heat inside during winter and cool air inside during summer.
- **Wash Clothes on Cold Cycle:** Approximately 90% of the energy used for washing clothes is used to heat the water.
- **Upgrade Household Appliances:** By using energy efficient appliances, you can add to California's energy savings. Since 2003, California has saved more than 10,000 gigawatt-hours of electricity. That's enough to power 2 million homes for one year.

Tree Pruning Schedule

Current Tree Pruning of the Palm Trees is taking place now through September 30, 2018.



Local Groundwater Supply Solutions

Rehabilitation of existing local wells is nearing completion. Along with two recently completed new wells, a modification to the existing water treatment plant will allow the City to begin producing local potable water by late 2019.

The City recognizes the importance of having a reliable water supply and continues to implement various projects as outlined in the 2015 Water Enterprise Plan (WEP). The WEP is a City plan which includes conservation programs and local groundwater development in addition to the City's imported water supply.

www.beverlyhills.org/WEP

Upcoming projects will include the following components:

- Three (3) groundwater production wells
- Upgrade of the City's existing water treatment plant to treat the new water supply
- Approximately four (4) miles of water transmission mains from the production wells to the treatment plant

The ultimate goal of the project is to develop an additional 1,700 acre feet per year (AFY) of water from these wells.

The estimated capital and O&M cost for this project is \$55 million (2017 costs). It will take approximately 7 years for design and construction for this additional water infrastructure.

Upcoming Meetings

August 7, 2018

7:00 pm
City Council Meeting Formal Session | City Council Chambers

August 8, 2018

8:00 am
Public Works Commission Special Meeting | Room 280A

August 21, 2018

7:00 pm
City Council Meeting Formal Session* | City Council Chambers
* Memorandum of Agreement, Metro Section 2

September 5, 2018

6:30 pm
Metro Monthly Community Meeting | City Hall Municipal Gallery

September 13, 2018

8:00 am
Public Works Commission Meeting | Room 280A

September 15, 2018

9:00 am – 3:00 pm
Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) and E-Waste Collection | West Third St. between Foothill Rd. and Civic Center Dr.

September 17, 2018

7:00 pm
City Council Meeting Formal Session | City Council Chambers

September 27, 2018 * Updated date*

6:00 pm - 8:00 pm
Straws Documentary | Municipal Gallery

Resources

HELPFUL LINKS:

Link to sign up for the bi-monthly Newsletter
www.beverlyhills.org/enotice

Water Tracker – www.beverlyhills.org/watertracker

Water Conservation – www.bhsaves.org

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