



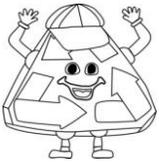
# City of Highland Weekly Report

May 31, 2013

## Electric Lawn Mower Exchange Program Saturday, June 08, 2013

### Public Services

**REPETE'S WISDOM OF THE WEEK - Mow Down Air Pollution. 2013 Electric Lawn Mower Exchange Program.** The South Coast Air Quality Management District (AQMD) is conducting a lawn mower exchange program for residents living within its 4-county jurisdiction, which includes all of Orange County, most of Los Angeles County (excluding the Antelope Valley), almost all of Riverside County, and the non-desert portion of San Bernardino County. This program allows residents to turn in their working gas-powered lawn mower and purchase a new cordless rechargeable electric mower at a discounted price.



#### *Who Is Eligible for the Lawn Mower Exchange?*

- You must be a resident living within AQMD's 4-county jurisdiction, which includes all of Orange County, most of Los Angeles County (excluding the Antelope Valley), almost all of Riverside County, and the non-desert portion of San Bernardino County. You will be asked to show proof of residency (driver's

license, utility bill, etc.) when you come to exchange your mower.

- You must turn in a working gas mower.
- You must be at least 18 years of age.
- You must *pre-register* for one of the exchange events and have the reservation form showing your reservation number for that event.
- At the exchange event, you must pay depending on the model you choose. (Cash, Check, or Major Credit Cards Accepted).
- There is a limit of one mower per residence.

*How Do I Register?* You can register online at [www.aqmd.gov](http://www.aqmd.gov) or by phone during AQMD's working hours (Tuesday through Friday, 8 am to 5:00 pm) by calling 1-(888) 425-6247.

#### *How Does the Exchange Event*

*Work?* A total of 4 exchange events have been scheduled. The closet events for Highland



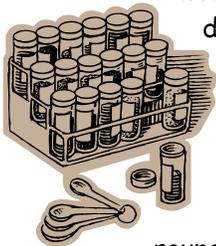
residents will be in *Riverside on June 8, 2013*. To participate, residents must pre-register. You will be given a registration number, and a half-hour time slot during which we would like you to arrive. This reduces traffic congestion, and allows for a quick orderly flow through the exchange process. Your reservation is only good for the day and location of the event for which you registered.

There will be staff at the event to unload your old mower and load your new mower into your vehicle. You will not have to get out of your car. It is a drive-thru event. The whole process from when you arrive to when you leave typically takes less than 15 minutes.

*What Are The Air Quality Benefits of Exchanging Your Gas Mower?* Using a typical gas mower for one year can pollute as much as a car driven for 22,000 miles. All the gas mowers that are turned in for this program will be scrapped and the metal recycled.

For more information please visit [www.aqmd.gov](http://www.aqmd.gov) or call 1-888-425-6247, Tuesday - Friday from 8am to 5pm.

**10 Ways to Use Up Old Spices.** Spices that you've had around longer than a year or two won't do much for your food but dumping all those old spices into the trash would be a sad way for them to go. It turns out there are plenty of uses for these spices besides using them to decorate your food, and we've rounded up a list to ensure your old spices don't end up in the landfill.



*Clean Your Carpet* - Did you know you can use old spices to freshen your carpet? Believe it or not, they will freshen up your vacuum, too. Spices like rosemary or ginger and mixing an assortment of spices which could include things like cinnamon, thyme, cloves and nutmeg are recommended.

Simply sprinkle the spices on your carpet and then vacuum. Just be sure to check to make sure the spices' colors won't stain your carpet before applying them to the entire rug.

*Repel Bugs* - Instead of reaching for chemical insect killers next time you have a bug problem, first consider letting your old spices take a shot at deterring bugs. Spices with strong smells will often keep insects away, so consider spices like pepper, oregano, sage, peppermint and others your new best friends (and an ant's worst enemy).

*Make Spice-Scented Soap* - Scented, homemade soaps are becoming increasingly popular, and you're probably just as likely to come across some at your local farmers market as you are at the mall. One way to use of some of those old spices is to make your own scented soap. Sure, the spices' scents may be weaker than when you first purchased them, but many of them should still do the trick.

*Mix Up Paint* - Painting with spices may sound a little crazy, but people have made paints at home using a variety of natural pigments throughout history. Plus, because it doesn't matter much whether paint has an odor, the fact that some of your spices may be way past smelling nice won't be a big problem. Visit [learnwithplayathome.com](http://learnwithplayathome.com) and learn how to use spices to make paints with your kids. All you'll need are some colorful spices - Alter-Rasche used spices like nutmeg, paprika, cinnamon and turmeric - water and containers for mixing, and you'll have some bright, natural paints.

*Keep Animals Out of the Garden* - If hot spices like cayenne and chili powder make your eyes water, that's probably a sign other animals might have a similar reaction. Next time rabbits, squirrels or other neighborhood critters are eating more of your garden than you are; try sprinkling hot spices to keep them away.

Chili powder, red pepper and cayenne pepper all work to keep squirrels away and none of them will

harm your plants. Similarly, hot pepper flakes should keep rabbits away from your greens.

*Add to Laundry* - What will black pepper do for your laundry? It will keep colors bright and prevent fading. Just add a few teaspoons to your load of wash, and you may just be helping extend the life of your clothes.

*Deodorize* - Perhaps not surprisingly, spices can neutralize odors, making them a good candidate for freshening up your house. Placing spice-filled sachets in drawers can help eliminate stale odors.

*Grow Them* - If you have whole spices like anise stars, coriander seeds, cumin seeds, dill or plenty of others, you can try planting them to see if they grow. Since these types of spices were seeds all along, they may germinate, though success may depend on how old those seeds are. (If you've had those caraway or mustard seeds in the back of the pantry for the last decade, you may be out of luck.)

## Administration

**Emergency Preparedness - Maintaining your kit.** Just as important as putting your supplies together is maintaining them so they are safe to use when needed. Here are some tips to keep your supplies ready and in good condition:

- Keep canned [food](#) in a cool, dry place.
- Store boxed food in tightly closed plastic or metal containers to protect from pests and to extend its shelf life.
- Throw out any canned good that becomes swollen, dented or corroded.
- Use foods before they go bad and replace them with fresh supplies.
- Place new items at the back of the storage area and older ones in the front.

- Change stored food and [water supplies](#) every six months. Be sure to write the date you store it on all containers.
- Re-think your needs every year and update your kit as your family's needs change.
- Check batteries. Throw out any that are corroded or discharged and replace with fresh ones.
- Check medication and first aid items. Throw out any that are beyond their expiration date and replace.

Keep items in airtight plastic bags and put your entire disaster supplies kit in one or two easy-to-carry containers, such as an unused trashcan, camping backpack, plastic tote bin or duffel bag. For more information about disaster preparedness, please visit [www.ready.gov](http://www.ready.gov).

## Volunteer Services

**Highland Blood Drive Committee** - New members are always welcome. Please join us at our next committee meeting to find out how you can help during community blood drives. The next Blood Drive Committee Meeting is on Monday, July 8, 2013 at Highland City Hall (27215 Base Line) from 4pm to 5pm. Contact Volunteer Services for more information at 909-864-6861 extension 203.

**Highland Improvement Team** - You are invited to the June Highland Improvement Team cleanup. Volunteers will be planting trees in the community from 7am to 11am on Saturday, June 15, 2013. Anyone interested is asked to sign in for the cleanup that morning at Highland City Hall (27215 Base Line) from 6:45am to 7:00am. Volunteers are required to provide their own transportation to and from



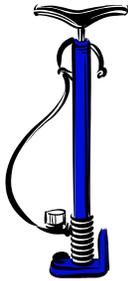
the cleanup site. Volunteers under 18 years of age are welcome to join us but must be accompanied by an adult. For more information or questions contact Volunteer Services at 909-864-6861 extension 203.

**Safe Routes to School** - May is Bike to School Month. Here are a few tips to help you check to make sure your bicycle is in tip-top shape and ready for riding.

### The A B C Quick Check -

#### A is for Air:

Check the air pressure, spin the wheels and make sure the tires are not worn out.



#### B is for Brakes:

Check to make sure coaster brakes will stop the bike by spinning the back wheel and applying the brake. If the bike has hand brakes check to see that the levers don't hit the handlebars when squeezed. Lift one tire up at a time and spin it; squeeze the levers to see if the tire stops. The brake pads should be clean, straight and contact the rims properly.

#### C is for Cranks, Chain and Cogs:

Grab the crank arms and try to wiggle side to side. There should be no movement. Spin the pedals and cranks to see if the chain drives the rear wheel. The chain should look like metal not rust or black gunk. If the bike has gears check to make sure the gear levers and derailleurs (gear-changing mechanism) work to shift the chain between gears.

Quick Refers to the Quick Release: Some bikes have a quick release on the wheels or the seat post. Check to make sure they are tight and closed properly.

Check: After making sure the seat and handlebars are tight and the proper height, have the child ride the bicycle around the parking lot

and check that everything works well.

*Information Courtesy of League of American Bicyclists*

## Engineering

**Base Line Town Center Beautification Construction Update.** Rehabilitation of Base Line continued this week with construction of the cold-in-place recycling. Water services for the future fire station have been constructed. Wiring for the decorative street lights is underway. Medians were graded to prepare for installation of river rock. The medians reconstructed on Base Line between Palm Avenue and Bonita Drive was backfilled. Next week, the contractor will install median river rock, install conduit for traffic device at the future fire station, remove miscellaneous concrete and construct overlay pavement.

## Finance

**Commercial Business License Applications** - There were no new commercial business license applications for the week of 05/27/13 to 05/31/13.

## Public Works

**Graffiti Report** -During the period of 5/14/13 - 5/23/13, graffiti made known to Public Works staff, by the following means, was removed: **Reported to Hotline:** north & south of 7520 Sterling; Millar/Victoria; Cunningham/Base Line; 26187 Base Line; 26552 Pacific; n/e corner of Pacific; **Reported by Staff:** south side of Base Line - e/o Boulder to Webster; Paloma/Golondrina; **Routine Observation by Public Works:** east side of Sterling to Byron; Aurantia Park; 14<sup>th</sup>/Victoria; F & T Market; San Francisco/Pacific eastbound to Olive; Union/Tippecanoe; 4<sup>th</sup>/Tippecanoe; Elm/Base Line; n/w Lankershim/9<sup>th</sup> - westbound;

McKinley/9<sup>th</sup>; Golondrina/9<sup>th</sup>; east/west sides of Victoria; 6770 Victoria; Church/Base Line; Norwood/Church Ave.; "Victoria Gas"; 9<sup>th</sup>/Elmwood eastbound; 25573 & 25590 9<sup>th</sup>; west side of Sterling - southbound from Base Line to 9<sup>th</sup> - westbound on 9<sup>th</sup>; Seeley Ct.; 7231 Palm; 9<sup>th</sup>/Del Rosa Ave.; 9<sup>th</sup>/Del Rosa Dr.; 9<sup>th</sup> to Golondrina eastbound; Community Park; "old" Post Office & Library; Central/Base Line; Guthrie/Base Line; 25899 Base Line; 25979 Base Line; McKinley/Base Line; 26030 Base Line; Osbun/Base Line; Seine/Base Line; Rogers Ln./9<sup>th</sup>; 3<sup>rd</sup>/Victoria; Bonnie/9<sup>th</sup>; Shirley/5<sup>th</sup>; Base Line/Elmwood; "Jolly Boy Market"; n/o Fire Station #3; Sterling/13<sup>th</sup>; Golondrina/Base Line (flood control).

## Mark Your Calendar



### **Tuesday, June 4, 2013**

Planning Commission Meeting - Canceled

### **Wednesday, June 5, 2013**

2pm - Finance Subcommittee Meeting, Upright Conference Room

4pm - Public Nuisance Hearing Board Special Meeting, Donahue Council Chambers

### **Thursday, June 6, 2013**

5pm - Historic and Cultural Preservation Board Regular Meeting, Donahue Council Chambers

### **Tuesday, June 11, 2013**

6pm - Regular City Council Meeting, Donahue Council Chambers

### **Thursday, June 13, 2013**

5pm - Community Trails Committee Regular Meeting, Donahue Council Chambers

### **Saturday, June 15, 2013**

7am to 11am - Highland Improvement Team Cleanup, Meet at Highland City Hall - 27215 Base Line, Highland

### **Tuesday, June 18, 2013**

6pm - Planning Commission Regular Meeting, Donahue Council Chambers

### **Saturday, June 22, 2013**

9am to 2pm - Open House at Fire Station #1 - 26974 Base Line, Highland

### **Tuesday, June 25, 2013**

6pm - Regular City Council Meeting, Donahue Council Chambers

### **Tuesday, July 2, 2013**

6pm - Planning Commission Regular Meeting, Donahue Council Chambers

### **Thursday, July 4, 2013**

Fourth of July Holiday - City Offices are closed

### **Wednesday, July 10, 2013**

4pm - Public Nuisance Hearing Board Regular Meeting, Donahue Council Chambers

### **Thursday, July 11, 2013**

5pm - Community Trails Committee Regular Meeting is cancelled

### **Tuesday, July 16, 2013**

6pm - Planning Commission Regular Meeting, Donahue Council Chambers

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