



City of Highland Weekly Report

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Street Light Problem? Edison can now be Contacted on their Website

Public Works



Street Light Problem? Highland residents can now report street light problems through Southern California Edison's website. It is a simple four-step process, starting with acknowledgement of the dangers with electricity. You will be asked for the "Status" (off, flickering, stays on); "Damage to Light Pole"; "Pole Number" (if known); "Location of Outage". After "submitting" the information to Edison, you may print-out the "Outage Confirmation" page, and request that you be notified as to the status of this outage.

The internet link to this site is <https://www.sce.com/onc/Streetlightoutage.aspx>

For residents that do not have access to the internet, street light problems can be reported by calling Edison at 1-800-611-1911.

Public Services



REPETE'S WISDOM OF THE WEEK -
Water Conservation Tip of the Month:
Principles of Xeriscape Design. Xeriscape, or

dry-scape, is a set of principles for water-wise landscaping. It's all about planning and maintaining your landscape and watering efficiently. This sensible approach allows you to conserve water while enjoying an attractive yard. Xeriscape is based on seven water-wise landscape principles:

1. **Planning and Design:** Whether you're developing a new landscape, renovating an existing one or just looking for ways to conserve water in an urban environment, proper planning and design are essential to creating a landscape that is water-wise. Here are the steps: *Map it out, Shade is very cool, Zoom in on your watering zones and Plant selection.*

2. **Soil Improvement:** Carefully prepared plant beds can reduce water usage by almost half. That's because soil plays a huge part in a water-wise landscape. Good soil absorbs and holds moisture better and encourages plants to grow deep roots so they can access moisture even when topsoil is dry. Improving the soil now can help your plants become healthier and better suited to handle low-water conditions later.

3. **Practical Turf Area:** Lawns that stretch from property line to property line just don't make much sense these days. Besides requiring a lot of

fertilizers, herbicides and fungicides – chemicals that often end up in our streams, lakes and bays – large lawns with conventional spray irrigation waste one of our most precious resources: drinking water.

4. Efficient Irrigation: A good way to prevent overwatering is to install rain or soil moisture sensors to override your automatic watering system when necessary. A rain sensor simply senses rainfall. Once a designated amount of water has been detected, it shuts down any regularly scheduled irrigation. Rain sensors are small, simple devices and are generally less expensive and easier to install and maintain than soil moisture sensors. Soil moisture sensors are more accurate than rain sensors because they can detect moisture at the level of the root system. They are more exact in measuring how much water your plants are receiving and thus offer greater water savings. However, they are somewhat complicated to install and manage.

5. Mulch: Think of mulch as sun block for plant roots. Just two to four inches of mulch can substantially retain soil moisture, slow evaporation, and protect roots from overheating, which is especially helpful to ornamentals and vegetables. Hate weeding? Start mulching. Mulch can reduce or eliminate weeds that compete with landscape plants for moisture, nutrients, and sunlight. Mulch can be organic or inorganic material. Organic mulches, such as pine straw, pine bark, and shredded hardwood, are the best choices because they retain moisture and add nutrients to the soil as they decompose.

6. Low Water Use Plants: There are two factors that make a plant appropriate for a water-wise landscape: water conserving and drought tolerance. Water-conserving plants hold on longer to the water they receive. This is especially important for the grass in your lawn. Bermuda is an example of a water-conserving turf grass. Drought-tolerant plants



can go for a long time without water. So the best plants for a water-wise landscape are trees, shrubs, and groundcover that require little water once they're established, and hold on to the water they get.

For more information please visit www.wateruseitwisely.com

Stay tuned for next months water conservation tip. If you have any questions on what you can do to conserve water and prevent storm water pollution, please contact Public Services Coordinator, Andrea Saavedra at 909-864-8732 ext 271.

Volunteer Services

Blood Facts. You already know that blood saves lives...but did you know:

- ◆ Blood makes up about 7 percent of your body's weight.
 - An adult of average weight has about 10 to 12 pints of blood.
 - A teenager weighing 110 pounds has approximately 7 pints.
 - A child weighing 40 pounds has approximately 2 to 3 pints.
 - A newborn weighing 7 pounds has approximately $\frac{1}{4}$ to $\frac{1}{2}$ pint.
- ◆ A pint of blood is usually separated into three primary components (red blood cells, plasma and platelets).
- ◆ Red blood cells carry oxygen to the body's organs and tissues and are needed for accident victims and surgery patients. Red blood cells can be stored in refrigeration for 42 days.
- ◆ Plasma, which is 90 percent water, constitutes 55 percent of blood volume and is

needed for organ, burn and shock patients. Plasma can be stored in a frozen state for up to one year.

- ◆ Platelets help blood to clot and give those with leukemia and other cancers a chance to live. Platelets can be stored at room temperature for only 5 days.
- ◆ Red blood cells, white blood cells and platelets are made in the bone marrow.
- ◆ Sixty percent of the U.S. population is eligible to donate, however, only 5 percent do.
- ◆ Blood donors can give every 56 days, or 8 weeks. Plasma can be donated once a month and platelets can be given every 2 weeks up to 24 times a year.
- ◆ Blood continuously needs to be donated by volunteer blood donors and made available for lifesaving treatments.
- ◆ More than 500 pints of blood are needed every day in San Bernardino and Riverside counties.
- ◆ Your body quickly replenishes the blood so freely given.
- ◆ Blood is used for surgeries, cancer patients, accident victims, bone marrow recipients, organ transplant and burn patients.
- ◆ Blood Facts: About 1 billion red blood cells can be found in 2 to 3 drops of blood. For every 600 red blood cells, there are about 40 platelets and only one white cell.

(Courtesy of LifeStream/Blood Facts/LStream.org)



Highland Community Blood Drive - Monday, July 23, 2012
from 1:30pm to 6:30pm **NEW LOCATION** Highland Police Station - 26985 Base Line

Please contact Volunteer Services Coordinator, Denise Moreno, at 909-864-6861 ext. 203 for more information.

Community Development

Public Nuisance Hearing Board Chairman and Vice Chairman elected. At the July 11, 2012, Public Nuisance Hearing Board Regular Meeting, the Board went through the election process and selected a new Chairman and Vice Chairman.



The Board selected Ms. Roberta Willhite as Chairwoman and Mr. Ray Cadena as Vice Chairman. This is the fifth time for Roberta to serve as the Board's Chairwoman and the second time for Ray to serve as the Board's Vice Chairman. Staff is looking forward to continue working with both Bobbie and Ray in their new positions. Congratulations!!!

Mark Your Calendar

Tuesday, July 17, 2011

Planning Commission Meeting - Canceled

Monday, July 23, 2012

1:30pm to 6:30pm - Community Blood Drive
Highland Police Station - 26985 Base Line

Thursday, August 2, 2012

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

Tuesday, August 7, 2012

6pm - Planning Commission Regular Meeting,
Donahue Council Chambers

Thursday, August 9, 2012

Community Trails Committee Meeting -
Canceled

Tuesday, August 14, 2012

6pm - City Council Regular Meeting,
Donahue Council Chambers

Tuesday, August 21, 2012

6pm - Planning Commission Regular Meeting,
Donahue Council Chambers

Tuesday, August 28, 2012

6pm - City Council Regular Meeting,
Donahue Council Chambers

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