



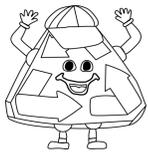
City of Highland Weekly Report

August 14, 2009

8 Ways to A Green Back to School Earn Your Green Star!!

Community Services

REPETE'S WISDOM OF THE WEEK -8 Ways to A Green Back to School.



The beginning of another school year is here! Back to school is the perfect time not only for digging out that alarm clock, but also for adopting some greener habits you and your whole family can practice all year long. Below are eight tips worthy of a gold—or **green**—star.

1. Don't Overbuy - It might be exciting to enter the back-to-school section of your local retailer—so many shiny things and bright colors! But don't be tempted to buy more than you need. First, check what you already have in stock. Did your child really use all 500 sheets of paper you bought last year? Is every single pencil worn down to the nub? Did the scissors spontaneously break? Only buy what you really need for the year and the amount of "stuff" you don't bring home will be astonishing.

2. Purchase Recycled - It's unavoidable: You will have to buy some things for the upcoming school year. But instead of a regular backpack, how about one from TerraCycle made out of juice drink pouches? Or recycled pencils made

from old denim or newsprint? Retailers such as Target and Office Max and brands such as Pilot and Post-It have all embraced the green trend. Just be sure to check your recycled school supplies for durability and minimal packaging.

3. Opt for Used - Nothing signals the back-to-school season more than a mountain of shiny new books, right? Not necessarily. If you're looking to reduce your waste—and the total at the bottom of your receipts—seriously consider buying used, opting for online or renting.

Used textbooks are often available for half off or more in campus book stores and Web sites such as eCampus and Amazon carry a broad selection



of used titles. Some schools are even experimenting with online textbooks, reducing both your costs and strain on your backpack. Renting books is a growing option that helps to reduce the amount of books being created. In fact, according to the Environmental Paper Network, if the U.S. reduced its paper consumption by 10 percent annually, we could save enough energy to power 228,000 homes, the carbon emissions equivalent to removing 279,000 cars from the road and 11 billion gallons of water.

4. Swap and Sell - Somehow in the last year

those shorts got way too short. Every school year demands a new wardrobe, but this doesn't automatically have to mean a shopping spree at the mall. Organize a clothing swap among your friends; you can pass on those tiny shorts to another grateful parent and your child could end up with a Hannah Montana hoodie or a Transformers T-shirt. Even if your school requires uniforms, everyone will be just as happy to trade in their old for "new." Same goes for flea markets, consignment shops and thrift stores. Someone's old skinny jeans could become your daughter's new favorite fashion statement. Can't find the perfect look in your friend's closet? Make your own! Take one of those 30 T-shirts you got hanging up and do some DIY re-purposing. If buying new is a must, opt for some eco-friendly options and check out clothing from recycled goods.

5. The Wheels on the Bus... - Do you drive your children to school every day? Do you carpool? Or do they walk, ride their bikes or



take the bus? To help reduce air pollution, investigate whether you live on or close to the school bus route. If the bus isn't an option, set up a carpool with your neighbors

or arrange a "walkpool," chaperoning a group on foot to and from school. You'll save on gas, reduce greenhouse gas emissions, get some exercise and maybe make some new friends in the process.

6. Lunchtime! - Lunch is everyone's favorite subject. But if your child is taking a brown paper bag filled with baggies or pre-packaged snacks to school every day, that adds up to a lot of trash. Invest in a lunchbox free of lead and, if they don't already come with it, reusable plastic containers, cloth napkins and a thermos. Just by eliminating all that daily wasted plastic and paper, your child could save 67 pounds of garbage a year. And don't forget to lead by example and start toting your own lunchbox to work.

7. Do Your Part - Even if you've forgotten how to do long division,



you can still teach your kids to recycle when you're not around. Inquire if your school has a recycling program, and if the answer is yes, explain to your children how to use it. If not, ask if there are any plans to implement a recycling program and if you could volunteer your time to help make it happen. Organizing a compost heap in conjunction with the cafeteria or setting up paper, plastic cardboard and aluminum recycling through the school's waste hauler are good places to start.

8. Monitor Electronics - Computers, graphing calculators, printers—it seems like a lot of school supplies nowadays plug in or run on batteries. Even if your child has mastered turning the lights out when they leave a room, there are two more ways to conserve energy even when their gadgets are off. Purchase rechargeable batteries instead of new, and invest in a Smart Power Strip. At \$30 to \$40, it's a bit pricier than a typical power strip, but it's completely worth it. This strip stops drawing electricity from appliances that are turned off, meaning you don't have to remember to switch the strip on and off every time. Sounds like something that could be useful all over the house, doesn't it?

If you have any questions on what you can do to conserve our precious resources and go green, please contact Public Services Coordinator, Andrea Saavedra at 909-864-8732 ext 271.

Volunteer Services

Highland Improvement Team. The Highland Improvement Team (HIT) needs your help. The Highland Improvement Team focuses on helping senior and disabled homeowners in Highland. Several qualifying residents in Highland need the help of the Highland Improvement Team. Unfortunately, the Highland Improvement Team is not large enough to complete some of the larger projects in just one day. By joining the Highland Improvement Team, you would be increasing our group, enabling us to tackle these larger projects and help these residents in need.

There has been some confusion regarding the Highland Improvement Team. What is the Highland Improvement Team? The Highland Improvement Team is *not* a probationary work release program. It is a community volunteer group organized through the City of Highland. Our team members primarily consist of citizen volunteers of Highland. Most of the Highland Improvement Team members have joined our team because they love to help in their community and they are proud to call Highland their home. Others volunteer to fulfill community service hours they need for church, school or service groups, but are just as equally dedicated to the cause. We help qualifying residents with yard clean up, garage clean out, minor painting, graffiti abatement and assist with different City events.

Joining the Highland Improvement Team is easy. All you have to do is commit your time to one project per month. Projects are usually held on the third Saturday of each month and last approximately four hours. The City provides all snacks, water, tools and supplies required for each clean up. A barbeque is sponsored by the City at the end of each HIT clean up for all those selflessly volunteering their time. Please consider joining the Highland Improvement Team and helping your community.



The next Highland Improvement Team clean up is scheduled for Saturday, August 15, 2009. We will meet at Highland City Hall, 27215 Baseline at 7:00am. We will depart for the clean up destination at 7:15am. The Highland Improvement Team looks forward to seeing you there! Please remember to join us back at City Hall following the clean up for a barbeque, held as a token of appreciation to all those volunteering their time to this clean up.

If you would like more information, please contact Volunteer Services Coordinator, Denise Garnsey, at (909) 864-6861 ext. 203.

Code Enforcement

Weekend Update. The following action was taken by the Code Compliance Officers:

YARD SALES: There were seventeen (17) inspections conducted at the following locations:

Six (6) Yard Sales were shut down without a Permit and issued a Notice of Violation at the following locations:

- 7800 block Tippecanoe (1)
- 24900 block Fifth (2)
- 29500 block Bright Spot (1)
- 7000 block Bangor (1)
- 26300 block Ninth (1)

Compliance Inspections for Previous Violations: (9)

- 7600 block Central: Conducting Yard Sale with active Permit.
- 7600 block Victoria: No Yard Sale.
- 7400 block Yellow Jasmine: No Yard Sale.
- 7300 block Cunningham: No Yard Sale.
- 7500 block McKinley: No Yard Sale.
- 7600 block Lankershim: No Yard Sale.
- 7600 block Drummond: No Yard Sale.
- 26700 block Ninth: No Yard Sale.
- 7400 block Dunkirk: No Yard Sale.

Inspected two (2) locations with valid Yard Sale Permits at the following locations:

- 7100 Central (Issued verbal Sign Violation warning)
- 27000 block Fifth Street

HOME OCCUPATION INSPECTIONS:

There were seven (7) inspections conducted and approved at the following locations:

- 29100 block Oak Creek
- 7500 block Homestead
- 29100 block Stonegate
- 7900 block Camino Cielo
- 7800 block Ruby
- 7100 block Vine
- 6600 block Victoria

RESIDENTIAL RENTAL INSPECTIONS:

There were (2) inspections conducted and action taken at the following locations:



26900 block Messina: Notice of Violation issued.

7400 block Old Bridge: Approved

COMMERCIAL BUSINESS LICENSE

INSPECTIONS: There was one (1) inspection conducted and approved at the following location:

25400 block of Base Line

SHOPPING CARTS: Three (3) Shopping Carts were retrieved and returned to the following establishments:
Base Line / Stoney Creek: Two (2) carts picked up and returned to Walgreen's and Albertson's.
Webster / Base Line: One (1) cart was picked up and returned to Albertson's.

ILLEGAL SIGNS REMOVED: There were 141 illegal Signs removed from the following locations:

Base Line / Palm	2
Base Line / Bonita	2
Base Line / Church	4
Base Line / Seine	8
Seine / Messina	2
Messina / Catalpa	1
Stoney Creek / Base Line	3
Stoney Creek / Pluto	2
Jasper / Stoney Creek	1
Base Line / Boulder	9
Base Line / Central	2
Base Line / Cunningham	1
Palm / Cypress	2
Webster / Greenspot	1
Greenspot / Church	1
Greenspot / Merris	2
Greenspot / Weaver	7
Greenspot / Club View	1
Alta Vista / Greenspot	1
Greenspot / Calle Del Rio	1
Fifth / 210 Freeway	2
Fifth / Church	4
Central / Ninth	3
Base Line/Osbun	2
Base Line / Elmwood	3
Base Line / Del Rosa	6
Base Line / Sterling	4

Base Line / Rogers	3
Base Line / McKinley	3
Victoria / Base Line	4
Victoria / Fresno	1
Victoria / Eleventh	1
Victoria / Ninth	4
Central / Cypress	1
Boulder / Pacific	6
Highland / Summertrail	3
Atlantic / Boulder	2
Yarnell / Base Line	2
Seguaro / Webster	1
Cherokee / Webster	1
Seguaro / Yellow Jasmine	1
Bright Spot / Weaver	2
Central / Fourteenth	2
Bangor / Fourteenth	4
Bangor / Mansfield	2
Mansfield / Central	1
Drummond / Ninth	8
Webster / Base Line	3

SUBSTANDARD HOUSING / NUISANCE

INSPECTIONS: Two (2) inspections were conducted at the following locations:
30300 block of Greenspot
7100 block of Central

Community Development

Historic and Cultural Preservation

Board determination: At its August 6, 2009, regular Meeting, the Board considered the following Application:

1. Certificate of Appropriateness No. 009-008 - An Application to rehab the subject structure, permit the painting of the Building consistent with colors approved by the Historic and Cultural Preservation Board, and construction of a roof in place of a portion of an existing deck. The Property is located on the southwest corner of Pacific Street and Palm Avenue (6906 Palm Avenue) APN's: 1191-471-13 and 16. Representative: John F. Acosta, Mountain Architecture Inc. (Continued from July 2, 2009, Special Meeting to August 6, 2009, Regular Meeting.)

The Historic and Cultural Preservation Board:

1. Approved Certificate of Appropriateness No. 009-008, subject to the Conditions of Approval, and;

2. Adopted the Findings of Fact.

The Application may now proceed forward in the process.

Public Works

What's New in Public Works? The following activities were completed by Public Works Crew between 8/3 – 8/12/09: Sprayed weeds on horse trails (Browning Rd. & Northfork, Streater); street sign maintenance at Base Line/Seine, Base Line/Stoney Creek; checked lights at crosswalk at Church St./Glenheather; checked Cram drain, repaired potholes at Water e/o Cram, Pacific/Palm, Base Line e/o Lillian, Edward View/Roddick, Sterling #1 lane sink hole (n/o Base Line, s/o Pacific), Pacific (w/o Sterling #1 lane), 5th/Lankershim; checked sidewalk on LaPraix; picked-up dumped furniture, etc. at Ward St. alley, 5th e/o Cunningham, Cunningham n/o Cypress, Roberts St. n/o 5th, McKinley, Newcomb, 11th St.; checked USA tickets; were involved in job



interviews for Maintenance Worker position; pressure washed sidewalk/curb on Victoria n/o 9th to Base Line; checked service requests, asphalt repair on Church St., Base Line, Harwick, Chanticleer; assisted w/traffic control at Base Line/Webster traffic collision; cleaned and removed burned debris left from Fire Dept. on Rogers n/o 11th St.; flushed-out storm drain line at Aloe Ct. s/o Water St.; LMD, City parks, Sheriff Station, City Hall, library, ELC, YMCA irrigation/landscape checks; loaded trash & green waste in dumpsters at Corporate Yard; checked outlet drains on Lockinvar e/o Water St.; removed weeds at Victoria/Millar, Greenspot/Gold Buckle to far east end of City, channel at Cherokee Rose/Red Clover; installed bird spikes at City Yard; repaired tool rack on

City truck; checked USA tickets; attended Air Brakes Training Class in Rancho Cucamonga; repaired irrigation system at LMD 44; picked-up trash and checked irrigation in orange groves at Aurantia Park and set parking lot light controller; installed new street name sign at Weaver/Greenspot; re-posted/repainted/painted end rail at Fairfax/Vine.

Mark Your Calendar



Saturday, August 15, 2009

7:00am to 11:00am - HIT Clean Up
Meet at City Hall, 27215 Baseline – Highland

Tuesday, August 18, 2009

6pm - Planning Commission Regular Meeting,
Donahue Council Chambers

Monday, August 24, 2009

5:00pm to 6:00pm - Blood Drive Committee Meeting (*NEW MEMBERS WELCOME*)
Jerry Lewis Community Center/YMCA
7793 Central Avenue - Highland

Tuesday, September 1, 2009

6pm - Planning Commission Regular Meeting,
Donahue Council Chambers

Wednesday, September 2, 2009

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

Monday, September 7, 2009

Labor Day Holiday - City Offices are closed

Tuesday, September 08, 2009

6pm – City Council Regular Meeting, Donahue Council Chambers

Thursday, September 10, 2009

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

Tuesday, September 15, 2009

6pm - Planning Commission Regular Meeting,
Donahue Council Chambers

Tuesday, September 22, 2009

6pm – City Council Regular Meeting, Donahue
Council Chambers

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