



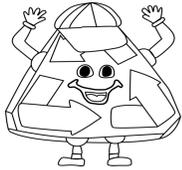
# City of Highland Weekly Report

September 03, 2009

## Recycling California Mercury Thermostat is now Mandatory in California

### Community Services

**REPETE'S WISDOM OF THE WEEK - California Mercury Thermostat Law Went into Effect July 1.** The Recycling of Mercury Thermostats is now mandatory in California. A new California law designed to increase the collection and recycling of waste mercury thermostats went into effect July 1, 2009. The



Mercury Thermostat Collection Act of 2008 (AB 2347, Ruskin) requires a contractor who installs heating, ventilation, and air-conditioning components and who removes out-of-service mercury thermostats to take them to a collection location for recycling. The California law follows similar legislation in Iowa, Maine, New Hampshire, Pennsylvania, and Vermont. Under the new law, mercury thermostats must be collect and recycled at no cost to contractors and homeowners.

Mercury is a toxic metal that in its various forms can accumulate in living tissue and cause adverse health effects. When a mercury thermostat is broken and disposed of in solid waste landfill or incinerator, the mercury can contaminate the air, surface and ground water.

### *Mercury Thermostat Facts -*

**How much mercury does each thermostat contain?** The majority of mercury-switch thermostats recovered by Thermostat Recycling Corporation (TRC) contain approximately 2.5 grams of mercury. However, the amount of mercury in a thermostat is determined by the number switches in the thermostat. Each switch contains approximately 2.5 grams of mercury and some thermostats may have as many as four switches.

**Is it safe to have mercury thermostats in my house?** Yes, mercury-switch thermostats are safe. In normal use, the consumer is never exposed to the mercury, which is entirely contained in a glass bulb. Thermostats are specifically designed to protect and hold the mercury inside. The bulb is protected by a sturdy thermostat casing. Nevertheless, it's prudent to handle thermostats with care. A mercury-switch thermostat poses a risk to the environment



when it is crushed and/or incinerated when improperly disposed in solid waste. The TRC was founded by thermostat manufacturers to make it easy and convenient for contractors and

homeowners to properly dispose waste mercury thermostats.

**How do I know if my thermostat contains mercury?** Carefully remove the cover of thermostat and check to see if it contains a mercury switch. If it contains mercury you will see glass ampoule containing silver metallic liquid attached to the thermostat.

**How many mercury thermostats remain in use?** There are no reliable estimates of the number of mercury thermostats that remain in use in the U.S. Many states have banned the sale and/or installation of mercury thermostats and manufacturers have ceased production and/or introduced alternatives into the market such as digital programmable models. As the use of alternatives has grown, the number of mercury thermostats in use is declining and will continue to decline over the next several years.

**I'm a homeowner or contractor, where do I dispose of any out-of-service mercury thermostat(s)?** The City of Highland Public Service Division will be collecting out-of-service mercury thermostats at Discover Highland Night on September 26, 2009 from 1-5 pm.

For more information on Mercury Thermostat Disposal, please contact Public Services Coordinator, Andrea Saavedra at 909-864-8732 ext. 271.

## Volunteer Services

**Mark Your Calendars for Monday, September 28, 2009**, the City of Highland in cooperation with LifeStream (formerly known as the Blood Bank of San Bernardino and Riverside Counties) will host a community blood drive at the Jerry Lewis Community Center (7793 Central Ave), between 1:30pm and 6:30pm.

The demand for blood never stops. LifeStream must collect at least 400 donations a day to ensure that our local hospitals get the lifesaving treatments they need. Giving blood provides

community members with the opportunity to contribute a live saving donation.

For every lifesaving donation, participants receive points as part of the "Gift of Life" Donor Loyalty Program that may be redeemed for items through Life Stream's online store. For more information on the "Gift of Life" Donor Loyalty Program, please visit [www.LStream.org](http://www.LStream.org) Should you have any questions or would like to volunteer your time, please contact Volunteer Services Coordinator, Denise Garnsey at 909 864-8732 at extension 203.

## Engineering

**Another Project Starts!** Activity will be seen on Tuesday, 9/8, to begin construction of street improvements at the northwest corner of Victoria Avenue and Highland Avenue. Improvements include widening the west side of Victoria Avenue to provide a southbound right turn only lane at the intersection, and construct curbs, gutters, sidewalks, drive approaches and match up pavement on the west side of Victoria Avenue and the north side of Highland Avenue. Coordination will take place with businesses and residents to address impacts during the construction process. Construction is funded by Indian Gaming Special Distribution Funds. It is anticipated the project will take up to 4 months to complete.



## Public Works

### Maintenance Report -August 2009

|                          |          |
|--------------------------|----------|
| Total Man-hours          | 1,823.25 |
| Compensated Man-hours    | 840.25   |
| Un-compensated Man-hours | 983      |

### Man-Hours per Activity

|                       |      |
|-----------------------|------|
| General Clean-up      | 116  |
| Parkway Maintenance   | 0    |
| Potholes              | 101  |
| Sidewalk              | 0    |
| Storm Drains          | 97   |
| Signs/Traffic Control | 62.5 |

|                                |        |
|--------------------------------|--------|
| Trees Trimmed                  | 18.75  |
| Vehicle/Tool Maintenance       | 78.25  |
| Building/Grounds Maintenance   | 286.5  |
| Landscape Maintenance District | 201.3  |
| Park Maintenance               | 252    |
| Trail Maintenance              | 18.75  |
| Special Maintenance            | 88     |
| Crack Sealing                  | 1      |
| Graffiti                       | 256.5  |
| USA Markings                   | 23.75  |
| Weed Spraying                  | 38     |
| Staff Meetings                 | 162.25 |
| Safety Training                | 30.75  |

**SPECIAL:** Reviewed LMD #44 for activation; loaded truck for HIT Team work; delivered recycling containers for classrooms at Beattie Middle School.

## Fire Prevention

### Fire Prevention Division Activity

**Update.** The following statistics were provided by the Fire Prevention Division for the number of Permit Totals and Valuations for the month of August, 2009.

Some of the Permits / Inspections include, but are not limited to the following: Fire Suppression, Various Types of Fire Sprinklers, UL 300, Fire Alarms, Various Types of Certificates of Occupancy, and Fire Construction Review.

#### Fire Prevention Division in Total Fees collected

|                  |             |
|------------------|-------------|
| Plan Check       | \$ 2,351.25 |
| Inspection       | \$ 1,615.00 |
| Business License | \$ 0.00     |
| Mircro Film      | \$ 26.00    |
| Total            | \$ 3,992.25 |

#### Total Inspections Performed for the month of August:16

If you want additional information, please contact the Planning Division at (909) 864-8732.

## Community Development

**Fall ICSC.** Twice a year, Staff attends Conferences held by the International Council of Shopping Centers (ICSC). The first Event is held in May and there were more than 42,000 Registrants (and Exhibitors) who were registered for the Conference, which was attended by retailers, brokers and developers from across the nation. The second, which held in September, in San Diego, is much



smaller, but attendees are from a concentrated area within the Inland Empire / Southern California area. Currently, there are forty-six (46) other Cities in the surrounding area who will be attending the Conference including Barstow, Chino, Fontana, Hesperia, Montclair, Moreno Valley, Ontario, Orange, Rialto, San Bernardino, Victorville and the County of San Bernardino, and many more as well as the Town of Apple Valley. It appears some of the furthest ones out were Tolleson, Arizona, and Surprise, Arizona!!! It is a great opportunity to seek out and meet with the decision-makers from this area. Attendees are familiar with the Inland Empire market and dynamics of the City of Highland.

**Planning Commission determination:** At its September 1, 2009, regular Meeting, the Commission considered the following Application:

1. DRB-009-008 - The subject Design Review Application is for the expansion of an existing Gas Station and construction of a New Fast Food Restaurant. The Project is located at 27323 Fifth Street, Highland, CA 92346, the southeast corner of Palm Avenue and Fifth Street and is identified as Assessor Parcel Numbers: 1201-311-26, 30, 31, and 32. Representative: Alex Cuevas, AGC Design Concept, Inc.

The Planning Commission:

1. Approved DRB 009-008 for the Proposed Site Plan, Grading Plan, Building Elevations, Photometric Plan Sign Plan, and Landscape Plans, all subject to the Conditions of Approval, as modified, and;

2. Approved the Design Review Findings of Fact.

The above Applications may now proceed further in the process.

## Building and Safety

**Building and Safety Division Activity Update.** The following statistics were provided by the Building and Safety Division for the number of Permit Totals and Valuations for the month of August, 2009.

### Description / No. of Units

|             |   |        |        |
|-------------|---|--------|--------|
| Electrical, | Mechanical,                               | Pools, | Walls, |
|             | Miscellaneous, etc. / 55                  |        |        |
|             | Other Structures / 13                     |        |        |
|             | Detached Garages / 2                      |        |        |
|             | Single Family Additions, Alterations / 13 |        |        |
|             | Commercial Additions, Alterations / 2     |        |        |
|             | Other Demolitions / 1                     |        |        |
|             | Grand Total Valuation \$569,551.00        |        |        |



### Building and Safety Division in Total Fees collected

|                  |              |
|------------------|--------------|
| Plan Check       | \$ 4,390.47  |
| Building Permits | \$ 24,070.94 |
| S.M.I.           | \$ 31.09     |
| Microfilm        | \$ 637.28    |
| Business License | \$ 130.00    |
| Green Building   | \$ 72.10     |
| Code Enforcement | \$ 5,668.86  |

### Total Inspections Performed for the month of August: 253

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## Mark Your Calendar



### **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**

Community Trails Comm. Meeting - canceled

### **Tuesday, September 15, 2009**

6pm - Planning Commission Regular Meeting, Donahue Council Chambers

### **Saturday, September 19, 2009**

8:00am to 12:00am - HI T Clean Up  
Meet at City Hall, 27215 Base Line - Highland

### **Monday, September 28, 2009**

1:30pm to 6:30pm - Community Blood Drive  
Jerry Lewis Community Center/Highland YMCA  
7793 Central Avenue - Highland

### **Tuesday, September 22, 2009**

6pm - City Council Regular Meeting, Donahue Council Chambers

### **Thursday, October 1, 2009**

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

### **Tuesday, October 6, 2009**

6pm - Planning Commission Regular Meeting, Donahue Council Chambers

### **Thursday, October 8, 2009**

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

### **Tuesday, October 13, 2009**

6pm - City Council Regular Meeting, Donahue Council Chambers

### **Tuesday, October 20, 2009**

6pm - Planning Commission Regular Meeting, Donahue Council Chambers

### **Tuesday, October 27, 2009**

6pm - City Council Regular Meeting, Donahue Council Chambers

### **Saturday, October 31, 2009**

Halloween

Assembled by: Elena Rodrigues

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2009***



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