



City of Highland Weekly Report

November 30, 2012

Repete's Wisdom of the Week 10 Uses for Plastic Bags

Public Services



Repete's Wisdom of the Week -10 Uses for Plastic Bags. Leftover shopping bags aren't just for lining the bathroom trash can or picking up after your pet. Check out these other clever recycling ideas.

1. **Fill the Gaps:** Stuff plastic bags into cavities around pipes, ducts, or other wall or floor penetrations to provide a substrate before filling voids with spray foam or caulk.

2. **Protect Fruit:** In late fall, tie plastic bags over nearly ripe fruit on a tree to keep out bugs and guard against frost damage.



3. **Apply Waxes and Creams:** Use a bag as a mitt to spread furniture wax or polish. Then buff to a shiny finish using a soft, dry cloth.

4. **Transport Unpotted Plants:** Divide overgrown perennials and place extras in bags to contain the soil and keep in moisture while you carry them to a friend.

5. **Seal a Paint Can:** When you're done painting, slip a plastic bag over the paint can lid before

replacing it so that dirt or flakes of dried paint on the lid's underside won't fall into the liquid.

6. **Keep Your Jeans Clean:** Cut holes in the bottom of two bags and wear the bags like kneepads to protect your pants while you're gardening.

7. **Make Sure Glue Won't Stick to the Wrong Thing:** Before clamping up a woodworking project that's just been glued, slip a plastic bag between the piece you've worked on and the clamp blocks. Once the glue has dried, the blocks will slip off your piece easily.

8. **Save Time After a Storm:** Expecting snow or sleet? Tie plastic bags around your car's side-view mirrors so that you don't have to scrape ice off them; just yank the bags off and you're on your way.

9. **Keep Your Dog or Cat Comfy:** Stuff an old pillowcase tightly with plastic bags, sew the open end closed, and let your pet lounge on it during nap time.

10. **Corral Hardware:** Line tool-belt pockets with a bag trimmed to size. No more stabbing yourself as you reach for nails deep in the seams.

Stay tuned for 10 Uses for Egg Cartons. There are several ideas that will help make home organizing as easy as 1-2-3!

America Recycles Day Contest - The City of Highland's Public Services Division and Re-Pete are proud to announce that the contest held a few weeks ago to celebrate America Recycles Day on November 15th was successful. We had 12 participants and for those of you with inquiring minds, there were 101 recyclable items in the display case. Every single item in the display case is in fact an item that can be recycled in your recycling (blue) cart at home.



Thank You to all who participated in our America Recycles Day contest! Be sure to keep an eye out for next year's contest.

Pledge to recycle one new item from now on and celebrate America Recycled Day everyday. Remember every little bit counts!

Should you have any questions regarding items that can be recycled, please feel free to contact Public Services Coordinator, Andrea Saavedra at 909-864-8732 ext. 271.

Volunteer Services

Highland Improvement Team - Please join us at the next Highland Improvement Team cleanup on Saturday, December 15, 2012. Highland Improvement Team volunteers will be helping a senior resident with some minor landscaping and yard cleanup.

Interested volunteers can sign-up the morning of the cleanup from 7:30am to 8:00am at Highland City Hall, 27215 Baseline. The cleanup will take place from 8:00am to Noon. The City provides all equipment and supplies needed for the project. Please remember, volunteers must provide their own transportation to and from the cleanup site.

An adult must accompany volunteers under 18 years of age.

For more information, please contact Denise Moreno, Volunteer Services Coordinator, at 909-864-6861 extension 203.

Highland Blood Drive - Blood Drive Success! This past Monday, November 26, 2012, the City of Highland in cooperation with LifeStream hosted the last blood drive of 2012 at the Highland Police Station.

The demand for blood never stops. We need to collect at least 600 units of blood 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 lifesaving donation. Due to our wonderful community donors, Highland brought in **50** registered donors. With only 7 deferrals, our blood drive was able to bring in **43** units of blood for the community!

The success of each blood drive would not be possible without the help of our wonderful volunteers, Pearl Crump, Harriet Foucher, Audree Kraemer, Ada Scott, Yolanda Werts and Sylvia Yzaguirre and the fabulous staff from LifeStream. In addition, a special thank you goes out to staff at the Highland Police Station for providing use of the Community Room and all the tables and chairs used during the blood drive.

Mark Your Calendar! The first community blood drive for 2013 is set for Monday, January 28, 2013 at the Highland Police Station. Please join us from 1:30pm to 6:30pm and help Highland increase its blood donations for the New Year. Should you have any questions or like to volunteer your time, please contact Denise Garnsey at 909 864-6861 extension 203.



Public Works

Graffiti Report: During the period of 11/1/12 - 11/21/12, graffiti made known to Public Works staff, by the following means, was removed: **Reported to Hotline:** Monterey Apt. on Base Line, Palm Plaza, Villa/Palm, Cypress/Palm, Norwood/Palm, Sutherland/Church, Flamingo/Bonnie, 4th/Marilyn, 9th w/o Dunkirk, LaPraix, 7199 Palm; **Reported by Staff:** Cherokee Rose e/o Streater; **Routine Observation by Public Works:** 26765 Pacific, Base Line e/o Guthrie, Sterling n/o 13th to Byron, 9th/Elmwood, Community Park restrooms, 5th St. Bridge, Pinehurst Village (Ward St.), Victoria/Pacific, Base Line w/o Osbun, 8216 Del Rosa Dr., Jolly Boys Liquor on Victoria, Fire Station #3, Central Ave. - Corp. Yd. to YMCA, Central s/o Cypress, Sterling/Jane, west side of Del Rosa Ave. n/o Base Line, CeeVee's - Palm/Cypress, Church Ave./Temple, Sterling/9th, Highland Smog (Palm/Base Line), Church Ave. n/o Norwood, Central s/o Fisher, Central n/o Messina, Central/14th, all 4 corners at Palm/Base Line, Mira Vista/Base Line, Rogers Ln./9th, 7350 McKinley; Fisher/Sterling, Base Line/Elmwood, 25356 & 25374 Base Line, Golondrina/9th, Bonnie/9th, Del Rosa Dr. s/o 5th St., 25330 4th St., 4th/Del Rosa Dr., 8177 Marilyn, Court/Marilyn, 5th/Shirley, Cole/9th, Bell/9th, Victoria/Rosemary, Victoria/Fresno, Olive/Base Line alley.

Administration

Caring for Animals - If you are like millions of animal owners nationwide, your pet is an important member of your household. Unfortunately, animals are also affected by disaster.

The likelihood that you and your animals will survive an emergency such as a fire or flood, tornado or terrorist attack depends largely on emergency planning done today. Some of the

things you can do to prepare for the unexpected, such as assembling an animal emergency supply kit and developing a pet care buddy system, are the same for any emergency. Whether you decide to stay put in an emergency or evacuate to a safer location, you will need to make plans in advance for your pets. Keep in mind that what's best for you is typically what's best for your animals.

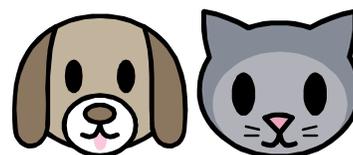
If you evacuate your home, **DO NOT LEAVE YOUR PETS BEHIND!** Pets most likely cannot survive on their own and if by some remote chance they do, you may not be able to find them when you return.

If you are going to a public shelter, it is important to understand that animals may not be allowed inside. Plan in advance for shelter alternatives that will work for both you and your pets; consider loved ones or friends outside of your immediate area who would be willing to host you and your pets in an emergency.

Make a back-up emergency plan in case you can't care for your animals yourself. Develop a buddy system with neighbors, friends and relatives to make sure that someone is available to care for or evacuate your pets if you are unable to do so. Be prepared to improvise and use what you have on hand to make it on your own for at least three days, maybe longer. Don't forget to include pet supplies when planning your disaster supply kit and figuring out your water needs.

For more information regarding pets during a disaster, please visit the following website http://www.humanesociety.org/issues/animal_rescue/tips/pets-disaster.html

Fore more information regarding disaster preparedness in general, please visit <http://www.ready.gov>



Finance

Commercial Business License Applications - There was no new commercial business license for the week of 11/26/12 to 11/30/12.

Mark Your Calendar

Tuesday, December 4, 2012

6pm - Planning Commission Regular Meeting, Donahue Council Chambers

Wednesday, December 5, 2012

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

Thursday, December 6, 2012

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

Tuesday, December 11, 2012

6pm - City Council Regular Meeting, Donahue Council Chambers

Thursday, December 13, 2012

3pm - Community Trails Committee Special Meeting, Donahue Council Chambers
5pm - Community Trails Committee Regular Meeting has been cancelled

Saturday, December 15, 2012

8am to 12pm - Highland Improvement Team Cleanup, meet @ Highland City Hall - 27215 Baseline, Highland

Tuesday, December 18, 2012

6pm - Planning Commission Regular Meeting, Donahue Council Chambers

Tuesday, December 25, 2012

Christmas Holiday - City Offices are closed

Tuesday, January 1, 2013

New Year's Day Holiday - City Offices are closed

Thursday, January 3, 2013

5:30pm - Historic and Cultural Preservation Board Study Session, Upright Conference Room

Monday, January 7, 2013

4pm to 5pm - Blood Drive Committee Meeting
New members always welcome Highland City Hall - 27215 Baseline, Highland

Tuesday, January 08, 2013

6pm - City Council Regular Meeting, Donahue Council Chambers

Thursday, January 10, 2013

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

Tuesday, January 15, 2013

6pm - Planning Commission Regular Meeting, Donahue Council Chambers

Tuesday, January 22, 2013

6pm - City Council Regular Meeting, Donahue Council Chambers

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