



City of Highland Weekly Report

December 12, 2014

Repete's Wisdom of the Week - How to Handle Excess Holiday Packaging

Public Services



Repete's Wisdom of the Week -How Do I Handle Excess Holiday Packaging? Even with the best reduce-reuse-recycle efforts, the holidays may still generate more waste than your recycling cart can handle. Cal Disposal and Burrtec Waste Industries, Inc. have come up with a simple solution to help Highland residents avoid improper disposal of recyclable holiday packaging.



Any recyclable holiday packaging, for example: gift boxes, cardboard packaging, wrapping paper (non-foil based), tissue paper, greeting cards, etc. that will not fit within your **BLUE** recycling cart will be collected from the curb on your regular collection day at no extra charge!

Be sure and put out any excess holiday recyclables at the curb by 6:00am on your regular collection day from December 26 to December 31, 2014.

Remember, only recyclable items will be picked up. If you plan to use a bag for those excess items, please make sure the contents can be

easily identified as recyclable.

For more information, please call:

- Burrtec Waste Industries, Inc. at (909) 889-1969
- Cal Disposal Co., Inc. at (909) 885-1023
- City of Highland, Public Services Division at (909) 864-8732 ext. 271

Volunteer Services

Blood Drive - Mark your calendars! The **2015 Blood Drive** dates are here! They are as follows:

- Monday, January 26, 2015
- Monday, March 23, 2015
- Monday, May 18, 2015
- Monday, July 27, 2015
- Monday, September 21, 2015
- Monday, November 23, 2015



Highland Community Blood Drives

1:30pm - 6:30pm

Highland Police Station - Community Room
(26985 Base Line - Highland)

Please contact Volunteer Services Coordinator, Denise Moreno, with any questions or for more information regarding

the Highland Blood Drives at 909-864-6861 extension 203.

Highland Improvement Team - The December HIT cleanup is just two weeks away. HIT members will be participating in a **Litter Abatement cleanup** on Saturday, December 20th from 8:00am to noon.



Anyone interested in volunteering can call Volunteer Services to sign-up or they can sign-in the morning of the cleanup from 7:30am to 8:00am. That morning, Volunteers will register/sign-in at Highland City Hall located at 27215 Base Line in Highland. Please note: Volunteers will be required to provide their own transportation from City Hall to the cleanup site.

Please contact Denise Moreno, Volunteer Services Coordinator, at 909-864-6861 extension 203 with questions or for more information about joining the Highland Improvement Team!

***Volunteers less than 18 years old are always welcome to join us but, must be accompanied by an adult over 18 years of age.*

How to Pick up Litter - In addition to making places look ugly, litter presents a threat to wildlife and public health. Pitching in and cleaning up some trash is an easy way for anyone to help out. Read this useful article to find out how you can help!

1. Stop littering yourself. You have no entitlement to litter. The reason there is so much trash around is because many other people thought the same way. Just be on the lookout for trash bins, and be willing to hold on to your trash for a little while. When on the road, make sure items in the back of your truck are secure and nothing can blow out. Keep your truck bed clean and free of loose litter. If you

own a business, keep your parking lot and the area around your dumpsters clean. Have trash containers available for customers. Keep them emptied so trash will not blow out of the containers. On windy days, litter can travel a long way from the litter source.

2. Buy food items with less packaging and eat less processed or manufactured food. Pack your own lunch in containers that can be reused. Drink water or other beverages from your own container. Spend money on some really wonderful tasting fruit rather than a packaged snack or dessert.

3. Spread the word to friends and relatives about why littering is so bad. Do not hand out fliers because those could become litter themselves! Create awareness by writing letters to the editors of newspapers. Talk "Trash" and emphasize how litter mars the beauty of the cities and countryside. Encourage citizens to work together and clean up the environment.

4. Start cleaning up. This can be done solo, with friends or in an organized group. Once you get started, you will not want to quit. Getting started is the hardest part. Don't be embarrassed to do it alone. Believe me; it will make you feel really good about yourself. Pick up litter while getting your walking exercise. A lot of people think picking up litter is disgusting and degrading. Litter is what is disgusting and degrading. If everyone would do a little to keep the environment clean, it would make a world of difference. Bring a plastic bag with you on trips, outings and walks.

5. If solo: *You can pick up litter on the way to work or school if you don't drive.* You may feel embarrassed if this is uncommon in your area. But you will eventually inspire others. You could occasionally take different routes for variety and to see if your actions have

taken root with others. Unless you have become friendly with the owners of private properties, only pick up what is on sidewalks of houses. Even if the owners or tenants are messy, it is private property. Be aware that even just picking up litter from sidewalks may only encourage the owners or tenants to continue or possibly increase their littering. You could strike up a friendly conversation and gently but firmly educate owners and tenants about the consequences of littering. Do not become self-righteous, pushy or angry -- you will lose points for sure. Try some humor instead.

6. If with others: gather up a group of friends for an informal litter picking party. Have participants meet somewhere afterward for a meal or have all bring food for a potluck afterward at your home.

7. Suggest to a group you belong to, that cleaning up area on an afternoon might be a worthwhile community service activity. Pick an area near a restroom if possible. Keep the area of the project small or the time frame within an hour. Otherwise people may become soured about how much time or work it took. Have a contest to see who can pick up the largest number of pieces, the most pounds of trash or the most unusual trash. The winner gets a free beverage, cloth bag, or other prize. (See if a local merchant will donate a prize.)

*Information courtesy of wikiHow
(<http://www.wikihow.com/Pick-up-Litter>)*

Community Development



Congratulations to Patrick Sandford and Karsten Polk! At the December 4, 2014, Regular meeting, the Historic and Cultural Preservation Board reelected Partick Sandford to be Chairman and Karsten Polk was elected to be Vice Chairman. Congratulations!

Historic and Cultural Preservation

Board: At the December 4, 2014, Regular meeting, the Historic and Cultural Preservation Board considered the following items:

1. Certificate of Appropriateness No. COA-14-008 to Allow the Installation of Roof-Mounted Photovoltaic Panels on an Approximately 2,897 Square Foot Two-Story Contributing Historic Residence and Detached Approximately 288 Square Foot Garage
Location: 27268 Main Street, Highland Historic District Assessor's Parcel No. 1191-471-41

The Historic and Cultural Preservation Board:

1. Approved COA-14-008, for the installation of a roof-mounted photovoltaic panels on a contributing residence and detached garage, subject to Conditions of Approval, and;
2. Adopted the Findings of Fact.

2. Certificate of Appropriateness No. 14-007 to Allow the Installation of a Wheelchair Ramp and Gate within the Front Yard to Provide Additional Access to the Porch of a Contributing Residence
Location: 27268 Main Street, Highland Historic District Assessor's Parcel No. 1191-471-41

The Historic and Cultural Preservation Board:

1. Approved COA-14-007 for the installation of a wheelchair ramp and gate within the front yard to provide additional access to the porch of a contributing residence, subject to Conditions of Approval, and;
2. Adopted the Findings of Fact.

3. Certificate of Appropriateness No. 14-010 to Allow Demolition of an Approximately 190 Square Foot Addition and Minor Exterior Repairs to an Existing 892 Square Foot Historic Residence Location: 27433 E. Main

Street, Highland Historic District Assessor's Parcel No. 1200-351-44

The Historic and Cultural Preservation Board:

1. Approved COA-14-010 for the demolition of an approximately 190 square foot addition and minor exterior repairs to an existing 892 square foot historic residence, subject to Conditions of Approval, and;
2. Adopted the Findings of Fact.

Finance

Commercial Business License Applications - There were two new commercial business licenses for the week of 12/8 to 12/12/14. Dickey's Barbecue Pit located at 27949 Greenspot Road, #D and Joseph M. Ruiz, State Farm Agent located at 27194 Baseline St., #C

Administration

Emergency Preparedness - 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 webpage http://www.humanesociety.org/issues/animal_rescue/tips/pets-disaster.html and for more information regarding disaster preparedness in general, please visit <http://www.ready.gov>

Mark Your Calendar

November 24 - December 19, 2014

Toy Drive Donation Locations:

- Highland City Hall - 27215 Base Line
- Highland Police Station - 26985 Base Line
- Highland YMCA - 7793 Central Avenue
- Highland Community News - 27000 Base Line, Suite G
- Highland Fire Stations 1, 2 and 3

For Information, Lisa Henley 909-425-9793

December 11, 2014

5pm - Community Trails Committee, Donahue Council Chambers

December 16, 2014

6pm - Planning Commission Regular Meeting, Donahue Council Chambers

Saturday, December 20, 2014

8am to Noon - Highland Improvement Team Cleanup. Sign in @ Highland City Hall - 27215 Base Line. Contact Denise Moreno for more information at 909-864-6861 ext. 203.

December 23, 2014

6pm - City Council Regular Meeting - Dark

December 30, 2014

11am - Finance Subcommittee Meeting,

January 6, 2015

6pm - Planning Commission Regular Meeting, Donahue Council Chambers

January 7, 2015

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

January 8, 2015

5pm - Community Trails Committee, Donahue Council Chambers

January 13, 2015

6pm - City Council Regular Meeting, Donahue Council Chambers

January 20, 2015

6pm - Planning Commission Regular Meeting, Donahue Council Chambers

January 27, 2015

6pm - City Council Regular Meeting, Donahue Council Chambers

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