



# The Backbone

## Dear Valued Customers,

The inaugural issue of the Public Works Department Bi-monthly Newsletter, *The Backbone*, has arrived. This newsletter will share information about what the Department is doing to maintain and enhance the infrastructure that includes trees, parks, solid waste, street lighting, streets, sidewalks, water, wastewater, stormwater, parking structures, City facilities and vehicles. In addition, you will learn about key services like solid waste removal and recycling that keep the City well maintained and sustainable for the future. Some regular content will include water conservation tips, energy savings tips and upcoming projects.

As a Department that promotes sustainability, our goal is to eventually distribute the newsletter electronically only. In each issue you will see a link to encourage you to subscribe and opt in by selecting the Public Works Newsletter for the electronic version. After the sixth issue is released, we will assess how large our electronic circulation is. Electronic newsletters allow the City to direct our customers to even more information without using paper. Please create an account, follow the link to subscribe and opt in for the electronic distribution of the Public Works Newsletter.

[www.beverlyhills.org/enotice](http://www.beverlyhills.org/enotice)

We look forward to our customers understanding how much pride the Public Works Department takes in providing exceptional service to maintain the health and safety of your City's backbone.

Sincerely,

Shana E. Epstein  
Director of Public Works



## About Leaks:

Did you know that one leaky toilet can waste up to 200 gallons of water an hour? And, a broken sprinkler pipe can waste just as much. Many water leaks are not visible and can go undetected for months at a time. To help detect continuous water flows you can quickly register for an online program called Water Tracker. This free City program displays daily water use and will notify you of abnormally high daily usage and/or continuous water flow issues. Beverly Hills customers can sign up by going to:

[www.water.beverlyhills.org/watertracker](http://www.water.beverlyhills.org/watertracker)

On April 7, 2017, Governor Brown ended the drought state of emergency in California. However, water conservation measure Stage C (20% conservation) remains in effect; City of Beverly Hills Municipal Code Section 9-4-3.

## Two Days Per Week Watering Schedule From October to May

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**North of Santa Monica: Monday & Friday**  
**South of Santa Monica: Tuesday & Saturday**

## CNG Vehicle Purchase:

More Greenhouse gas emissions savings – The City's award winning Fleet Department has purchased three Near-Zero Emission Compressed Natural Gas (CNG) fueled vehicles – two automated side loader refuse vehicles and one rear loader refuse vehicle. The new vehicles will reduce an additional 30% in greenhouse gas emissions compared from existing refuse vehicles.

## Ficus Tree Trimming:

We will be trimming Ficus trees in the southeast area of the City on Robertson Boulevard and La Cienega Boulevard on Sundays, time 9am to 5pm.



Carbon Offset  
**1,656,671**  
Lbs.



Trees Planted  
**2,065**  
Trees

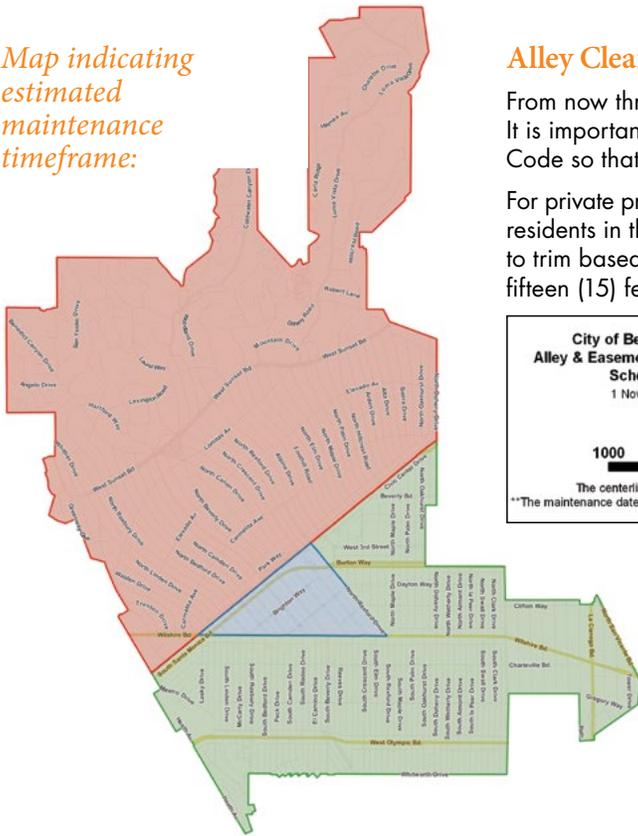


Gallons of Gas  
**91,045**  
Gallons

## Benefits of Solar:

The City is leading by example and saving! Since October 1st 2011, three PV solar panels have been installed at the Police Department, Library and Civic Center Garage. Every year, over 615,000 kWh of electricity is generated; this equates to 449 metric tons of carbon dioxide (Co2) and emissions of 86 cars or the electricity of 40 average size homes.

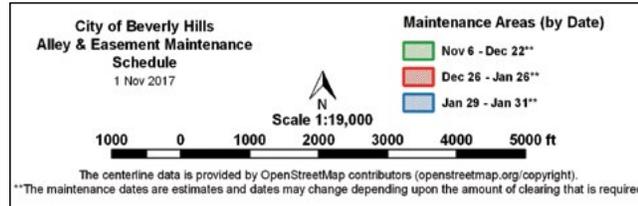
Map indicating estimated maintenance timeframe:



### Alley Clearance:

From now through the end of January, we will perform bi-annual alley clearance and trimming. It is important to keep these areas maintained in accordance with the Beverly Hills Municipal Code so that they are accessible to City service and emergency vehicles.

For private property foliage from the alley that is not trimmed within ten (10) days from the date residents in the service area(s) receive the notification postcard; the City contractor will proceed to trim based on the City's specification (maintained to the property line and to a height of fifteen (15) feet). They will not prune or trim plant material above fifteen (15) feet.



## We Wish You Happy Holidays

### The Holidays:

The Holidays are just around the corner and that means more time is spent in the kitchen.

- Do not pour FOG (Fats, Oil and Grease) into the kitchen drain.
- Recycle oil; secure it in a sealable container and dispose of properly.
- Dry wipe all pots, pans and plates of FOG before dish-washing.
- Do not pour FOG down into the toilet.

During the holiday season, the Solid Waste collection will not take place Christmas and New Year's; we will resume service the following day. As an example, if your normal pick up is on Monday, we will pick up on Tuesday.

For Christmas tree disposal, please remove all ornaments and decorations; remove stand/base and place the tree next to your trash bin for collection. Christmas trees are collected during the normally scheduled trash pick-up days.

### Energy Efficient Holiday Season

The City of Beverly Hills encourages you to take a few minutes to check lights and decorations for your family's safety. Examine holiday lights, cords, power strips and outlets.

- Condition – good condition nothing is frayed.
- Overloaded – a rule of thumb is not to load household circuits over 80%.
- Approved UL (UL mark will indicate if product is tested and verified for safety).
- Easy access to shut off lights, especially when leaving home.

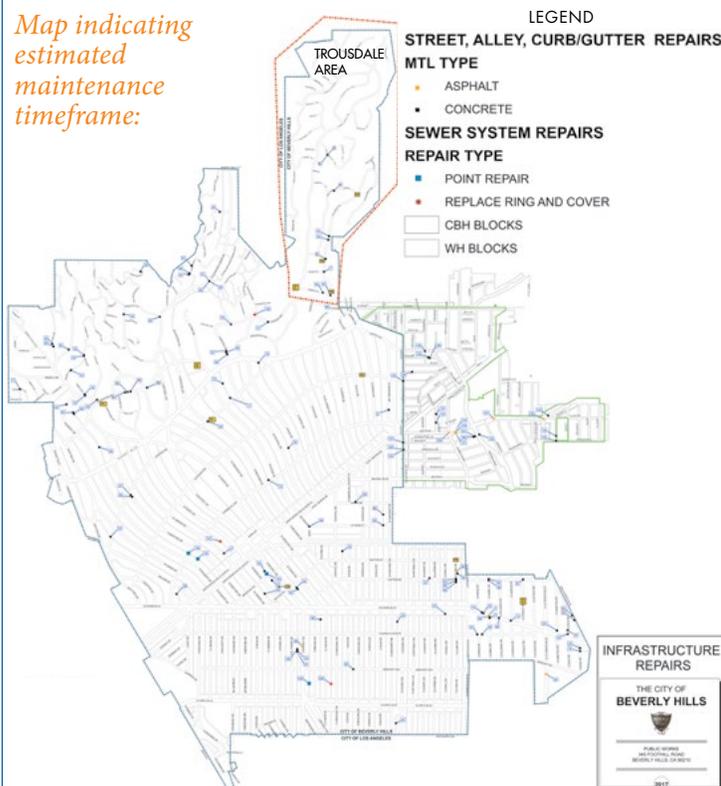
If you are purchasing new holiday lights consider energy star certified LED lighting. LED light strands use 75% less energy than incandescent lights and last up to ten times longer.

*Have a Safe and Happy Holiday Season from our Family to Yours!  
See you next year.*

### Pavement Repairs:

Throughout the remainder of the year we will be performing pavement spot repairs and four sewer line spot repairs related to the City's underground utilities. In services areas, the repairs are estimated to take one to three days for which you will receive advance notice. While the work is underway, it is recommended to keep your windows and doors closed to reduce noise and dust.

Map indicating estimated maintenance timeframe:



### Resources

**Public Works Customer Service:**  
☎ (310) 285-2467  
✉ AskPW@beverlyhills.org

**Public Works Department:**  
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Beverly Hills, CA  
90210

### Helpful Links:

- Link to sign up for the bi-monthly Newsletter: [www.beverlyhills.org/enotice](http://www.beverlyhills.org/enotice)
- Water Tracker – [www.beverlyhills.org/watertracker](http://www.beverlyhills.org/watertracker)
- Water Rates – [www.beverlyhills.org/waterrates](http://www.beverlyhills.org/waterrates)
- Water Conservation – [www.bhsaves.org](http://www.bhsaves.org)