



The Backbone

Go Paperless

As a Department that promotes sustainability and as we continue to build our readership, our goal is to eventually distribute the newsletter electronically only. We encourage you to subscribe to the following link 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. The electronic newsletters allow the City to share more information while reducing paper production. www.beverlyhills.org/enotice

Where Does All The Water Go? Landscapes

The most effective way to conserve is to water landscapes efficiently. Fifty to seventy-five percent of the water used at a large residential lot is used to water the landscape. An effective way to reduce water consumption at any home is to have a water evaluation performed on your landscape. The City offers professional evaluations for residents using more than 80 units of water per billing cycle. Please contact Public Works Customer Service to schedule an evaluation.

Watering Schedule:		
	October - May	June - September
North of Santa Monica	Monday & Friday	Monday, Wednesday & Friday
South of Santa Monica	Tuesday & Saturday	Tuesday, Thursday & Saturday

Below are simple tips to help you use water efficiently when watering your landscape:

1. Check the settings on your sprinkler controller with your gardener in accordance to the Beverly Hills Municipal Code for approved watering times.
2. Eight (8) minutes per station for sprinklers should be sufficient for grass. Drip irrigation should run longer.
3. Do not allow sprinkler water to run off the landscape.
4. Put a back-up battery in the back of your controller so your settings are saved if the electricity goes out.

Energy Conservation

The City is now part of the West Side Energy Partnership. This partnership will allow the City to promote the following to our customers:

1. Provide support to implement energy efficiency projects
2. Provide support on energy related planning projects

The City's first project with the group is to participate in the Energy Benchmarking Project, which is in line with the goals of the California Long Term Energy Efficiency Strategic Plan. The project allows the City to measure facilities energy consumption over time and compare its energy performance with similar buildings of its type. It also allows for increased transparency of the City's energy consumption and leads to the identification of energy efficiency opportunities.



Water Rates:

Effective January 1, 2018 water rates increased across the board to reinvest in our infrastructure and continue to produce local water in the City. Metropolitan

Water District supplies the majority of our water, while local water production helps to protect the City's water supply and diversifies our water supply portfolio to increase reliability.

As a public enterprise, the water utility is self-supporting, largely through revenues generated by rates paid by our customers. Your money is directly reinvested into the Water Enterprise to pay for the water that you use every day for drinking, bathing, cooking, and outdoor watering in addition to less visible expenses such as long-term debt payments, planning and environmental compliance.

Examples of water rate charge increases are:

An average single-family residential customer with a 1-inch meter uses approximately 30 hundred cubic feet (HCF) or 22,440 gallons of water bi-monthly.

Based on the average water usage, a single family residential customer will see an increase of approximately \$5.56 to \$6.50 on each bi-monthly bill over the next five years.

At the end of the 5 year period a single-family residential customer will see a total increase of approximately \$29.52 on the bi-monthly bill.





Winter Storm Preparation:

TIPS FOR PREVENTING THE INTRUSION OF WATER INTO BUILDINGS AND HOMES

1. Construct berms or otherwise raise the ground level in strategic locations to help divert "sheet flow" away from building entrances.
2. Lower the water level in swimming pools to help prevent them from overflowing into buildings or over slopes.
3. Remove or build water-tight enclosures around electrical panels (or vaults) and gas meters in subterranean locations to prevent the threat of electrocution and explosion in case these areas fill with water.
4. Remove heating and other mechanical equipment from subterranean locations; reinstall at least one foot above the surrounding ground level.
5. Service (or install) sump pumps in subterranean parking structures and other below-grade locations designed to remove water from these locations.
6. Engage the services of a licensed roofing contractor to thoroughly check and repair (or replace) worn roofing materials.
7. Make sure that water from down spouts and paved surfaces drains away from slopes, preferably to public streets, preventing slopes from becoming saturated and creating mud slides.
8. Cover the top of slopes with sheets of plastic to prevent water from entering and causing mud slides.

During Winter Storms Sandbags are available!

The City of Beverly Hills will provide up to 10 filled sandbags per household. Sandbags may be picked up at 342 Foothill Road during designated sandbag distribution hours. For information on sandbag distribution times call Public Works Customer Service.

How to place Sandbags to properly redirect water:
www.beverlyhills.org/sandbags

Resources

- | | |
|--|--|
| <p>Public Works Customer Service:
☎ (310) 285-2467
@ AskPW@beverlyhills.org</p> | <p>Public Works Department:
📍 345 Foothill Road
Beverly Hills, CA
90210</p> |
|--|--|

Helpful Links:

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

Upcoming Los Angeles Household Hazardous Waste Round-up near you: TOO TOXIC TO TRASH

Remember to properly dispose of household hazardous waste. The next Los Angeles County Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) event near you is:

Saturday, February 17, 2018

CITY OF MARINA DEL REY (Unincorporated Marina Del Rey)

Dock 52 Parking Lot
Fiji Way
Marina Del Rey, CA 93535

9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

www.beverlyhills.org/lacountyhhw

Additionally, the following facility regularly accepts HHW.

West Los Angeles U.C.L.A. Safe Center

550 Charles E. Young Drive,
West Los Angeles, CA 90095

Thursday-Fridays & Saturdays 8:00 am – 2:00 p.m.

E-waste is only collected on Saturdays

Fiber-to-the-Premise

Construction is underway for the Beverly Hills Fiber to the Premise project. This will be a city-owned and operated utility, providing high-speed broadband fiber service to every premise in the city. The project has a five-year (2017-2021) timeline from ground-breaking to service online. Residential customers will receive service first, with businesses to soon follow.

Fiber to the Premise will offer 1 gigabit-per-second internet speeds, which are significantly faster - at least twice as fast - as service currently available. Voice (telephone) and video (television) will quickly follow internet.

The City will be segmented into grids of some 100+ micro-neighborhoods to minimize construction; areas impacted will receive notices. Now through June 2018.

Current Fiber Construction Locations:

North west residential area -
North of Sunset Blvd. and west of Alpine Dr.

South east residential area -
Between Wilshire Blvd. and Clifton Way and Robertson Blvd.
to Le Doux Rd.

For more information contact visit our webpage at www.beverlyhills.org/future, email: PurpleLine@beverlyhills.org, or call Public Works Customer Service.

Save the Date

Public Works Events

Earth Day – Sunday, April 15, 2018

9300 Civic Center Drive, Beverly Hills, CA 90210
@ Farmers' Market | 9:00 am to 1:00 pm

Public Works Day – Sunday, May 20, 2018

9300 Civic Center Drive, Beverly Hills, CA 90210
@ Farmers' Market | 9:00 am to 1:00 pm