

BRADBURY NEWS

Earthquakes & Natural Gas

November 2010

The Gas Company offers these safety tips to help reduce the chance of injuries or property damage from the next quake:

Before an earthquake:

- Securely strap water heaters to prevent them from moving or toppling over. The water heater should be fastened securely to the wall studs in two places -- the upper and lower one-third of the tank -- with heavy bolts and metal straps.
- Replace semi-rigid (aluminum or copper) gas appliance connectors with approved connectors made of corrugated metal. These are less likely to crack during an earthquake. Connectors and water heater strapping kits are available at most hardware and home improvement stores.
- Know where the natural gas meter is located. Gas meters are commonly located above ground next to the home on the side, front or back, but may also be in a cabinet or below ground level.
- Have a 12-inch or larger adjustable wrench handy to manually turn off the gas meter should it be necessary if a gas leak is suspected after an emergency.

After an earthquake:

- Do not turn off the gas meter after an earthquake, unless there is a gas smell, the sound of gas escaping, or other signs of a gas leak such as dirt, water or debris being blown into the air, or a fire near a pipeline. Once the gas has been turned off, it may take The Gas Company several days to restore service, depending on the magnitude of the emergency. **Do not turn the gas back on yourself.**
- If an appliance appears to have a leak, turning off the valve between the appliance and gas line may stop the leak. If not, shut off the gas at the meter.
- If there is an apparent gas leak, remain calm. Do not light a match, candle or cigarette, and do not turn electrical devices -- not even a light switch -- on or off. From a safe location, call The Gas Company at 1-800-427-2200 or 1-800-342-4545 in Spanish, 24 hours a day, seven days a week; or call 911.
- If a gas leak is suspected and it is safe to do so, turn the gas off at the meter. Using an adjustable wrench, make a quarter-turn of the valve, moving it from a vertical position to a horizontal position. This will shut off the flow of gas. (www.socalgas.com).
- If the gas is shut off at the meter, do not turn it back on. Call The Gas Company to turn the meter back on and check your natural gas piping and equipment for safe operation.



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REMINDER

To enhance service to residents agendas, minutes, newsletters and more are all on-line at
www.cityofbradbury.org



CERT Training is Coming to Bradbury

Beginning February 2011 the City of Bradbury will be partnering with the Cities of Covina and Azusa to offer free CERT training. If you are interested please contact City Hall at (626) 358-3218





Water Conservation During the Winter



California American Water is encouraging all of its Los Angeles County customers to conserve water by turning off outdoor irrigation systems now that the first large rains of the season have arrived. The recent storms cut the need for outdoor watering and California American Water is urging customers to leave their sprinklers and other irrigation systems turned off for at least seven days after the rains end.

Despite this early season rainfall, the region is still struggling through ongoing water supply challenges. In late June, the state Department of Water Resources issued this year's final water supply allocation of 50 percent from the State Water Project. This cutback is, in large part, due to endangered species issues within the Sacramento Delta Estuary.

California American Water offers rebates on water-saving appliances, free household water use surveys, leak detection kits for toilets and other conservation tools and ideas. California American Water customers can sign-up for these services by calling (626) 614-2536.

Stand By Your Pan *(a message from your Fire Department)*

How often has the doorbell rung or a child interrupted you while you were cooking, causing you to forget about the chicken you left sizzling on the stove - until smoke filled the house? Too often, we have that talk after they've suffered a damaging fire. It's our hope that people reading this article won't have to learn the hard way. If we could give just one fire warning, we'd say "stand by your pan!"

Why? Because cooking is the leading cause of home fires, according to the nonprofit National Fire Protection Association latest statistics say that one out of every three home fires started in the kitchen and more than 140,000 fires a year were related to cooking and leaving it unattended.

Often when we're called to a cooking-related fire, the residents tell us they only left the kitchen for a few minutes. Sadly, that's all it takes to go from routine to disaster. The bottom line is that there's really no safe period of time for the cook to step away from a hot stove. A few key points to remember:

- Never leave cooking food on the stovetop unattended, and keep a close eye on food cooking inside the oven.
- Keep cooking areas clean and clear of combustibles (e.g. potholders, towels, rags, drapes and food packaging).
- Keep children away from cooking areas by enforcing a "kid-free zone" of three feet around the stove. Keep pets from underfoot so you do not trip while cooking.
- Never use a wet oven mitt, as it presents a scald danger if the moisture in the mitt is heated.
- Always keep a potholder, oven mitt and lid handy. If a small fire starts in a pan on the stove, put on an oven mitt and smother the flames by carefully sliding the lid over the pan. Turn off the burner. Don't remove the lid until it is completely cool. Never pour water on a grease fire and never discharge a fire extinguisher onto a pan fire, as it can spray or shoot burning grease around the kitchen, actually spreading the fire.
- If there is an oven fire, turn off the heat and keep the door closed to prevent flames from burning you and your clothing. If there is a microwave fire, keep the door closed and unplug the microwave. Call the fire department and make sure to have the oven serviced before you use it again. Food cooked in a microwave can be dangerously hot. Remove the lids or other coverings from microwaved food carefully to prevent steam burns.



City Council Meeting Highlights & Items to Come

MEETINGS START AT 7:00 PM

The City Council met on October 19th and took the following actions:

- Adopted a resolution to prohibit parking at any time on the west-erly side of Mount Olive Drive from Gardi Street to 100 feet north of Elda Street
- Approved plans for the Mount Olive Drive Traffic Calming & Pe-destrian Pathway and authorized the City Engineer to advertise to receive formal bids.
- Finalized the Citywide Slurry/Cape Seal project. (*Mount Olive Drive will be Slurry Sealed once the traffic calming/pedestrian project is finished*).



TENTATIVE CITY COUNCIL ITEMS FOR TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 16TH AT 7:00 PM

Please call City Hall at 358-3218 if you have any questions. *The above agenda items are tentative and subject to change until posted at the City Hall entrance gate on the Friday before the meeting.*

- Continuation of Discussion regarding sidewalks along Mount Olive Drive
- Release of Bond for 555 Mount Olive Drive
- Resolution recognizing National Family Caregivers Month

Check it Out!!!!

Due to the furloughs, City Hall will be closed during the following holiday periods.

Wednesday, November 24 through Friday November 26, 2010. City Hall will re-open on Monday, November 29, 2010.

December 23, 2010 through January 3rd, 2011. City Hall will re-open on January 4th, 2011.

During these periods of closures, resources can be found on the City's website: www.cityofbradbury.org including phone numbers and people to contact.

Thank You & Happy Holidays



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Dates to Remember for November

- ◆ November 16, 7:00 PM City Council Meeting - Royal Oaks Elementary School
- ◆ November 24-26 City Hall Closed
- ◆ No Planning Commission meeting in November
- ◆ No Emergency Response Committee Meeting. Special Emergency Response training open to the public. Date to be determined.

City Hall Hours

Monday through Friday

8:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Building Department Hours

M, W, T 8:30 a.m. - 11 a.m.

Email: cityhall@cityofbradbury.org

(626) 358-3218

City Hall Remodel

The Civic Center/City Hall construction work is continuing now through Mid February 2011. City offices are located in temporary facilities in the eastern parking lot of the Civic Center. These offices can be accessed off Royal Oaks Drive North using the westerly driveway of Royal Oaks Manor. There is a sign on the trail directing people where to go. If you should have questions, please contact City Hall.

Important Phone Numbers

Emergency	911
LA County Sheriff	448-9861
Fire Station 44	358-3118
Bradbury City Hall	358-3218
Animal Control	962-3577
SC Edison	800-655-4555
So Cal Gas	800-551-8463
Burrtec Waste Services	800-325-9417
Mosquito & Vector Control	814-9466
Time Warner Cable	888-twcable
Dept. Fish & Game	909-484-0167



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