

BRADBURY NEWS

Healthy Hearths & You

The Healthy Hearths initiative was created to reduce pollution and protect public health from the harmful emissions of wood burning. Despite steady progress toward improved air quality, Southern California still has the worst pollution in the country. This fact leads to more than 6,200 premature deaths and 100,000 new cases of asthma per year in this region. From switching to electric lawnmowers to using your fireplace responsibly, every small step toward cleaner air will help protect your respiratory health.

Wood burning creates six tons of harmful PM2.5 emissions per day in the South Coast Air Basin. That's more than four times the amount of PM2.5 emitted from all of the power plants in the area! Long-term exposure to PM2.5 can lead to reduced lung function and chronic bronchitis

Starting in November 2011, wood burning will be prohibited during winter months in specific areas where PM2.5 is forecast to reach unhealthy levels. The program is currently in a voluntary phase and in the mean time there are plenty of wood-burning alternatives and resources to help you switch to cleaner burning gas log sets.

Wood Burning Tips:

- Choose not to burn when air quality is already poor. Check the AQMD Air Quality Index in your local newspaper or visit www.aqmd.gov to monitor when the air quality is poor to avoid burning wood on these days. Pay close attention during wood-burning season - November to February
- Reduce your need for fuel. Make your home more energy-efficient by installing ceiling insulation, weather stripping or caulking windows and doors. Close off unused rooms if you don't have central heating.
- Have your chimney professionally cleaned. Keep your chimney swept and ash area clean to improve air flow and reduce emissions and reduce the potential for chimney fires.
- If you do burn wood, start fires with softwood kindling such as pine or fir. Always burn "seasoned" or dry wood. These woods are generally low in density, ignite easily, burn fast and hot and will heat the firebox and flue quickly. Hardwoods such as oak can take longer to ignite, but they burn slower and produce less smoke. Remember to use smaller fires in mild weather.
- Watch chimney for smoke. Properly burning fires should give off only a wisp of white steam. The darker and thicker the smoke, the more pollution the fire emits, and the more fuel it wastes
- Beware of overnight heating. Do not leave open fires unattended or let them burn overnight. This can lead to a back draft of smoke in your home, causing hazardous indoor air pollution. Build a small, hot fire and let it burn out completely, closing the damper when finished.

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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





Preparing for the Rain



The Los Angeles Basins are periodically subject to devastating floods resulting in substantial property damage. Such damage is intensified by debris flows resulting from destruction of the watershed by major brush fires.

The most common drainage problem in a community is flood waters. This occurrence is the mere passage of storm waters across areas that would normally not be affected in small storms. Remember that flood waters consist of large quantities of water, are often very turbulent and murky due to fine sediment and other soil.



Another equally dangerous problem, usually in hillside or mountainous areas, is debris flows. Debris flows consist of large quantities of soil, rock, boulders, trees or brush being moved by flood waters and contain sufficient strength to destroy objects in their path and leave large quantities of sediment and rocks in their paths when the storm subsides. These debris flows are most serious in areas denuded by recent fire or grading and can be controlled or directed to reduce property damage.

When the storm season arrives (October- April) and flooding and debris flows occur it will make performing emergency work more difficult. Because of this, the Los Angeles County Fire Department recommends you begin your preparations for the rainy season immediately. Below are some general rules to be followed in cases involving flood water, debris and erosion:

- NEVER underestimate the power of debris.
- ALWAYS place protection to deflect debris, not to dam or stop it.
- AVOID altering drainage patterns that could worsen conditions for your neighbor
- REMEMBER sandbags, when properly filled and placed can redirect storm water and debris flows away from property improvements.

Recycle Those Christmas Trees



Burrtec Waste Services will collect your Christmas Tree at Curbside during the two weeks after the holiday from December 27, 2010 through January 15, 2011. Simply put your tree out next to your trash containers on your regular collection day. Trees over 6 feet should be cut in half. Please remove all ornaments, tinsel and metal stands off of the tree. Flocked or fire retardant trees **will** be accepted this year.

Questions? Please call (626) 932-1558. This program is brought to you by the County of Sanitation Districts of Los Angeles County.



City Council Meeting Highlights & Items to Come

MEETINGS START AT 7:00 PM

The City Council met on November 16th and took the following actions:

- Released the Bond for 555 Mount Olive Drive
- Adopted a Proclamation recognizing National Family Caregivers Month
- Cast the City of Bradbury's vote for Council Member Margaret Clark (City of Rosemead) to represent Cities without prescriptive pumping rights on the Board of the San Gabriel Basin Water Quality Authority



TENTATIVE CITY COUNCIL ITEMS FOR TUESDAY, DECEMBER 21ST AT 7:00 PM

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

- Award of Bid for the Mount Olive Drive Pedestrian Pathway, Phase II
- Adoption of 2011 California Building Codes & Los Angeles County Fire District Codes.

Check it Out!!!!

Due to furlough days, City Hall will be closed during the following holiday periods:

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

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

Thank You & Happy Holidays



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Dates to Remember for November

- ◆ December 21, 7:00 PM City Council Meeting - Royal Oaks Elementary School
- ◆ December 23– January 3, 2011 City Hall Closed
- ◆ No Planning Commission meeting in December
- ◆ No Emergency Response Committee Meeting in December.

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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