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Water Conservation and the Drought

City water customers responded to the City's request in August 2014 to voluntarily reduce water use by 20 percent, and many have taken advantage of the free water conservation devices and services. In September 2014, residential water use was down by 22 percent compared to September 2013.

While Brentwood residents and businesses have taken many steps to reduce water use, we don't know when the drought will end. In order to ensure water for the future, the following activities are prohibited until April 25, 2015, unless extended or repealed by the State.

- Irrigation with City provided potable water is prohibited between 8:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. daily.
- Excessive flooding or runoff.
- Washing a vehicle without a shutoff nozzle.
- Using a hose to wash hard surfaces.
- Operating a non-recirculating decorative fountain.

To further reduce winter water use:

- Outdoor watering may be turned off. If the winter remains dry, you might want to water your trees and shrubs by hand once a month in December, January, and February. Routinely check for leaks, overspray, and run-off. You will find your landscape will thrive while saving water.
- Continue to monitor your use by learning to read your water meter and tracking your use.



More tips are available on the City's Water Conservation web page at the following link: www.brentwoodca.gov/gov/pw/water/drought/water_conservation.asp. If you haven't done so in the past, call (925) 516-6000 to schedule a free water use evaluation. A City employee will offer water saving advice specific to your home and help you adjust your sprinkler timer if necessary.

For more information: Public Works/Operations (925) 516-6000

A Letter from Santa

Treat your special little believers to a personal letter from the "North Pole." Letters vary and may cover topics such as weather conditions, reindeer health, Mrs. Claus and the elves keeping Santa on track, and the spirit of Christmas. Every effort is made not to duplicate letters mailed to the same residence. Registration is a must, no later than December 12, 2014.



For more information: Parks and Recreation (925) 516-5444



150 City Park Way
Brentwood, CA 94513

Help Reduce Chloride in Brentwood's Wastewater

Chloride is a naturally occurring mineral found in drinking water. Chloride levels in the discharge of the City's wastewater treatment facility continue to be above the level allowed by the State. The City's permit limit is exceeded primarily due to the use of chloride based salts (potassium and sodium) in brine-discharging water softeners. On average, 30 percent of the chloride found in Brentwood's wastewater is due to natural background levels in the drinking water and everyday household activities such as the use of soaps, detergents and food preparation, and 60 percent of the chloride is attributed to the use of chloride brine-discharging water softeners.

Residents with chloride brine-discharging water softeners, or those looking to make a first-time purchase of a water softener, can help in lowering chloride levels by:

- Having your water hardness tested prior to purchasing a water softener to determine if a water softener is needed (purchase only a non-chloride based water softener if needed).

- If you have an existing water softener, have your water hardness tested to determine if your water softener is functioning properly and set correctly.
- Turn off and/or remove your water softener.
- Replace your water softener with a non-chloride based water softener.

To encourage residents to purchase non-chloride water softeners, or to voluntarily remove and/or replace

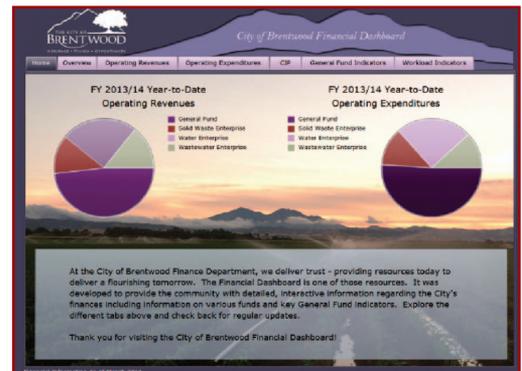
existing chloride brine-discharging water softeners, the City will be offering residents a financial incentive through the Chloride Brine-Discharging Water Softener Removal/Replacement Incentive Program. Residents will be notified when the Program begins (anticipated for December 2014).

For more information: Public Works/Operations (925) 516-6000

Financial Dashboard

The City of Brentwood Finance Department continually strives to enhance financial transparency by improving public access to City financial reports and information. For over five years quarterly financial reports have been available on the City's web page to ensure the community has ongoing access to the City's financial information. This

year we created a graphical, interactive, and easy-to-use Financial Dashboard which allows users to customize financial reports and information. The Financial Dashboard is available through a link on the City's website at www.brentwoodca.gov.



Keep Storm Drains Clean

Storm drains flow into creeks and the Delta. Storm drain inlets located near homes, landscape areas, or gardens need to be kept clean in order to prevent waste from entering the storm drain system.

For more information: Public Works/Wastewater Division (925) 516-6060

Blue Goose Park Improvements

Exciting changes are in store for the users of Blue Goose Park. Two recently approved projects will be constructed in late winter/early spring. The first project is a conversion of the existing single-flow pump system for the water feature to a recirculating system, which will result in a significant amount

of water savings. The second is an expansion of the existing parking lot with an additional 14 parking stalls. These projects are expected to be completed by late spring 2015.

For more information: Aaron Wanden (925) 516-5111

Pay-by-Phone and Utility Billing Online

The City Council identified the item “Customer Service—Deliver Excellent Public Services” as a priority of the City’s Goals and Strategic Plan.

Continually striving to meet this goal, Finance and Information Systems offers a 24-hour “Pay-by-Phone” option to utility customers. Pay-by-Phone provides a secure and immediate payment system, as well as account balance information, by phone at any time. Access Pay-by-Phone by calling (925) 516-5415.

Additionally, Utility Billing customers can go online to access account information, process payments, set up automatic payments, and request additional services. To access Utility Billing online, visit the City of Brentwood website at <http://www.brentwoodca.gov> and under the Quick Links select Online Services. In order to register your account, you will need your Utility Billing account number and the amount of your last payment.

For more information: Utility Billing at (925) 516-5415.

Proper Disposal of Household Hazardous Wastes

Household hazardous wastes (“HHW”) are unused portions of chemicals and products used to clean and maintain homes, as well as pharmaceutical products. Improper disposal of HHW, such as throwing them away with household trash, dumping them in storm drains, sewer or septic systems, can endanger your health, the health of others, and the environment. By keeping HHW out of the landfills, it diverts items for recycling or for use as energy-saving fuel, reducing the cost of treatment of the chemical waste, and reducing the risk of contamination to water supplies and animal habitats. Proper disposal can also help prevent garbage collectors and landfill workers from being injured due to exploding aerosol cans, splashed chemicals, or poisonous fumes created by mixed chemicals. Chemical reactions can also cause fires in garbage collection trucks. If you are disposing medicines, please follow these guidelines:



1. To ensure privacy, take medications out of their original containers and put them in a sealable plastic bag. It is OK to mix all your pills in one bag.
2. Liquids and creams: leave in their original container and secure caps/lids and black out any personal identifying information. Inhalers and aerosol cans are OK.

For proper disposal, contact Delta Household Hazardous Waste Collection Facility, where residents can dispose of HHW free of charge at (925) 756-1990 or www.ddsd.org.

Drop-off for East County Residents: 2550 Pittsburg—Antioch Hwy, Antioch CA 94509

Hours: Thursday, Friday, Saturday, 9:00 am to 4:00 pm Businesses: By Appointment Only.

For more information: Public Works/Solid Waste Division (925) 516-6090

Under Construction

- Steeplechase (west of O’Hara Ave. and north of Lone Tree Way) is currently building homes. Estimated completion: Spring 2015
 - Vineyards at Marsh Creek Phase 5B (west of SR4 and north of Marsh Creek Rd.) have graded the site and installed the wet utilities. Estimated completion of infrastructure: Spring 2015
 - Amber Park (east of Empire Ave. and north of Grant St.) is currently building homes. Estimated completion: Summer 2015
 - Palmilla (north of Central Blvd. and west of Union Pacific Railroad) is building homes. The utilities and streets were previously constructed. Estimated completion: Summer 2016.
 - Garin Corners (east of Brentwood Blvd. and north of Balfour Rd.) is currently building homes. Estimated completion: Summer 2015
 - Cedarwood Phase 2 (north of Sycamore Ave. and west of Garin Parkway) is currently building homes. Estimated completion: Fall 2015
 - Ferro Ronconi (north of Balfour Rd. and east of Griffith Ln.) is planning to start grading and underground utilities work this fall. Estimated completion: Fall 2015
 - Mission Grove (south of Balfour Rd. west of Union Pacific Railroad) has installed underground utilities and paved streets and is currently building homes. Estimated completion: Fall 2015
 - Prewett Ranch (north of Grant St. and west of Brentwood Blvd.) is currently building homes. Estimated completion: Fall 2015
 - Renaissance at Windy Springs (south of Amber Ln. and west of Windy Springs Ln.) is expected to begin construction this spring. Estimated completion of infrastructure: Fall 2015
 - Barrington (along Garin Parkway south of Sunset Rd.) is currently building homes. Estimated completion: Winter 2015
 - Magnolia (west of Brentwood Blvd. and south of Marsh Creek) is expected to begin construction this spring. Estimated completion: Winter 2015
 - Vineyards at Marsh Creek Phase 4 (west of SR4 and north of Marsh Creek Rd.) is building homes. Estimated completion: Summer 2016
- For more information: Public Works/Engineering (925) 516-5420**



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Movie in the Park

Parks and Recreation is pleased to present The Santa Clause as a Movie in the Park. This event will take place on Friday, December 12, at 6:00 p.m. in City Park. This is a FREE event for the entire family. Bring your lawn chair or blanket, a picnic dinner and enjoy this fun holiday event!

For more information: Parks and Recreation (925) 516-5444

Christmas Tree Disposal



The City of Brentwood recommends disposing of Christmas trees in one of the following ways:

- 1) Local organizations that collect Christmas trees for recycling. For more information, call (925) 634-7933;
- 2) Unflocked trees may also be recycled after removing all decorations, cutting the tree into sections of three feet or less, and placing the cuttings in the green waste cart for collection; or
- 3) The City will pick up flocked or uncut trees for a fee of \$20 per tree.

For more information: Public Works Solid Waste Division (925) 516-6090

Leaf Bags

Free leaf bags are available to residents throughout the fall months. Please fill these bags with leaves only, and place the bags curbside on regular green-waste pickup days. Leaf bags can be picked up at the Payment Center inside City Hall, 150 City Park Way. 1st Floor, 8:00 am to 5:00 pm weekdays

For more information: Public Works/Operations (925) 516-6000

Sand Bags

In preparation for the rainy season, the City's Public Works Department has sand bags available for Brentwood residents. Residents may pick up sand bags from the Public Works Corporation Yard located at 2201 Elkins Way, Monday–Friday, between the hours of 7:00 a.m. – 3:30 p.m. Limit: 10 bags per household. Residents may also report flooding to the Public Works Department.

For more information: Public Works/Operations (925) 516-6000

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