

Water/Utilities Report—May 2014

From SoCal Gas:

Call 811 Before You Dig. It's Free.

Whether you're planning to build a major development or just landscaping your yard, protect your safety and the safety of those around you by calling **Underground Service Alert at 811**, at least two business days prior to excavating. You may call Underground Service Alert between 6:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m., Monday through Friday (excluding holidays). Underground Service Alert will coordinate with Southern California Gas Company (SoCalGas) and other utility owners in the area to mark the locations of buried utility-owned lines. This is a FREE service and it can help prevent injury, costly property damage and loss of utility service.

What to Do

- **MARK OUT** your proposed excavation area in white paint or provide other suitable markings.
- **CALL** Underground Service Alert at 811 from 6a.m. to 7p.m. Monday through Friday (excluding holidays) at least two business days before digging.
- **WAIT** until SoCalGas either marks its gas pipelines and indicates pipe material and diameter – or advises you the area is clear of its pipes before you start digging.
- **REMEMBER** that SoCalGas uses only yellow paint, flags or stakes to mark out the location of its gas pipes. Other utility owners use other colors to mark their telephone, communications, water or other underground lines.
- **USE ONLY HAND TOOLS** within 24 inches of each marked utility line to carefully expose the exact locations of all lines before using any power excavation equipment in the area.
- **REPORT** any pipe damage by calling us immediately at **1-800-427-2200**. **No damage is too small to report.** Even a slight gouge, scrape or dent to a pipeline, its coating, or any component attached to or running along side the pipe, such as a wire, may cause a dangerous break or leak in the future. [Learn more about what to do if you damage or suspect damage to a pipeline or meter.](#)
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- Water news:
- The U.S. National Drought Mitigation Center has classified our area as in Extreme Drought

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- **Metropolitan Water District offers classes in home gardening on-line. Got to the waterwise.com web site. Classes include:**

If you are new to gardening or eager to brush up on the basics? These four short tutorials cover the key points of water-wise gardening. 15 minutes each.

- 1 Getting Started
- 2 Plant Selection
- 3 Irrigation System Basics
- 4 Planting and Maintenance

If you want something more in depth, the following classes are 60 minutes.

1. Landscape Design Basics
2. Efficient Irrigation Systems
3. Plant Selection
4. Plant Care

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From WaterSmart.com website (www.socalwatersmart.com)

Rebate programs:

The SoCal WaterSmart 2013-2014 commences on July 1, 2013 and ends on June 30, 2014 for Metropolitan customers. All of the same products and rebates from the previous program are still available. There are no changes and rebates offered by local water agencies are available through the "Estimate My Rebate" tool.

Effective October 15, 2013, rebates are being offered for Rain Barrels and Soil Moisture Sensor Systems.

Effective May 1, 2013, High Efficiency Toilet rebates are being offered starting at \$50.00 per toilet.

Effective May 14, 2014, turf removal rebates are being offered starting at \$2.00 per square foot.

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A limited number of SoCal WaterSmart rebates are available for the following devices:

- High-efficiency clothes washers
- High-efficiency toilets
- Rotating sprinkler nozzles (minimum of 15)
- Weather-based irrigation controllers, or "smart" controllers

There have been important changes to the terms and conditions of this program. Go to website socalwatersmart.com.

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SMART GARDENING BEGINNER'S WORKSHOP

Provided by Los Angeles County Department of Public Works.

Beginners Workshop--Beginner workshops provide hands-on instruction on composting, worm composting, water-wise gardening, and grass cycling

Saturday, May 24, 2014

9:30 am - 11:00 am

Hacienda Park

1885 Hacienda Rd

La Habra Heights, CA 90631