



# HAWAIIAN GARDENS

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## HAWAIIAN GARDENS CITY COUNCIL ADOPTS AMNESTY PROGRAM

At the September 26, 2006, City Council meeting, Resolution No. 079-2006 was adopted establishing an Amnesty Program for the Code Enforcement Division. The City Council is concerned that there is a high volume of garage conversions and structures that may have been built in the City with out the proper approvals from the Community Development Department. In order to encourage residents to bring their property up to code, the City Council voted unanimously to waive all Building Division and Code Enforcement fees for residents that voluntarily notify the city that a code violation may exist on their property. The purpose of the permit is to help protect residents, homes, neighbors and infrastructure of the City from potential hazards associated with fire, overcrowding, improper construction techniques or structural failure. Bringing the property up to code is very important both for a safety reason and for a smoother real estate transaction for when property owners decide to sell their homes. The goal of the program is to ensure the safety of all residents through inspections while allowing homeowners to receive all the proper permits free of charge from City fees. The following are a few examples of projects that would require building permits:

- Garage Conversions
- Room Additions
- Interior and Exterior alterations/repairs
- Kitchen and/or Bathroom remodeling
- Decks and Patios
- Electrical or Plumbing work
- Furnace/Water Heater replacement

Complaints that are initiated by City Code Enforcement Officers will not qualify for the program. Also, please note that garage conversions are not allowed under the Zoning Code and that this program will help you bring your garage back to it's approved use. In addition, the City will work with property owners that have illegal additions on their property to the extent that the improvements meet all applicable Zoning and Building regulations. Some properties may be referred to Housing Programs for financial assistance on a case-by-case basis based on need and scope of work.

Any questions regarding the Amnesty Program may be directed to Joseph Colombo, Community Development Director at (562) 420-2641, ext. 208. Thank you

## NEW PROGRAM FOR BUSINESSES BY CONSOLIDATED DISPOSAL SERVICE

In recent months, the City has been confronted with commercial bins overflowing with debris. These unsightly conditions of commercial bins and the neglect by business owners have created unsightly debris containment within the business sector. The City has authorized a new program to be implemented by Consolidated Disposal Service to address this particular issue. Consolidated Disposal Service will be taking digital photos and billing an additional cost of \$35.00 to the operating business for additional services that are required at the time of debris removal.

It is the hope of the City that the new program will become an incentive for existing businesses to become responsible in maintaining the debris disposal and containment within the commercial grounds. We look forward to working with the business sector in an effort to beautify commercial sites. If you have any questions, please contact Francella Aguilar at Consolidated Disposal Service at (562) 663-3479.



## NOTICE TO RESIDENTS – DISPOSAL OF BULKY ITEMS

The City of Hawaiian Gardens would like to give its residents a friendly reminder that Consolidated Disposal Company is responsible for the pick up and disposal of large, bulky items, such as household furniture, appliances, and green waste (i.e. tree, bushes, etc). If you wish to have a large, bulky item picked up and disposed of, the following information and requirements are provided:

You must contact Consolidated Disposal at (562) 347-2100 and request a pick up of your bulky item. You must contact Consolidated Disposal by 4:00 p.m. on the Tuesday before the City trash pickup day (Wednesday). Consolidated Disposal schedules the pickup, and dispatches a driver and truck, separate from the normal trash pickup vehicle, to pick up the item. If there is a holiday that week, bulky item pick will occur on Thursday.

Place your item at curbside on Tuesday afternoon. The item will be picked up on Wednesday. Should the

item not be picked up, you must remove the item from curbside and return it to your garage, house or rear of your property. You must then call Consolidated Disposal to reschedule the pickup of the items. If any items are located at curbside or in front of your parkway after the trash pick up day, you may be subject to the issuance of a citation of \$100.00 for littering or other violation of the Hawaiian Gardens Municipal Code.

Each household can have up to four (4) pickups a year, with up to six (6) items in each pickup. Green wastes must be bundled together, and be no longer than four feet (4'0") in length.

If your bulky item is in useable condition, you may wish to donate it to one of the many community service agencies that serve the City of Hawaiian Gardens. These agencies might include your local church, Goodwill, or Salvation Army. Phone numbers for these agencies can be found in your telephone book. Thank you for your assistance in keeping our community clean.



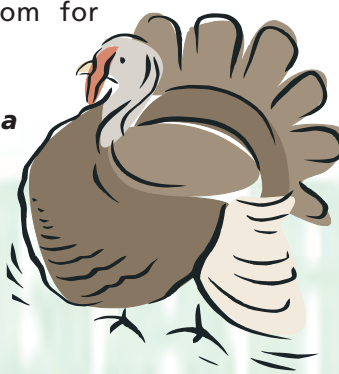
## HOLIDAY TIPS FROM THE PUBLIC SAFETY COMMISSION

The holiday season is here and now is the time when parents begin their holiday shopping for their children. Toy safety is a concern for every parent especially for toddlers who run a higher risk of injury from toys. According to the Consumer Product Safety Commission, the following are **hazards to watch for**: things that can be swallowed or strangle a toddler are small beads, blocks with toxic paint, sharp corners, squeeze toys with squeakers that can come out, rattles that can be broken, stuffed toys or dolls with glued eyes, toys with cords or strings. For more information on choosing a safe toy website, please access [www.parenthood.com](http://www.parenthood.com), which can be very useful.

Thanksgiving is also a time for family gatherings and good food. At times, under cooked turkey meat can be

consumed and cause serious illness. To ensure that all foods are fully cooked, a meat thermometer is recommended to measure the internal temperature of foods as they cook. For more holiday cooking safety tips, please access [www.bhg.com](http://www.bhg.com) for more information.

**Your Public Safety Commission wishes you a Great Thanksgiving and Safe Holidays.**



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## NEXT NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH MEETING

**DECEMBER 6, 2006**

The next Neighborhood Watch Meeting will be held on Wednesday, December 6, 2006, at 6:00 pm in the C. Robert Lee Center, Craft Room, at 21815 Pioneer Boulevard, Hawaiian Gardens. For more meeting information, please contact Steven Peguero, Community Relations Officer, at (562) 420-2641, ext. 224.

In addition, the Sheriff's Department is seeking a bilingual (Spanish/English) speaking resident of Hawaiian Gardens to volunteer their time and services to the Neighborhood Watch Program. The concerned citizen would assist Deputy Limbrick with preparation for meetings, translation at the meetings, calling members to remind them of date and time of the meetings. If you are interested in the volunteer position, please contact Deputy Limbrick at City Hall (562) 420-2641, ext. 255.

## CITY PHONE directory

Main Phone Number is:  
**562.420.2641**

### MAJOR CITY EXTENSIONS

Front Desk	200
Administration	201
City Clerk	251
Human Services	225
Finance	220
Public Works	231/202
City Line	222
Community Development	208
Transportation (DIAL-A-RIDE)	241
Sheriff's Department Lakewood Station	(562) 623-3500
Fire Department – Station #34	(562) 865-0411
Emergencies	Dial 911

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MAKING A DIFFERENCE IS  
WHAT IT IS ALL ABOUT**