

Water Conservation and Energy Efficiency Rebates for Your Home

With the Governor's recent Executive Order regarding the drought, that we must save more water, it is a great time to remove all or a portion of your lawn with the West Basin Municipal Water District's Turf's Up Turf Removal Program at \$2 per square foot. California Water Services and Golden State Water Services customers qualify. There are a variety of California native drought tolerant plants that can make for a beautiful substitute for your lawn. Funding is limited and it's first-come, first-served. Pre-qualification is required. Please call 888-376-3314 or visit www.socalwatersmart.com.

If you would like be included on the interest list for a FREE rain barrel, or FREE California Friendly Landscape Workshop, or FREE Weather Based Irrigation Controller Exchange, just call South Bay Environmental Services Center (SBESC) at 310-371-4633. If you just can't wait for the free rain barrel program to start, you can find the list of qualifying models to purchase on the www.socalwatersmart.com website and apply for the \$75 rebate.

For those with swimming pools, SCE has pool equipment rebates. When replacing pool equipment, consider installing an energy-efficient, variable-speed pool pump and motor. SCE rebate is up to \$200. Make sure the pool pump appears on the list of qualifying products that can be found at www.sce.com/rebates.

As a good investment now and for more energy savings in the long term, consider replacing your 10 years old or older clothes washer, dishwasher and refrigerator with ENERGY STAR®-qualified models. Take a look at the SCE website www.sce.com and SoCalGas website www.socalgas.com for home rebates.

For those of you who may have friends, neighbors or a family member that could use assistance with utility bills and or medical allowance, contact the Energy Savings Assistance Program through www.socalgas.com and search "ASSISTANCE" or www.sce.com/ESAP.

South Bay Environmental Services Center, a program of South Bay Cities Council of Governments is open Monday – Friday from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. to assist with questions about rebates or to let you know what special programs may be available for the residents of your city. The SBESC can provide an expert speaker about water and energy for your club or organization. Call 310-371-7222 or visit www.sbesc.com.