



# HAP CHECK NEWS

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## **Become More Energy Efficient and Save Money**

The City of Long Beach and Southern California Edison (SCE) are partnering to encourage energy conservation on a daily basis. Here are some of their ideas, tips and facts to help you be more energy efficient and save money.

- You could save \$35 a year and reduce greenhouse gas emissions by simply replacing four of your most used incandescent bulbs with CFL bulbs
- Use timers, motion detectors and occupancy sensors to control lighting use
- Weather strip around doors and windows
- Repair, seal and add insulation to existing heating and cooling ducts
- ENERGY STAR® designated appliances are up to 40% more efficient
- You can help prevent more than 400 lbs of greenhouse gas emissions when you replace a conventional light fixture with an ENERGY STAR® qualified one.

To learn more about how to save energy, money and the environment, or for more information on how to be “energinomics” (the act of modifying behavior to reduce energy consumption and produce savings) visit these websites: [www.fypower.org](http://www.fypower.org), [www.sce.com](http://www.sce.com), [www.sce.com/sdp](http://www.sce.com/sdp), or [www.sce.com/rebatesandsavings](http://www.sce.com/rebatesandsavings)

## **Water Conservation Programs**

The Long Beach Water Department (LBWD) has been a leader in indoor water conservation and is continuously working on new and innovative ways for consumers to conserve water and save money. By visiting LBWD’s website, [www.lbwater.com/conservation/programs.html](http://www.lbwater.com/conservation/programs.html) you will find some helpful hints and financial incentives offered to customers in LBWD’s service area.

Some of these helpful hints include: distribution of water saving devices; rebates on qualifying water saving devices; an interactive tour on water saving tips; and a fast and friendly home water audit. So, visit the site today and help conserve our most precious natural resource!

### **Low Cost Rehabilitation Loans**

The City's Neighborhood Services Bureau has a Multi-Family Residential Loan Program that enables property owners to make improvements easily and at low cost.

Eligibility for a loan is determined by several factors including the quality of the property, the amount of existing debt and the property owner's credit-worthiness. Some of the eligibility criteria are set by federal regulations and other criteria are set by the City.

Some of the basic requirements that a property must meet in order to be considered for a rehabilitation loan include: the property must be located in the City of Long Beach; all current taxes must be paid; and there can be no outstanding judgments against the property. For more information regarding the Program, please contact Marie Nguyen, Loan Counselor Neighborhood Services at 562-570-6040 or by email at [marie\\_Nguyen@longbeach.gov](mailto:marie_Nguyen@longbeach.gov)

The City is able to offer these low cost loans through its partnership with the US Department of Housing and Urban Development HOME Investment Partnership Program.

### **Don't Forget: New Owner Orientation Sessions**

The next Housing Authority Owner/Manager Workshop is scheduled for August 27, from 4:00 pm - 6:00 pm at the Housing Authority Office, 521 E 4<sup>th</sup> Street, Long Beach, CA, 90802 (on 4<sup>th</sup> Street between Atlantic and Linden Avenues). Seating is limited, so please RSVP by sending an email to [Monique\\_lathrop@longbeach.gov](mailto:Monique_lathrop@longbeach.gov) or calling Monique Lathrop at 562-570-5490.

### **Direct Deposit of Housing Assistance Payments**

Over 2400 owners have already signed up. Have you? Sign up for direct deposit now. Call Royce Bell at 562-570-6348 or send her an email [Royce\\_bell@longbeach.gov](mailto:Royce_bell@longbeach.gov)

### **Email Notifications of Direct Deposit**

Sign up for email notification of your direct deposit. Please send an email to [HADirectDeposit@longbeach.gov](mailto:HADirectDeposit@longbeach.gov) with the following information:

- Your full name
- Your current address
- Last 4 digits of your social security number
- Email address or addresses to send the notification to