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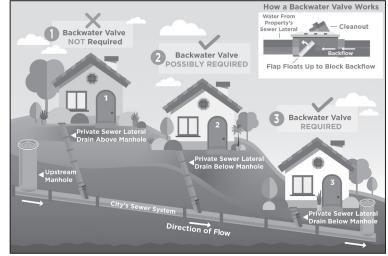
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## BACKWATER VALVES CAN PREVENT SEWER BACKUPS

Sewer backups are not only unpleasant, but can result in costly damages. A backwater valve may prevent a sewer backup from occurring on your property. A backwater valve is a backflow prevention device that prevents outbound wastewater from re-entering a property. If your property has drainage fixtures located below the elevation of the next upstream manhole, you might be required by the California Plumbing Code to install and maintain an approved backwater valve.

To learn more about backwater valves, who needs one, and how to properly maintain them watch our video at *SantaBarbaraCA.gov/BackwaterValve*. If you think you might need a backwater valve, or if you have questions about locating or checking the device, the City encourages you to contact a licensed plumber who can evaluate your situation and, if necessary, install a backwater valve. In addition, the City of Santa Barbara Sewer Lateral Inspection Program (SLIP) staff is available to provide property owners with guidance



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when installing a backwater valve, to schedule an appointment, visit: *SantaBarbaraCA.gov/SLIP* 

### WATCH: 2022 STATE OF THE CITY

Recently, Santa Barbara Mayor Randy Rowse and City Administrator Rebecca Bjork delivered the State of the City presentation at a joint cities luncheon hosted by the Santa Barbara South Coast Chamber of Commerce.

For the first time in history, the Chamber brought together all three Mayors on the South Coast for a one-of-a-kind event featuring presentations from the three cities: Goleta, Santa Barbara, and Carpinteria.



Carpinteria Mayor Wade Nomura , Goleta Mayor Paula Perotte, and Santa Barbara Mayor Randy Rowse at State of the City 2022

The presentations, including updates on the Cruise Ship Program and the State Street Promenade, are available for viewing at *SantaBarbaraCA.gov/SC2022.* 

You can also watch City Council meetings. Watch Tuesday at 2 p.m. on City TV Cox Channel 18 or watch live on You Tube at: *SantaBarbaraCA.gov/CityTV*. Every week you can find the agenda here: *SantaBarbaraCA.gov/CouncilMeetings* 



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## EXCLUSIVE PROGRAMS & INCENTIVES FOR SANTA BARBARA CLEAN ENERGY CUSTOMERS!

Last fall, City residents were enrolled into the Santa Barbara Clean Energy program. This gave our community the choice of clean electricity and reduced the City's carbon footprint by 20%!



As a Santa Barbara Clean Energy customer, you have access to valuable incentives and programs! These perks may save you money and support your personal sustainability efforts, like reducing dependency on fossil fuels at home.

#### The following programs and incentives are available for SBCE customers:

- Santa Barbara Clean Energy Resilient Program SBCE pays you MORE for solar energy generation!
- SimpliPhi Battery Discount Cash back on a battery from a local company.
- Brighten Solar & Battery Discount Discounts on solar and battery install.
- Smart Splitter Discount Charge your electric vehicle on a 240V outlet!
- EBike Discount Special discount on ebikes from a local store.
- Bunnin Clean Car Rebate Discounts on electric vehicles and plug-in electric vehicles.
- **BCycle Membership Discount** 20% off BCycle annual membership.
- Induction Cooktop Kits Try out an induction cooktop kit from the Library of Things!

Wondering if you are a Santa Barbara Clean Energy customer? Check out your

bill from SCE! If the generation portion of the bill is from Santa Barbara Clean Energy, you are in and eligible for these exclusive programs!

If you have an idea for a program that will help our community reach its sustainability goals, let us know! Email <u>SBCEPrograms@SantaBarbaraCA.gov</u>

For more information on our programs, please visit: https://sustainability.santabarbaraca.gov/sbce-incentives/

## INTRODUCING NEW WAYS TO PAY AT DOWNTOWN PARKING LOTS

Paying for parking in the Downtown Parking lots is now even easier with a new pay-by-phone option that allows customers to Scan – Pay – Go.

**Scan.** Parkers use their smartphone camera to scan the QR code on their ticket to bring up the payment portal.

**Pay.** Use your phone to pay your parking fees. The portal accepts payments from Visa, MasterCard, Discover, ApplePay, and GooglePay.

**Go.** Upon exit, the pay-by-phone system works with the newly installed License Plate Recognition hardware to automatically raise the gate.



The next time you visit downtown, park and pay the easy way. Scan. Pay. Go.

This easy-to-use system does not require customers to register or download an app, and payment may be completed up to ten minutes before exiting the lot.

Downtown Parking maintains nine parking lots and five parking structures with over 3,000 parking stalls, serving over five million vehicles annually. Pay by phone complements other recent equipment upgrades, which expanded the existing payment options by adding NFC payments and tap-to-pay.

## LAWN AND GARDEN EQUIPMENT BATTERY DROP-OFF FOR REUSE

In addition to our other local e-waste drop-off options, you can now drop-off any lawn and garden equipment batteries that are 300 watt-hours or less for free to the Santa Barbara Home Improvement Center at 415 E Gutierrez St. (during business hours). This new pilot program will collect, ship, and process these batteries for reuse in other products; if they cannot be reused, they will be recycled. Recycling old batteries is extremely important but reusing battery cells that have some life left in them is one way we can further decrease our environmental impact. As the three R's go, reduce first, reuse second, and lastly recycle when you can't do the first two.



A new pilot program allows you to drop off lawn and garden equipment batteries for reuse.

**Eco-Tip:** Gas powered lawn and garden equipment have some of the most polluting engines on the market. Making the switch to battery-powered lawn and garden equipment is healthier for you and the environment.

For questions about this program or other *battery drop-off locations* please visit *SBRecycles.org* or call the Environmental Services Division at (805) 564-5631.