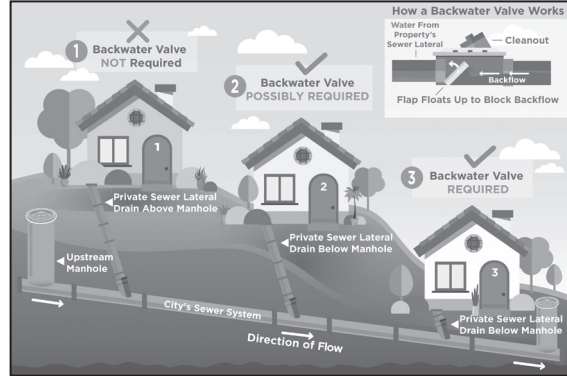


BACKWATER VALVES CAN PREVENT SEWER BACKUPS

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. 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.



A backwater valve may prevent sewage backup from occurring on your property

To learn more about backwater valves, who needs one, and how to properly

maintain them watch our video at SantaBarbaraCA.gov/BackwaterValve. In addition, the City of Santa Barbara Sewer Lateral Inspection Program (SLIP) staff is available to provide professional support to property owners installing a backwater valve, to schedule an appointment call (805) 568-1082 or email us at SLIP@SantaBarbaraCA.gov.



SB Connect is free and available now in the Apple App and Google Play stores.

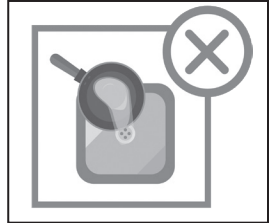
DOWNLOAD THE CITY'S NEW APP 'SB CONNECT'

Have you downloaded 'SB Connect?' It's the City's new bilingual mobile application that makes it easy to report things that need repair or attention around town like potholes, sidewalk cracks, graffiti, and code enforcement issues. You can submit service requests anonymously or create a free account to track progress and see how and why other members are engaging with the City.

For emergencies, always dial 911, but for less urgent issues, just point your phone, snap a picture or short video, write a description in English or Spanish, and click send. The application uses your smart phone's global positioning system to automatically provide the issue's location, simplifying the reporting process for both you and Citystaff. Just like the name of the app suggests, SB Connect helps you connect with the City to build a stronger community. You can visit SantaBarbaraCA.gov/SBConnect to download the app.

THIS HOLIDAY SEASON, DON'T CLOG WITH FOG

Pouring fats, oils, and grease (FOG) down the drain or garbage disposal creates obstructions in underground pipes and creates serious problems like blockage and sewer overflows. When washed



For more information visit SantaBarbaraCA.gov/FOG

down the sink, FOG can stick to the inside of sewer pipes (both on your property and under the streets). Over time, grease buildup can clog an entire pipeline, causing sewer overflows in our community. The damage from overflows could result in costly repairs for you and the City of Santa Barbara.

This holiday season, dispose of fats, oils, and grease properly using these tips:

- Do not pour cooking oil, greasy food, dairy products, or salad dressing down the drain.
- Use strainers in the sink drains to catch food scraps and other solids.
- Do not use hot water and soap to try to wash grease down the drain. It will eventually cool and harden in the sewer lines.
- Pour cooled grease into a disposable container, cover with a tight fitting lid and place in the freezer. Once contents are frozen, toss in the garbage.
- Mix cooking oils with absorbent material such as coffee grounds or cat litter. Place in tight lidded container and dispose of it in garbage.
- Wipe or scrape food particles from pots, pans, and dishes into the trash can prior to placing them in the sink for washing.
- Wipe excess fats and grease from pans with a dry paper towel and toss it in the garbage.

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CITY AWARDED NEARLY \$3 MILLION FOR WILDFIRE PREVENTION WITHIN OPEN SPACE PARKS

A substantial CAL FIRE grant will support ongoing efforts by the City Fire and Parks and Recreation Departments to reduce wildfire risk while enhancing local ecosystems.

The City of Santa Barbara has been awarded an approximately \$2.9 million CAL FIRE grant to bolster its commitment to wildfire resilience and community safety. This grant will support an ongoing collaboration between the City's Fire Department and Parks and Recreation Department to conduct critical fire safety projects across the City's open spaces. The partnership between the City Fire and Parks and Recreation Departments balances the expertise of both teams to reduce wildfire risk while supporting the area's native ecosystems. The critical fire safety work will be supported by a recently hired Vegetation Management Crew. The new crew will focus efforts on maintaining defensible space, reducing fuel loads, improving fire access roads, and removing high-fire-risk invasive plant species across the City's parks and open spaces.



Crew works on a fire access road in Honda Valley Park

More information about the City's Wildfire Resiliency Project can be found at SantaBarbaraCA.gov/WildfireResiliency.

AIRPORT PARKING LOT IMPROVEMENTS

Ongoing parking lot improvements are currently taking place at Santa Barbara Airport. These projects include improving ADA parking spaces in the Short-Term Lot, as well as the installation of a new ticketing system in all three lots. These projects are expected to continue through the end of the year and may lead to limited parking availability and periodic delays. The Short and Long-Term Lots can often reach capacity, but the Economy Lot is available off of Hollister Avenue with 24/7 shuttle service. As always, it is highly recommended to carpool, catch a ride, or utilize a taxi/rideshare when possible. For the latest updates, visit www.flysba.com.



Please plan to arrive early and be prepared when traveling through SBA

HOLIDAY STREET SWEEPING CANCELLATIONS

When a holiday is observed on a weekday, street sweeping (and parking enforcement related to street sweeping) in the City of Santa Barbara is cancelled. When sweeping is cancelled, there will be no shift in the schedule and no makeup days. Sweeping will resume on the regular schedule, so please follow the posted signs in your neighborhood to ensure you don't receive a ticket.



Street Sweeping Hotline: (805) 897-1903

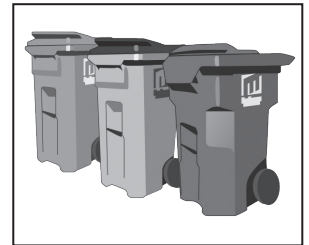
Street sweeping will be cancelled on the following holidays:

- Friday, November 10 – Veterans Day
- Thursday, November 23 – Thanksgiving
- Friday, November 24 – City offices are closed, no sweeping will take place.
- Monday, December 25 – Christmas Day
- Monday, January 1 – New Year's Day

To learn more about the City's street sweeping program, please visit SantaBarbaraCA.gov/StreetSweeping.

MARBORG SERVICE DELAYS DURING THE HOLIDAYS

When a holiday is observed on a weekday, pickup of trash, recycling, and greenwaste in the City of Santa Barbara is delayed by one day. For example, if your regular scheduled service day is Monday, your service day will be Tuesday, and so on. City offices and MarBorg Industries will observe the following holidays this season, please see details below to ensure you put your bins out on the correct day.



A reminder e-mail will be sent to residential customers prior to each holiday

- Thursday, November 23 – Thanksgiving (Thursday pickup will take place Friday, Friday pickup will take place Saturday.)
- Monday, December 25 – Christmas Day (Monday pickup will take place Tuesday, and so on.)
- Monday, January 1 – New Year's Day (Monday pickup will take place Tuesday, and so on.)

To learn more or to sign up for notifications from MarBorg, visit MarBorg.com/Holiday-Schedule. For questions about your specific pickup schedule, please call MarBorg at (805) 963-1852.