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CITY HALL BRIEFS

SANTA CRUZ CITY HALL - 809 CENTER STREET 426-5000 EXT. 251

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WATER RATIONING NOW IN EFFECT!



The City Council has passed an emergency ordinance, effective immediately, placing limits on water usage for all water customers. Because you are billed every two months, the chart shows the amount of water allowed for the two month period. One month's allotment would be half the cubic feet shown.

Your water bills are charged by cubic feet of water used in increments of 100 cubic ft.

1 cubic ft.	=	7½ gallons
100 cubic ft.	=	750 gallons

Amount of water for two months:

1 person	900 cubic ft. bi-monthly	(approx. 112 gallons per day per household)
2 persons	1500 " "	(approx. 187 gallons per day per household)
3 persons	2000 " "	(approx. 249 gallons per day per household)
4 persons	2400 " "	(approx. 299 gallons per day per household)
Over 4 persons:	400 cubic ft. bi-monthly each additional person	(approx. 50 additional gallons per person per day)

The Water Department will be sending out mailings to all water customers giving more details of the water rationing plan and water conservation.

BICYCLE THEFTS ON THE INCREASE

The Santa Cruz City Police Department warns that the problem of bicycle thefts is almost epidemic in Santa Cruz. Many of the 33 bicycles stolen in January were left unlocked in front or back yards, on sidewalks or at school. There is no substitute for keeping your bicycle in your sight, but having and using a good hardened chain and lock is the next best thing. Remember also that bicycle licensing is a good method of helping the police to identify stolen bikes. Licenses are available at any of the Santa Cruz Fire Departments and at bicycle shops in Santa Cruz. Further information is available at the Santa Cruz Police Department, Community Awareness Unit, at 423-1212, Ext. 226.

GARBAGE AND TRASH COLLECTION

City Sanitation crews are now setting emptied cans back of the sidewalks onto private property and away from the curbs, where they were placed formerly, to comply with City Council efforts to keep the streets more sightly. Customers are still required to place their garbage containers at the curbs by early morning of the day of pick-up and to remove the cans from public view as soon as possible after they are emptied. If you have any questions on your trash collection service, call the Public Works Department, at 426-5000, Ext. 217.

HOUSING FUNDS AVAILABLE

Housing Repair Funds: The City's Elderly Housing Rehabilitation Grant Program provides grants of up to \$3,500 to low and moderate-income senior homeowners for repairs such as roofing, electrical, wiring, plumbing, insulation, steps, porches, painting and heating. Forty houses have been repaired since the program started, and there are funds available to accept new applicants.

Housing Rehabilitation Loan Program: The City's loan program provides for loans of up to \$7,500 to low and moderate income homeowners for the same kind of repairs as listed above for seniors. The loans, which are provided to owners unable to repay monthly, are repaid when the property sells or title transfers. The interest rate is 5% per year on the loan amount.

More information on these programs may be obtained from PROD (Private Revitalization of Downtown) by calling 423-1411 or 688-8900.

SUNDAY HOURS AT MAIN LIBRARY

The Central Library (Church and Center Streets) is now open on Sundays from 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. It is open on weekdays from 9:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. and on Saturdays from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Phone 423-6210.