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Helping to Save Energy and Water

Torrance, CA (December 26, 2008). The South Bay Environmental Services Center (SBESC), a program of the South Bay Cities Council of Governments, has recently completed the Energy Efficiency Starter Kit Program for 2008. This program was made available through the Southern California Gas Company.

Gas Company customers in the South Bay were offered Free Energy Efficiency Starter Kits. South Bay residents either attended an event where SBESC was an exhibitor or they came into the office to sign up for their free starter kit. The kits contained one showerhead and two faucet aerators (one for a bathroom faucet and one for the kitchen faucet). Low-flow showerheads and faucet aerators allow air to enter into the water stream, maintaining a high-pressure flow while reducing water usage. The showerheads will save up to 40% in water and energy. The bathroom faucet can save up to 55% in water and energy, while the kitchen faucet can save up to 32% in water and energy.

By participating in this program, South Bay residents saved well over 35,000 therms. (A therm: gas company measure converting the volume of gas used to its heat equivalent – one therm is equal to approximately 29.3 kilowatt hours of electrical energy.)

This program will be available again in 2009. Look for the SBESC booth at events in January to sign up for your Free Energy Efficiency Starter Kit. Sign ups will also be accepted at the SBESC office beginning February 2009.

There are other ways to save energy. The **Gas Company** offers many energy conservation tips on its website: <http://www.socalgas.com/residential/conservation/index.html>

These tips include the following topics: heating/furnace, air conditioning, water heating, clothes drying, cooking, dishwashing, plus many more.

The SBESC is the South Bay's local clearinghouse for energy efficiency, water conservation and environmental information - training, materials and outreach. In addition, SBESC provides resources and tools to assist public agencies, businesses, and residents in better understanding the potential for energy and water efficiency within their homes and businesses. The Center hosts a wide variety of seminars, training sessions, and community events to assist consumers in making the best decision regarding energy and water use. Visitors to the Center can utilize the lending library of energy educational materials. Various energy and water efficiency exhibits are also on display.

The Center is operated by the South Bay Cities Council of Governments (SBCCOG) which partners with The Gas CompanySM, Southern California Edison, West Basin Municipal Water District, the City of Torrance, and the Sanitation Districts of Los Angeles County. The member cities of SBCCOG include Carson, El Segundo, Gardena, Hawthorne, Hermosa Beach, Inglewood, Lawndale, Lomita, Manhattan Beach, Palos Verdes Estates, Rancho Palos Verdes, Redondo Beach, Rolling Hills, Rolling Hills Estates, Torrance, parts of Harbor City and San Pedro.

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