



## LONG BEACH WATER DEPARTMENT

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### **PRESS ADVISORY**

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## **Long Beach Water Department and American Red Cross Partner to Prepare Long Beach Residents for Disaster Situation**

### **Who:**

Long Beach Water Department  
American Red Cross

### **What:**

The Long Beach Water Department, with the Greater Long Beach Chapter of the American Red Cross, will distribute a free emergency supply of bottled water to 963 homes located in the Second Council District of the City of Long Beach. Specially marked white boxes holding 2.4 gallons of water will be delivered with emergency preparedness literature, over a two-day period beginning Saturday, November 19<sup>th</sup>.

When opened during a disaster, when regular municipal water service may not be available, residents will find information on locating alternative water supplies in and around their home and specific directions on treating water. This pilot-scale demonstration project will assist the Long Beach Water Department and the American Red Cross in determining if the program can be implemented citywide. Emergency water supply kits will help better prepare Long Beach residents for disaster and encourage those who have not yet prepared home disaster kits to do so.

**American Red Cross professionals will assist pilot/demonstration area residents in building home disaster preparedness kits on Saturday, November 19, at Burbank Elementary School, 501 Junipero Avenue, 10:00am to 12:00pm. Residents may also purchase home disaster kits at this event. For more information call the Long Beach Chapter of the American Red Cross at (562) 595-6341.**

### **When:**

**Saturday, November 19 and Sunday, November 20**

### **Where:**

963 residences located around Burbank Elementary School in the Second City Council District, bordered by 7<sup>th</sup> Street to the north; 4<sup>th</sup> Street to the south; Cherry Avenue to the west; and Molino Avenue to the east.