



## Perris News

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### Green Light Savings Program Helps Homeowners

The City's drive for energy-efficient housing marches on.

Perris officials are unveiling another innovative program aimed at lowering electricity and water bills, reducing greenhouse gases and contributing to a cleaner, more environmentally friendly community, country and planet.

The latest program: The Green Light Savings Program.

The program makes available up to \$5,000 in grants for homeowners who install a variety of energy-saving devices. Those include low-flow showerheads and toilets, irrigation controllers, compact fluorescent light bulbs, water heaters, insulation and weatherization. The grants do not have to be repaid.

"Perris continues to lead the way as an innovator and trend setter when it comes to saving energy," said City Councilman Al Landers. "We are the little City that could. Bigger cities would do well to follow our examples."

Perris has earned state accolades for installing solar panels throughout its City Hall Campus, which is credited with cutting the city's electrical consumption 20 percent—enough to power 100 homes for a year and remove 960,000 pounds of carbon dioxide emissions annually. That's like taking 90 cars off the road. Earlier this year, Perris installed a demonstration garden at City Hall that will save hundreds of thousands of gallons of water annually. The City also is committed to planting hundreds of trees to provide shade and reduce its carbon footprint.

Perris officials learned in September that the City's Hanesbrands Inc. distribution center was named one of the largest green buildings in the world.

Mayor Pro-Tem Mark Yarbrough said he's not surprised Perris remains on the cutting edge of the green revolution.

"We have a commitment as a City and a forward-looking staff that thinks outside the box to find solutions for problems that affect everyone," he said.

Deputy City Manager Darren Madkin said Perris teamed with local vendors The Home Depot and Toro on the Green Light Savings Program. The program expands the City's commitment to sustainable development and takes it into neighborhoods.

"We want to make the commitment to our residents to use sustainable energy," Madkin said. "Not only will it save costs it will help the environment."

To qualify for the program, residents must be home owners and meet certain income requirements. To learn more about the Green Light Savings Program, call 888-943-6101 or see the program brochure.



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