



FOR ALL COMMERCIAL AND INDUSTRIAL WATER CUSTOMERS

For a limited time only, the City Council has authorized a Meter Program in which property owners that have a commercial or industrial water account may change out their existing water meter to a smaller size.

The Meter Program will run for 90 days starting December 1, 2017. The program is first come, first serve with a cap of \$25,000. The fund will cover the applicant normal charges of Meter Fee plus City Labor charges for replacement of water meter. The typical charges are listed below:

**METER FEE: 3/4" meter = \$410; 1" meter = \$485; 1 ½" meter = \$1160; 2" meter \$1360
PLUS Labor charges for actual time to replace the meter, at \$60/hour.**

(This fee is subject to change as the cost of the actual materials change with the vendors and as personnel costs change.)

The Meter Program will cover these costs for the applicant. However, the applicant is still responsible for all costs associated with changes required on the customer's side of the meter.

Applications can be found at the City's website at www.CityofBuellton.com or at City Hall.

Exciting improvements are
coming to SYVT starting
January 22, 2018!



Introducing:

- An Express Route between Buellton and Santa Ynez along Highway 246.
- Loop Service to Los Olivos at popular travel times.
- Improved Dial-A-Ride service.

Some bus stops may be changed to support these service improvements. Be sure to visit www.syvt.com for the latest service information, or call **805.688.5452**.



Safe Clean-Up and Work Practices During and After Thomas Fire

The risk to your health from unhealthy air quality is based on fine particles that are not visible. Decisions about when to clean should be based on the level of fine particles and the air. Local air quality information is available at www.ourair.org/todays-air-quality/

To clean ash, remember the three C's, Control, Contain and Capture.

Control: Try to control the amount of ash particles that get re-suspended into the air. Avoid using any equipment that blows ash into the air such as standard shop vacuums or leaf blowers. Instead, use household vacuums or shop vacuums with HEPA filters.

Contain: Contain ash by gently sweeping indoor and outdoor hard surfaces followed by wet mopping with a damp cloth. Ash may be disposed of in regular trash receptacles or in plastic bags. You may also allow water from cleaning to drain into landscaping as ash will not hurt plants or grass.

Capture: Protect storm drains from ash and any cleaning chemicals used while cleaning by diverting away from storm drains or recapturing. Ash is highly acidic, which in large amounts can be harmful for people, the environment and aquatic life.

The following is recommended for safe clean-up.

* Avoid skin contact with ash. Although ash from organic materials like trees and brush is not harmful to the skin, ash from burned homes and other items will likely contain metals, chemicals, and potentially asbestos, items that may be considered toxic if breathed in or touched with wet skin. If you are cleaning ash from a burned home or car, take special care to protect your health. If you do get the ash on your skin, wash it off immediately. Some wet ash from burned homes or cars can cause chemical burns.

* Inhaled ash may be irritating to the nose, throat and lungs. Use protective wear. Wear a tight fitting N95 respirator mask or P-100 mask, gloves, long-sleeved shirts and long pants when cleaning up ash. No one with heart or lung conditions should handle ash clean up.

* Avoid getting ash into the air as much as possible. If sweeping up ash, sweep gently. Use water and wet cloth or mop to clean items and surfaces.

* Avoid doing activities that stir up ash. Do not allow children to play in ash or be in an area where ash-covered materials are being disturbed. Wash ash off toys before children play with them.

* Clean ash off pets.

* Do not consume any food, beverages or medications that have been exposed to smoke, ash, heat, pressure, or chemicals.

* Commercial cleaning may be needed for carpet, upholstery, and window treatments. Clean and sanitize utensils, glasses, dishware and food contact areas such as countertops and cupboards. To decontaminate these items:

1. Wash them in a strong detergent solution
2. Soak in a bleach solution of one teaspoon of bleach per quart of water. Soak for 15 minutes.
3. Wash, rinse, air dry

DO NOT USE LEAF BLOWERS under any circumstances as they blow the fine particles around and create more health concerns. Alternatives to leaf blowers include:

* Sweep gently with a push broom, then hose lightly with water. Take care to conserve water. Ash can be bagged and put into trash cans.

* Using a shop vacuum equipped with a high-efficiency particulate filter (HEPA) and a disposable filter bag.

If you have symptoms that may be related to exposure to smoke or soot, consult your doctor. Symptoms include repeated coughing, shortness of breath, or difficulty breathing, wheezing, chest tightness or pain, palpitations, headaches and nausea or unusual fatigue or lightheadedness.