



# CITY OF BREA

*“The future demands a sustainable lifestyle. The City of Brea demonstrates its commitment to this principle under an initiative we call ‘Green Life, Green Brea.’ It brands the City’s actions for resource management and invites our constituents to participate.”*  
Eric Nicoll, Public Works Director



### History:

Incorporated on February 23, 1917, the City of Brea evolved from rugged wildcatters who settled across the hillsides in northern Orange County, to a regional center of commerce attracting over 100,000 daily visitors for jobs, shopping and cultural opportunities.



Brea Community Center

The Cool Planet Project Program provides utility business and government customers with education and technical training to measure and manage their energy use and greenhouse gas emissions. The Cool Planet Project Program is funded by California utility rate payers and administered under the auspices of the California Public Utilities Commission, through a contract awarded to The Climate Registry. California customers who choose to participate in this program are not obligated to purchase any additional services offered by the contractor. This program is offered on a first-come, first-served basis from 2/1/2013-12/31/2015 or until funds are depleted. Terms and conditions apply. The trademarks used herein are the property of their respective owners.

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Civic & Cultural Center Solar Profile

## REDUCING GREENHOUSE GAS EMISSIONS

The centerpiece of sustainability has been the Brea Energy Efficiency and Solar Power Project, which encompasses multiple retrofits of key civic facilities and ongoing production of clean, renewable solar power. This capability, in conjunction with efficiency improvements at 14 different city facilities, utilizes three separate solar installations covering almost 1 million square feet. With the retrofit of 4,000 street lights, this overall project results in at least \$2.6 million of energy cost savings in just the first five years. Completed in 2011, these improvements can offset 86,884 metric tons of CO2 emissions over a projected 25-year life span; equivalent to removing 637 passenger cars from local roads.

The City of Brea participates in the Community Energy Partnership, a collaboration of several Southern California cities and utilities, to educate communities about sustainable and efficient energy practices. Through this program, the City has provided 972 residential and 176 small business energy “tune-ups,” over 5,000 compact fluorescent light bulbs, and hundreds of water-saving devices.

## ENVIRONMENTAL STEWARDSHIP

As the City of Brea enjoys steady population growth, it continues to grow awareness of environmental stewardship, through efforts that include:

- Targeted programs for recycling and proper disposal of household hazardous waste, bulky items, and e-waste to effectively minimize community waste streams.
- Adoption of a strong water conservation ordinance in advance of current drought conditions. The 2009 ordinance includes mandatory and permanent restrictions with a focus on reducing outdoor water use.
- Creation of an innovative ordinance for responsible development to protect hillside open spaces.
- Creation of a cross-town trail on abandoned railroad lines providing recreational amenities, improved connectivity, and alternatives to vehicle transportation.

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