

# QUIET! Conversation in Progress...

City of Inglewood

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The Mission of the Residential Sound Insulation Department (RSIP) is to provide an improved quality of life for those residents impacted by aircraft noise within established CNEL contour.



## RSIP REACHES OUT TO THE PUBLIC

**Our Windows and Doors make a home more Green!** The windows and doors installed by the Program meet or exceed the Government's energy star rating system. This makes homes more energy efficient over time. The manufacturers of these products satisfy or meet federal guidelines, therefore any homeowner involved in the Program will not only have reduced noise intrusions, but also help the environment by becoming more energy efficient, making their home, "Green!"



## Crank up the Heat!

**Wood Exterior Doors** These doors require upkeep and maintenance. Attention is required if there are no eaves/overhang or devices protecting the door from the sun or rain. Rain will destroy any door that has not been specifically sealed or painted to be "rain-proof". Look for cracks, and check for gaps in the door, that will allow moisture to swell and delaminate the door.

**Sliding Glass Doors** It's a good idea to keep the tracks clean. Dirt will cause premature wear of the rollers. Additional security can be obtained by inserting a PVC pipe in the track. If the handle loosens up, retighten screws, or the handle will break.

**Key Locks** The key should not be hard to turn, and too much resistance can break a key. With time, keys will not slide in easily, use graphite powder, not oily lubricants in locks. If the lock is hard to turn, the problem is the door strike. The weather stripping needs to be tighten so the latch does not catch on the anti-jimmy strike.

**Fireplace** When building a fire, always make sure the fire damper is open. The damper is at the top of the chimney, and is operated by a cable located in the firebox. Glass doors need to be open when there is a large fire, but they can be closed on a low fire. Note: When a plane is passing, you can hear the difference when the damper is open or closed!

**Window Operations** Occasionally the springs will get unhooked, if this occurs please contact our office to have someone reattach it. Forcing the windows open can break the balance mechanism.

**Window Screens** Window screens are only intended to keep out insects. They will not prevent a child from falling out.

**Furnace Filters** The manufacturer recommends that filters be changed every three months, if used daily. Your actual interval may be longer, since most people in this region do not run the unit daily. These filters are available at most hardware stores, especially the larger chains. The pleated ones offer more surface area for filtration. There are many filter sizes available. Many will look similar, but it is important to purchase the exact size, or it will not fit your opening. Always check the old filter's size which is printed on the edge. (Occasionally people will bring the old filter into the store just to be 100% sure.)

**Air Conditioning** It is in your best interest to use the Air Conditioner weekly for the first year to make sure the refrigerant lines do not have a leak. A small leak will show up only if used. Constant use of A/C or Heating will surely produce a high utility bill. To help lower your bill, it is a good idea to first run the "fan" function for a while and see if that changes your perceived level of comfort. If it is insufficient, then run the A/C. Inglewood residents enjoy some of the best weather in the nation.

**Carbon Monoxide Detectors** They appear to look like smoke detectors. They will detect carbon monoxide which is odorless and colorless. They will beep when carbon monoxide is detected and when the battery is low. If the detector beeps for days and then stops, the battery is non-functional. Carbon monoxide is a deadly killer and we require them with gas furnaces, not heat pumps.

**Moisture Problems** The replacement doors and windows are very air-tight and may reveal moisture problems. Beads of water will form on the glass or wall, which will grow a black mold. The common sources of moisture problems come from boiling water, heated aquariums, invented dryer, A/C condensate leakage, using the gas stove to heat house, disconnected plumbing under the house, and/or invented heater or bad yard drainage.

## RESIDENTIAL SOUND INSULATION DEPARTMENT AN ONGOING DISCUSSION



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