

## **Weber's Fast Pass Drayage Program at the Ports of Los Angeles and Long Beach: Working for you Dray and Night!**

To minimize costs for our customers, maximize the movement of their product from the ports to our facilities, and help cooperate with the new OffPeak operating hours, Weber Distribution is providing nighttime drayage service to our customers. This service includes pick-up of containers at night, moving containers to a secured storage yard, and early morning repositioning of containers to the Weber Distribution facility.

Southern California ports remain the dominant gateways for imported product and the flood of imports from Asia shows no sign of slowing. The Los Angeles-Long Beach port complex handles more international cargo than any other in the nation. According to the Journal of Commerce, the Los Angeles-Long Beach port Complex handles about 70 percent of the container volume on the West Coast and about 40 percent of all U.S. imports from Asia.

Yet, for all that volume the terminals at the two Ports have historically operates during standard daytime business hours. For years, terminal operators at the ports of Los Angeles and Long Beach have been talking about handling more containers during off-peak hours. To take advantage of Weber's nighttime drayage program, please contact Dave Silver, [dsilver@weberd.com](mailto:dsilver@weberd.com) or call him at 562-356-6471.

The long talked about PierPASS program, aimed at reducing port and roadway congestion and improving local air quality is now being offered at the Ports of Los Angeles and Long Beach

OffPeak is a program created by PierPASS to provide an incentive for containers to be moved at night and on weekends. The advantages of the program are as follows:

- Spread existing traffic across more hours
- Make better use of valuable port assets
- Reduce uncertainty of delivery times, enabling better planning by cargo owners
- All terminals will operate the same days and hours
- Reduce turn times (pickup and drop-off) for the truck fleet and drivers
- Reduce truck traffic on I-710 and other California highways during commute hours

If your containers are picked up during peak daytime hours (weekdays 3am to 6pm), you will be charged a Traffic Mitigation Fee (TMF) of \$40 for a 20-foot container and \$80 for a 40-foot container. The fee will help fund five new OffPeak shifts per week, which includes Monday through Thursday 6pm to 3am and Saturday from 8am to 6pm.

The importers are responsible for both the registration of their company on the PierPASS web-site and payment of the fee. The trucking community and water carriers are not responsible for payment.

To pay the fee, importers must register online with PierPASS and establish a credit arrangement or payment plan. No money will be collected at the gate, so importers who have not registered with PierPass will not be able to have their containers picked-up.

The fee will not be charged – and will be refunded or credited if already paid – if the container enters or exits the terminals by road outside of peak hours (either during an OffPeak shift, or anytime between 6:00 p.m. Friday and 3:00 a.m. Monday).

“OffPeak is a vital effort to relieve chronic congestion in and around the ports. In order for port users to ensure that their cargo flows freely, we strongly urge them to go to our web site, learn about the program and register,” said Bruce Wargo, President & CEO of PierPASS.

Users of the ports must register for OffPeak through a link on the PierPASS web site at [www.pierpass.org](http://www.pierpass.org).