

CONSERVATION CORNER



City of La Verne Turf Removal and Waste Management Bagster Rebate Program

Due to the severe drought and positive response to the earlier Metropolitan Water District of Southern California's turf removal program, the City of La Verne is offering \$1.50 per square foot for turf removal. The program has a maximum rebate of \$2,000 per site. Please visit the water conservation rebate section of the website at <http://www.ci.la-verne.ca.us/index.php/services/environmental-programs/water-conservation-new/rebate-information> for more details.

To help the Do It Yourself homeowner or business owner, the City of La Verne is offering a \$35 rebate for using a Waste Management Bagster to help reduce the cost of a turf removal conversion. Dumping rates will be the responsibility of the customer. Please visit the water conservation rebate section of the website at <http://www.ci.la-verne.ca.us/index.php/services/environmental-programs/water-conservation-new/rebate-information> for more details.

Drought tolerant gardens use approximately 75% less water, generate about half as much waste and require approximately 60% less maintenance than traditional turf. The City of La Verne is encouraging the community to take advantage of these beneficial opportunities while they last. Start saving more water today!

Rain Barrel Giveaway

The City of La Verne will be hosting a rain barrel giveaway on October 3, with registration from August 31-September 24, 2015. Reservations will be accepted on a first come, first serve basis, while supplies last. La Verne residents with water accounts in good standing will be eligible to receive up to four rain barrels per household. Program is not available to those who participated last year if all four barrels were reserved. If less than four barrels were reserved, resident can request remaining barrels, up to four. Please visit the website at <http://www.ci.la-verne.ca.us/index.php/services/environmental-programs/water-conservation-new/rebate-information> for more details.

October California Friendly Landscape Training Class

Please join us for a California Friendly Landscape Gardening Class on October 3rd from 8:30 am-12 pm in the La Verne Community Center. Topics include: using a holistic approach to gardening, building a living soil sponge, rethinking elements of your site, right plant and right place, using rainwater as a resource and managing irrigation. Snacks and raffle prizes are included! Please RSVP to Public Works at 909-596-8741 or mbarragan@ci.la-verne.ca.us

Wildlife and Droughts

In California, people have become accustomed to drought conditions and water restrictions, but how does the wildlife survive in drought conditions? Wildlife depends on water just as citizens do. The unusually dry weather in the region, along with construction activities in town, are causing wildlife to leave their typical habitats and go in search of food and water in the more populated areas. This should be expected and prepared for with open wilderness areas bordering the community.

The first precaution to take around your home is to clear the brush and dense weeds from around your property. This will reduce the likelihood of rodent or snake invasions. Tightly screen all access holes into your home from ground to bar roof to bar rats, squirrels, and birds.

Be sure not to allow pets to roam from your home and bring in cats and dogs at night. Pet food left outside is like a buffet for wildlife. Once animals become accustomed to your pet's feeding routine, they will begin to depend on it. Animals will be attracted by the smell of food in your garbage. Keep garbage containers tightly lidded and secure against tipping by large animals. Drain any outdoor sources of water each night like bird baths or pet water bowls.

If you encounter an animal that is posing a threat to people or pets, please report the incident immediately to the Inland Valley Humane Society & SPCA at 909-623-9777 (8:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.) or 909-594-9858 (after hours). If you are reporting an encounter and the situation requires emergency medical attention, dial 911. If you have seen any wildlife, especially in groups or in families, and want it documented, please call the Inland Valley Humane Society & SPCA during regular business hours.

