

CONSERVATION CORNER



MEDIAN DROUGHT TOLERANT LANDSCAPING PROJECTS UPDATE

If you have been out and about lately within the City of La Verne, you have most likely seen street medians that are displaying patches of California gold colored grass, a result of state regulations prohibiting the irrigation of median turf. City staff is currently in the process of designing, planning and preparing for the removal of the turf which will be replaced with attractive drought tolerant vegetation and decorative features. Construction will begin in the medians of Arrow Highway, Puddingstone Drive and White Avenue once final approval has been granted for a large scale turf removal rebate from the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California. City staff has been working with Cal Trans to obtain permits for a drought tolerant conversion in Foothill Boulevard medians, however at this time we have received word that the project will be delayed in response to a directive from Governor Brown prohibiting any new planting in medians. We appreciate your understanding during this transition and look forward to providing the city with beautiful and sustainable median landscaping soon.

RAIN BARREL WORKSHOP

Want to learn how to keep rain water on site, but away from your house? Have a rain barrel and want to learn about how to use it properly? Come to this FREE workshop to learn how to use rain barrels, swales and dry steam beds to maximize your conservation efforts. The workshop will be held in the La Verne City Council Chambers on Tuesday, December 1, 2015 from 6pm-9pm. Dinner and raffle prizes are sure to help make the evening a fun and informative one. Make your reservations by calling 909-621-5568. Class size is limited, so call today!

CHRISTMAS TREE RECYCLING

It's that time of year again...carols and lights, tinsel and hot chocolate. Along with the bright joys of the season, comes a darker side...a lot of extra materials in our landfills. From the millions of holiday cards, to the packaging and wrapping paper from gifts, we will see tremendous amounts of trash in our carts. To help prevent some of this from ending up in the landfills, the City of La Verne in conjunction with Waste Management is once again offering Christmas Tree Recycling. We ask that you remove the stand, water container and other decorations before placing your tree curbside on December 28th or January 4th. Trees can be picked up on later dates, when requested as a large item pickup. If your tree is over six feet, we kindly request that you cut it in half. Flocked trees are accepted, but **CANNOT** be recycled due to the chemicals in the flocking material.

