

CONSERVATION CORNER

Save Water This Summer

La Verne has done an incredible job saving water in the last few months. With over 30% savings compared to the same months in 2013, La Verne is leading the way in water conservation as we change seasons. Continuing to save in the summer is going to be critical to our continued water conservation success. It will be important for La Verne residents to keep a conservation mindset and take opportunities to cut back on water use when they can.

The drought continues to be one of the most critical issues facing California. La Verne, in particular, is in one of the driest portions of the state. With a significantly smaller El Nino than initially predicted, nearly 60% of the state remains in severe drought. While this situation is an improvement over the beginning of the year it is important to prepare for the possibility of another dry year. Many of the northern portions of the state saw rainfall that was near average and enough snow formed to fill large reservoirs like Shasta, Oroville, Don Pedro, and Folsom. The threat of large scale water shortage has been significantly reduced for California, but the state will need several more years of high rainfall, especially in Southern California, to fully recover.

Summer tends to be when we use far more water than we need to. There will be many opportunities to save water this summer, especially outdoors. Reduce the days you water whenever possible. Even a few less days a month will make a big difference across the whole city. Be aware of when your sprinklers are on and for how long. If you watch your sprinklers you can be aware of leaks, breaks, or any excessive watering. This prevents water from running off your yard and prevents water waste. La Verne residents can also look for opportunities to replace their current yard with water efficient alternatives. Take advantage of rebates offered by the City of La Verne to replace your less drought tolerant plants. La Verne is a strong community that is capable of continuing to lead the way in conservation. As the summer heats up do what you can to save water.

Free Hazardous/Electronic Waste Disposal Event

Please collect your hazardous waste (pesticides, old batteries, used automotive fluids, used cleaning products, etc.) and electronic waste products (computers, old televisions, and broken cell phones) for a FREE collection event in Glendora, July 23, 2016 from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. at Citrus College Stadium Parking Lot, Barranca Ave. just north of Alostia Ave., Glendora, CA, 91740. All L.A. County residents are welcome to participate. If you can't make it to these events, there is a roundup nearly every weekend in L.A. County. The entire schedule and more details are posted at www.888cleanla.com.

