

CONSERVATION CORNER

New Year, Better Habits!

As you map out your resolutions for the new year, commit to incorporating some that benefit the environment and community around us. When figuring out how you'll lose weight or spend more time with loved ones, choose an activity with minimal impact like taking a hike in nature. While detailing ways to save money, take shorter showers and commit to commuting once a week/month on a bike or on foot. To declutter, consider giving gifts of admission to an event while making memories, instead of buying more stuff. When contemplating how to help your community, consider an open space cleanup event or helping to pick fruit for donation to a food bank.

Free Hazardous/Electronic Waste Disposal Events

After cleaning up the house after the holidays, you may have some old paint, outdated computers, a bulky television, expired medications, old cell phone or used batteries laying around. Hopefully, you don't throw them in the trash, as these items contain toxic chemicals. Those chemicals then make their way into our landfills, water supply, soil and into our bodies. Additionally, they contain chemicals that can often be recycled, reducing the resources needed to produce new goods. The Environmental Protection Agency calculated that the recycling of one million laptop computers saves enough energy to provide electricity for 3,657 homes for an entire year!

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 Claremont on February 2, 2019 from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. at the Claremont Corporate Yard-1616 Monte Vista Ave. 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.

Did you know?

- Los Angeles County also offers a registration list for specific needs residents. Residents with medical conditions (physical or mental) or who are reliant on electricity for medical needs, may register here for additional resources.
- Southern California Edison offers a medical baseline rate reduction program which also serves as a list of those in their service area who are dependent on electricity for medical conditions/equipment. Enrollment helps them prioritize customer needs. If you have a reliance on electricity for medical reasons, please look into their program.
- Southern California Edison has a website that lists outages, locations, expected completion time and much more. This site contains valuable information during storms and every day. To view this, please visit the Outage Center at www.sce.com

