

CONSERVATION CORNER

AB 341 and AB 1826: Commercial and Organics Recycling

Two state laws, AB 341 and AB 1826, mandate commercial/multi-family and organic recycling. This means that all businesses, apartments, and other residential areas with 5 or more units must recycle both traditional recycles like metal, cardboard, and paper and organics like produce. Recycling has many benefits such as extending the life of our landfills, reducing air and water pollution, limiting greenhouse gas emission, and saving energy. For businesses and multi-family homes there may also be opportunities to save money through lower cost recycling options.

Commercial and multi-family recycling La Verne strongly encourages our businesses to recycle through reputable waste haulers or through the City's waste hauler Waste Management. If recycling is done by waste haulers other than Waste Management, please report the weights and types of materials so that businesses can get proper credit for recycling and everyone can do their part to make La Verne more sustainable. Report the weight and type of material from commercial and multi-family recycling to lobrien@cityoflaverne.org

Recycling organics is the single biggest improvement most Californians, including our businesses, can make. Having separate recycling containers for food waste can go a long way toward reducing the amount of solid waste that ends up at our landfills. Even food waste that might normally decompose will take significantly longer to do so at a landfill. Diverting organic materials away from our waste stream and instead recycling them into compost or alternative cover significantly improves sustainability in La Verne.

Save Water This Summer

On April 7, 2017, Governor Brown formally ended the emergency drought declaration. However, there are still long term effects of the drought to overcome. These include managing overdrawn groundwater basins, mitigating effects of large scale tree death and strengthening drought resilient water supplies, but most short term water supply problems have been significantly relieved. The State is reacting to a much wetter and milder rainy season in 2016-2017, but there is the possibility that this is a temporary reprieve in a long term drought. If we enter into another dry year or if conservation does not yield results, the State may reinstate mandatory drought requirements. New goals regarding water conservation will be set by State agencies so that California can continue to become more water efficient. This will help mitigate the effects of future droughts even if they are longer or more severe than our most recent drought. Water conservation will continue to be one of our most effective water supply management strategies. La Verne residents should take this opportunity to transition into conservation as a way of life in Southern California.

Drip Irrigation Workshop

The City of La Verne in partnership with local water wholesalers Three Valleys Municipal Water District and Inland Empire Utilities Agency is hosting a FREE drip irrigation workshop. The workshop will be held on Saturday July 15, 2017 from 9am-11am at Chino Basin Water Conservation District, 4594 San Bernardino Street, Montclair, CA, 91763. Drip irrigation can reduce water use by about 80% compared to traditional spray sprinklers.

Eligible homeowners must have an existing automated sprinkler system, provide 3 pre-project photos of their irrigation system in operation, and provide a copy of their water bill. For a \$50 refundable deposit residents will also receive a drip irrigation kit from Rain Bird valued at \$199. Residents will set up a drip irrigation system that replaces a spray sprinkler system over the next 60 days. After 60 days a post project site inspection will be completed. The deposit will be returned after the inspection or with the return of an unused kit.

Residents must be pre-registered in order to attend. To RSVP go to <https://www.ieua.org/workshops/>
For any questions please contact Three Valleys Municipal Water District at (909) 621-5568.

