

CONSERVATION CORNER

City of La Verne Parks Conserve Water

Over the past few years of drought, everyone from government leaders to businesses and non-profit organizations are talking about how to conserve water and encouraging citizens to do the same. Many large scale organizations are doing their part as well, so we wanted to educate residents on what the City is doing to conserve water in our parks.

The City of La Verne owns and maintains over one hundred acres of parks, which are buzzing with activity. As the drought progresses, we continue to balance the need to provide safe playing surfaces while striving to conserve water. We have taken steps to lower our water usage through smart controllers that shut off irrigation systems during rain and have retrofitted many sprinkler heads to more efficient delivery methods, thus lowering our consumption and cost while maintaining the same amount of lush, useable park space. While these steps have proven effective, City staff has embraced this opportunity to take advantage of water saving grants to redesign park space with the goal of maximizing water efficiency while improving safety and enhancing functionality.

A current project undergoing renovation is at Lowell Brandt Park, where almost an acre of water intensive shrubs have been cleared out and will be replaced with greenery that requires less water. While the ground is exposed, maintenance will be conducted on environmental features of the park to aid in groundwater basin recharge. Once new planting is completed, green waste (mulch and wood chips) will be used to aid in erosion control and weed blockage while maintaining moisture and keeping more waste out of the landfills.

As grant funding allows, we will continue to do everything we can to keep your parks beautiful, useful and environmentally friendly. Please feel free to drive by and check out our progress so far.

