

CONSERVATION CORNER

FREE OIL RECYCLING/FILTER EXCHANGE EVENTS

During the Bonita High School Auto Shop Car Show on March 19th, 2016, and the Cool Cruise Car Show in downtown on March 26th come visit the City of La Verne booth for FREE do-it-yourself oil changing supplies and much more! On April 2nd bring your used oil filters to the La Verne Auto Zone from 9 a.m. – 1 p.m. and receive vouchers for FREE brand new oil filters (up to two per person, while supplies last)!

THE IMPORTANCE OF PROPER IRRIGATION

Since the drought, we have heard numerous conservation messages from every outlet possible. Through the years, these messages and corresponding actions have helped Southern California emerge as leaders in conservation. However, with changing weather conditions and our growing population, water resources are stretched. EVERY drop REALLY counts!

70 % of the average water household usage is outdoors and 30% of outdoor consumption is wasted. Therefore, it is estimated that approximately 25% of total household water consumption is wasted. Listed below are some basic ways to reduce the amount of wasted water outdoors:

1. Look at your sprinkler timer (this should be done with a landscape professional, if you have one) and check how long are they set for and how many days? If it's more than twenty minutes a WEEK, lower it. This is required by the Mandatory Water Use Restrictions set forth by the La Verne City Council.
2. Turn the system on and examine all heads. Check for broken or missing heads, heads buried under vegetation and tilted heads that may be spraying outside of the target area.
3. Check for overspray, while the system is running AND after watering is complete. If there is runoff, the time needs to be lowered and/or the heads need to be adjusted. If water is running off, the grass isn't absorbing it and it is wasted.
4. If you do find any of these issues within your irrigation system, please fix them within 48 hours, remember EVERY drop counts.

When runoff is created from overspray, wasted water is NOT the ONLY problem. The excessive water may cause property damage and can provide a method of carrying pollutants into the ocean through the storm drains. This pollution damages wildlife and our food supply.

