

## **CONSERVATION CORNER**

### **Rain, Rain, Everywhere, But Not a Drop to Waste**

The last few weeks of October brought thunder, lightning, and some much needed rain to parched Southern California. It is important to remember that we are still in a severe drought though. These storms offer great opportunities to conserve water, which is normally tough during the cooler months. If a storm is predicted take the opportunity to turn off your automatic sprinklers. Shutting off your sprinklers for the whole season and relying on hand watering of plants that need a little extra will save even more. Outdoor conservation becomes increasingly hard as temperatures decrease though, which means indoor conservation has to make up the difference.

Some tips for conserving inside include testing your toilet for leaks using dye tabs. If you put the dye in your toilet tank and it leaks into the bowl without flushing you may have a slow leak that wastes water over time. Leaks from hoses, faucets, toilets, and other water using devices can be the largest indoor water waster, especially for older homes. Low flow showerheads or sink faucets are an easy means of reducing indoor water use without bearing water conservation too much thought. While residents might not notice these devices reducing water usage day to day, over a long period of time they will save significant amounts of water. Even something as simple as using your dishwasher can save water too! Recent models of dishwasher will save water and time over hand washing dishes. It's up to all Californians to continue saving until the drought is over and we should make sure La Verne does its part!

### **La Verne Household Hazardous Waste 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 events in La Verne on December 17, 2016 from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. at Brackett Field, Fairplex Dr. & West McKinley Ave., La Verne, 91750. 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](http://www.888cleanla.com).

