

CONSERVATION CORNER

Here Comes the Rain!

Storm water pollution is a major environmental issue in California that causes unhealthy water quality in lakes, creeks, rivers, oceans, on beaches and when it floods during heavy rain. It's created when pesticides, trash, cigarette butts, animal waste, motor oil and other contaminants left on the ground wash directly into local waterways. The polluted water eventually mixes with more rainwater and pollutants and ends up being washed into washes, creeks, rivers, lakes and the ocean. While there's been less rain during the drought storm water pollution remains a major concern for the health of our waterways. Make sure to recycle or dispose of waste properly at Household Hazardous Waste Events whenever possible to reduce contaminants that reach our waterways. Preventing high flows of water from reaching storm drains can also prevent water pollution. Residents can assist in lowering the flow of water by using rain barrels to intercept water, maintain mature trees, or maximizing the area that rain can enter the ground through low impact development.

Rain Barrel Giveaway

The City of La Verne will be hosting a rain barrel giveaway on October 15 from 8am-1pm, with registration from September 12-29, 2016. Reservations will be accepted on a first come, first serve basis (while supplies last). Unclaimed barrels will be distributed on the same day to residents and city employees that live within the Metropolitan Water District service area, on a first come, first serve basis from 11am-1pm, with check in beginning at 10 am. La Verne residents with water accounts in good standing will be eligible to receive up to four rain barrels per household. Program is not available to those who participated in previous years, if four barrels were reserved for the same address. If less than four barrels were reserved, resident can request remaining barrels, up to four. Please visit the website at <http://www.ci.laverne.ca.us/index.php/services/environmental-programs/water-conservationnew/rebate-information> for more details. Please call 909-596-8741 to reserve your barrels.

Covina 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 Covina on October 22, 2016 from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. at the Covina City Yard, 534 N. Barranca Avenue, Covina, CA , 91723. 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.

