

CONSERVATION CORNER

Make Every Day Earth Day

In honor of Earth Day, the City of La Verne is giving some simple every day tips to help our residents make environmentally friendly choices day in and day out, especially during the month of Earth Day.

1. **Turn off** water, cars, lights, air conditioner, heater, appliances and anything that you are not using. Every second counts and adds up over the years.
2. **Buy local products!** This increases freshness, supports local businesses and cuts down on the resources consumed transporting those goods.
3. **Use cloth and reusable products** versus disposable paper goods. Whether drinking your morning cup of coffee, carrying your groceries home or serving your every day family dinners, using cloth napkins, reusable bags and ceramic dishes (including washing), uses less resources from the Earth than the production of paper products and impacts of deposits into the landfill.
4. **Use a reusable bottle** that you can refill instead of buying bottled drinks.
5. **Go paperless**, most utilities, banks and other companies that regularly issue bills have online or automatic bill pay.
6. **Buy second hand** clothes, books, toys, appliances, cars, furniture and anything else that you can. Visit the City of La Verne Community Yard Sale on Saturday, April 23rd at Bonita High School.
7. **Drive only when you have to**, otherwise take a walk or ride your bike for nearby errands and activities.
8. **Downsize** your car, closet, house, lawn and anything else you haven't used within a year.
9. **Eat Sustainably!** Try eating less meat and search for sustainability logos when grocery shopping.

All of our tips will save you money and provide for healthier living while helping lessen your impact on Earth.

Free Hazardous/Electronic Waste Disposal Event

After cleaning up the house after the holidays, you may have some old paint, outdated computers, a bulky television, expired medications, old cell phones or used batteries lying around. Hopefully, you don't throw them in the trash since these items contain toxic chemicals. Those chemicals then make their way into our landfills, water supply, soil and into our bodies. Additionally, they contain chemicals that can often be recycled, reducing the resources needed to produce new goods.

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 event in Azusa on April 16, 2016 from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. at the Northrop Grumman Corporation, 1100 W Hollyvale St, Azusa 91702. 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.

