

## **CONSERVATION CORNER**

### **Stormwater Pollution Prevention in the Rainy Season**

With the arrival of fall, California's rainy season has begun. The months between October and April provide the vast majority of rain for most of California. When enough rain falls, the ground saturates and exceeds its normal capacity to hold water. This excess water and water flows from impervious surfaces like roofs, sidewalks, or streets combine to create runoff. This runoff, called stormwater, will then pick up various pollutants while passing through La Verne's stormwater system, into our local water ways, and eventually the Pacific Ocean.

These pollutants come from places that residents live, work, travel, and play. Typical pollutants include yard trimmings with pesticides and fertilizers, leaves, cigarette butts, automobile fluids, sediment, pet waste, metals, soap, garbage and paint. While some of these pollutants are naturally occurring, citywide activities inadvertently introduce them to the water, to create unhealthy concentrations of the pollutant. The City of La Verne is continuously working to prevent pollution in our stormwater, but every resident can be mindful of ways to improve the health of local waterways and reduce accidental contribution of common pollutants. Preventing these pollutants from reaching local waters such as Puddingstone, the San Gabriel River, or the Pacific Ocean can improve water quality, provide more opportunities for recreation, and improve the habitat for wildlife.

### **La Verne Smart Gardening Workshop**

LA County is offering an Advanced Gardening workshop in La Verne. Advanced workshops teach you organic gardening, landscaping with native drought-tolerant plants, and integrated pest management (environmentally-sound ways to control pests). The workshop is on 11/18/17 from 12:00 pm – 1:30 pm at the La Verne Public Library, 3640 D St, La Verne, CA, 91750

### **La Verne Household Hazardous Waste and E-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 event in La Verne on 12/16/17 from 9am-3pm at Brackett Field, near the intersection of Fairplex Drive and W McKinley Ave (enter the roundup from Fairplex Dr), La Verne, CA 91750. All L.A. County residents are welcome to participate. If you can't make it to this event, 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).

