

CONSERVATION CORNER

Reducing Holiday Waste

According to the EPA, household waste increases 25 percent each year between Thanksgiving and New Year's Day, amounting to about 1 million extra tons of material being deposited into our landfills. As our La Verne families host local holiday gatherings they can incorporate a few of these ideas to reduce waste at home, protect the environment and conserve natural resources. For your holiday meals consider using reusable utensils, plates, glasses, napkins and table coverings instead of disposable ones. Remember to bring your reusable bag when you are out shopping for gifts and food. Another important step is to have recycling containers available for cans, bottles, paper, and other recyclables during gatherings with family and friends. Remember to have reusable containers available for any leftovers. You can also consider a compost bin for food scraps to use in a garden. Composting will turn yard and food waste into valuable organic fertilizer to reuse in a home garden.

Christmas Tree Recycling

On December 26th and January 2nd, Waste Management will be picking up Christmas trees that have been placed curbside for recycling. If your tree is six feet or more, please cut it in half and avoid flocked trees if possible, as they cannot be recycled. For all trees, be sure to remove tinsel, ornaments and any other decorations.

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 on 12/16/17 from 9am-3pm at Brackett Field, 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.

