



Caring For Your Trees in a Drought

We are in one of the worst droughts California has ever experienced. Our community is taking big steps to use water responsibly. As we continue to prioritize our water use, it is important to remember one of our greatest assets: trees. During times of drought, trees need a little extra help getting enough water.

To ensure that trees survive the stress of drought, Pomona residents are permitted to water trees and shrubs. Why is it important that trees survive the drought? Not only do they provide countless benefits to communities but they are a big time investment. A new lawn can be installed in a weekend, but a mature tree takes at least 50 years to grow!

CHECK

How do you know if your tree needs to be watered? Check! Use a screwdriver or other tool and stick it 6-8 inches into the ground. If the soil is dry and crumbly, it may be time to water again. How often will you need to water? Every tree is different, but generally young trees will need watering 1-3 times a week (depending on the temperature) and mature trees will need watering 1-2 times each month.

WATER

When watering your tree, think **low** and **slow**. Water at ground level to avoid losing water to evaporation. Use a watering tool with a slow, steady release to make sure water soaks into the ground. The goal is to get the water to the roots, which are typically 12-18 inches below the ground. Mature trees should be watered near the canopy edge rather than at the trunk. Don't forget to limit your watering times to before 10 am and after 6 pm.

MULCH

Adding a little mulch around your tree can make a big difference. Mulch can help keep moisture in the soil and protect your tree's roots from extreme heat. Simply layer about 4 inches of mulch on the ground surrounding your tree, making sure to leave about 6 inches of empty space between the trunk of the tree and where the mulch begins. Chino Basin Water Conservation District has **FREE** mulch! For more information on mulch, contact 909-626-2711 or cdwcd.org.

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Calendar of Upcoming Events/Holidays

- ◆ City Hall will be closed July 4, 2016, in observance of Independence Day.



Water Conservation Plant Fair

Saturday June 11th 9 am–12pm
at The Home Depot
2707 S. Towne Avenue–Pomona, CA

Join the City of Pomona and The Home Depot for a family fun filled water education event. The fair will provide information on the latest trends in drought tolerant landscaping and ways to save during the current drought.



Workshop & Crafts for Kids

Energy Saving Vendors to Help You Save \$\$\$

Games and Giveaways

Live Demonstrations by Home Depot Staff

Drought Tolerant Plants and Drip Irrigation Info.



For more detailed information on how to upgrade your landscape, including a list of drought tolerant plants, visit www.bewaterwise.com.

Public Works—Working Throughout the City

Status Update: LED Street Light Replacement Project



As approved by City Council on April 6, 2015, there are 2,665 residential streetlights to be upgraded with light emitting diode (LED) fixtures, as a continuation of the previously completed Induction Replacement Project approximately five years ago. The City contracted with ABM Electrical (ABM) to replace the remaining street-light inventory of High Pressure Sodium Vapor (HPSV) and Mercury Vapor (MV) fixtures to the energy-saving LED fixtures. The project began installation on May 16, 2016, and is expected to last until September 2016. The project is funded by Southern California Edison (SCE) energy efficiency incentive money, SCE's OBF financing at zero (0%) percent interest, energy savings, and Gas Tax funds. The completion of the project will also further the City's energy efficiency goals as outlined in the City's adopted Green Plan. **Any questions on this project, please call Engineering at: 909-620-2281.**

City Awarded \$440,00 Grant

GRANT FOR \$440,000 TO SUPPORT ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION PROJECT ALONG GAREY AVENUE TO PROVIDE GREENHOUSE GAS REDUCTIONS TO THE ENVIRONMENT AND COMMUNITY



The South Coast Air Quality Management District (SCAQMD), through the Clean Transportation Mobile Source Air Pollution Reduction Review Committee (MSRC), recently awarded a grant in the amount of \$440,000 to the City of Pomona to support Active Transportation Projects to incentivize transportation through alternative means, such as bicycling, to provide greenhouse gas reductions to the environment and community. Projects to be completed with this grant include bicycle infrastructure and related programs such as bicycle detection that allows for bicyclists to be detected and have priority at intersections without impacting traffic flow. The project will be located on Garey Avenue, between Mission Boulevard and County Road, with 12 signalized intersections. The grant award is contingent upon a total of \$440,000 in matching funds, with the City's matching contribution coming from AB2766; grant must be used within 22 months from date of execution of the grant. **Any questions on this project, please call Engineering at: 909-620-2281.**

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TOO TOXIC TO TRASH

Saturday, June 11, 2016—9:00am to 3:00pm

Dispose of Your Household Hazardous Waste and E-Waste!

FAIRPLEX—Gate 9, White Avenue

What you CAN bring to the event:

Brake fluid, paint, pesticides and herbicides, household and car batteries, pool chemicals, expired pharmaceuticals, anti-freeze, fluorescent light bulbs, household electronic waste: computer monitors, televisions, computers, cell phones, etc.

What you CAN'T bring to the event:

Hazardous and electronic waste from businesses, ammunition, trash, appliances



CITYWIDE MAJOR STREET REHABILITATION STARTED SPRING 2016

On April 4, 2016, a construction contract for Major Pavement Rehabilitation was awarded to Gentry Brothers, Inc. to rehabilitate approximately 14.5 miles of streets throughout the City, add bicycle lanes and routes, and construct median and parkway landscaping improvements on North Garey Avenue. Night work construction was authorized on Monterey Avenue between Garey Avenue and Main Street due to the proximity of the Downtown Transit Center. On April 5, 2016, a letter was mailed to all affected area residents and businesses to advise that construction will soon begin in spring 2016 and is scheduled to be completed by spring 2017, with most of the work occurring during the summer and fall of 2016. Additionally, residents were informed that during construction, access to driveways/garages will be temporarily restricted, street and sidewalk traffic may be limited and that the contractor will coordinate phasing of the project to facilitate construction and minimize impacts.

Before and After Garey Landscaping

□ South of Grove Street



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