

The Top Five Water Myths



Myth 1—Plants need 1 inch of water per week

Although the “inch-a-week” recommendation is often the rule, plants vary widely in their water needs. Transplants have limited root systems and need consistent water in the heat. Established plants, with extensive root systems, do not require as much moisture. The best way to water most plants, is by applying enough water to moisten the plant’s entire root system, and then letting the soil dry out slightly before watering again. Apply water slowly so it can be absorbed into the soil. Avoid daily light sprinklings, which encourages roots to grow near the surface where they are vulnerable to drying out.

Myth 2 -Wilting is a sign that it’s time to water

Wilting is a sign that the leaves aren’t getting enough moisture, but that doesn’t necessarily mean that the soil is dry. Anything that damages plant roots (disease, physical damage, insects) can cause some or all the leaves to wilt.

Myth 3 - Overhead watering on a sunny day can scorch leaves

In the heat, water droplets evaporate quickly and do not act like a magnifying glass on plant leaves. Plant leaves can be damaged due to too much or too little soil moisture, fertilizer burn, and insect or disease problems. Try to avoid watering on sunny afternoons to minimize the amount of moisture that is evaporated.

Myth 4 - Avoid overhead watering with a sprinkler

Usually it is best to apply water directly to the soil around the plants, instead of watering with a sprinkler. Less water is lost to evaporation with this method, and the leaves stay dry which minimizes disease problems. Sometimes overhead watering is necessary, such as during windy weather when a fine layer of dust builds up on the leaves and reduces the plants’ ability to photosynthesize efficiently. Aphids and spider mites can be kept away simply by hosing off the plant. Heat stressed plants that have wilted can benefit from a cooling shower, even though the roots are moist.

Myth 5 - Drought-tolerant plants don’t need to be watered

Plants need a consistent supply of water during their first growing season, until their roots grow into the surrounding soil. Drought-tolerant plants may fare better with a regular supply of moisture.

*Adapted from <http://www.gardeners.com/how-to/top-watering-myths/7688.html>





Foothill Gold Line

Summer 2017 – Community Information Meetings

The 12.3-mile Foothill Gold Line from Glendora to Montclair is an extension of the Metro Gold Line light rail system that currently runs between East Los Angeles and Azusa. The future extension will add stations east of the current terminus in Azusa. Six new stations are planned; one in each of the following cities - Glendora, San Dimas, La Verne, Pomona, Claremont and Montclair. Each of the new stations will have parking, as well as amenities for bicycles, walking and bus connections.

The Glendora to Montclair project will break ground in October 2017 and is anticipated to reach substantial completion in late-2025 to early-2026. After groundbreaking, major construction will not begin for a few years. The first year will be spent relocating utilities, conducting pre-construction activities, and hiring a design-build contractor. A contractor is anticipated to be hired in late-2018 and major construction will likely start in late-2019 at the earliest.

COMMUNITY INFORMATION MEETINGS

JOIN US!

This Summer, the Foothill Gold Line Construction Authority is hosting a series of community information meetings to update the community about the project schedule, station design and art, and what to expect during construction. These are open house meetings, so arrive at any time and stay as long as you like. No presentations are planned; but project representatives will be available to answer questions.

Meetings take place from 5:30 PM - 7:30 PM (arrive at any time and stay as long as you like. No presentations are planned and the same information will be available at all meetings):

- July 13 - San Dimas Senior/Community Center, 201 E. Bonita Ave., San Dimas
- July 18 – Palomares Park Community Center, 499 E. Arrow Hwy., Pomona
- July 19 – Montclair Senior Center, 5111 Benito St., Montclair
- July 24 – Alexander Hughes Community Center, 1700 Danbury Rd., Claremont
- August 3 – Hillcrest Retirement Community, 2705 Mountain View Dr., La Verne
- August 7 – Glendora Library Bidwell Forum, 140 S. Glendora Ave., Glendora

Importantly, the same information will be displayed at all six meetings, so attend the meeting that works best for your schedule.

SAVE THE DATE - PROJECT GROUND BREAKING CEREMONY:

Saturday, October 21, 2017 @ Citrus College, Glendora. Details to be out soon!

**URBAN GREENING PROGRAM
GRANT APPLICATION FOR DEVELOPMENT OF PHIL AND NELL SOTO PARK**

Staff is coordinating with the San Gabriel Valley Council of Governments (SGVCOG) to apply for grant funds from the California Natural Resources Agency - Urban Greening Program. Eligible Urban Greening Program projects are those that result in the conversion of an existing built environment into green space that uses natural and green infrastructure to create sustainable and vibrant communities. Staff's proposed project is for the development of the Phil and Nell Soto Park at 1225 N. Park Avenue. Staff has applied for \$1,500,000 from the Urban Greening Program, which, if awarded, will be added to the \$1,000,000 grant the City received from the Rivers and Mountains Conservancy for construction of the project.

Proposed Phil and Nell Soto Park elements include a walking trail around the site perimeter, fitness stations, picnic areas, a central trellised gazebo with public seating, and informal open turf/meadow areas. Approved native plants and trees will be featured throughout the park, and will include a butterfly habitat and bird sanctuary. Interpretive signage (six panels, distributed throughout the park site) will feature information on the area's history and the flora/fauna on the site, as well as educational information relating to water and energy efficiency, conservation of materials, and conservation of resources. Specific measures to be implemented include low-water irrigation equipment, LED lighting, recycled materials, and permeable surfaces.

The application was submitted by the May 1, 2017 deadline, with subsequent Council consideration of a resolution supporting the grant application at the May 15, 2017 meeting.

CITYWIDE MAJOR STREET REHABILITATION UPDATE

Primary asphalt paving operations are now complete. Currently, manhole adjustments and installation of signal loops to match with the finished paving are being completed on Garey Avenue. Striping work on Garey Avenue and Murchison Avenue is expected to be complete by the beginning of June 2017. Some fog/slurry work remains to be performed on Dudley Ave. (south of Mission Blvd.) and bus pad work in various locations will be performed through May and June 2017. Punch list and related finish-work is expected to be completed by July 2017.

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City Hall Closure:
July 4th—Independence Day
City Hall Hours:

Too Toxic To Trash

Saturday, June 24, 2017

9:00am to 3:00pm

Dispose of Your Household Hazardous Waste and E-Waste!

FAIRPLEX — Enter at gate 9 on White Avenue

Open to all Los Angeles County Residents

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

**For more information call:
888-CLEAN LA**



Annual Water Quality Report

Beginning July 1, 2017 the City of Pomona's Annual Water Quality Report will be available online. The EPA recently approved allowing community water systems to notify consumers that their Water Quality Report is available online and to provide a direct link to the report.

The new electronic format is environmentally friendly and will save the City money in printing and postage costs. We thank you for supporting the City of Pomona's efforts to Go Green! The Annual Water Quality Report will be available electronically on the City website starting July 1, 2017 at:

www.ci.pomona.ca.us/mm/2017CCR.pdf

Paper copies will also be mailed upon request by calling (909) 620-2251

Spring/Summer Outdoor Watering Schedule—Level 1 Water Shortage

April—October (only 3 days per week)

Odd Address—Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday
Even Address—Monday, Wednesday and Friday

Addresses ending with 1, 3, 5, 7, 9
Addresses ending with 0, 2, 4, 6, 8