

#### **RAIN BARREL PURCHASE PROGRAM**

Rain barrels provide an economical rainwater harvesting option to residents by collecting rainwater from your roof. When installed and maintained properly, rain water can be used for a multitude of indoor and outdoor household non-potable uses. Using a rain barrel also diverts water from the storm drain system, helping to protect our Santa Clara River from stormwater pollution.

When it's not raining, put a bucket in your shower or kitchen sink while you wait for warm water. When the water heats up, remove the bucket and pour the water into your rain barrel, which acts as a storage unit to save water.

There will be two events held in 2024. Scheduling will be announced on **GreenSantaClarita.com.** 

#### **PESTICIDE POLLUTION PREVENTION**

Pesticides that get washed into the storm drain will pollute the Santa Clara River and our groundwater. Avoid washing pesticides off your lawn or garden and refer to the tips below:

- Prevention: avoid leaving food or dirty dishes in sinks, store pet food in an air-tight container and apply caulk to openings on baseboards and around pipes to prevent ants from entering your home.
- 2. Before applying pesticide, consider a non-toxic alternative like soap and water or diluted vinegar.
- 3. If you must apply pesticide, make sure to follow the instructions carefully. Spot apply instead of spraying an entire area, avoid application when rain is predicted and leave your sprinklers off for at least 72 hours after application.

# **ELECTRIC VEHICLES – CHARGE AND GO!**

Electric Vehicles (or EVs) are cheaper to maintain than gasoline-powered cars, saving thousands of dollars over the life of the vehicle. The air pollution from EVs is also much lower than gasoline-fueled vehicles, which helps clean up the air in Santa Clarita. For a list of public alternative fueling stations throughout Santa Clarita Valley, visit GreenSantaClarita.com/EV.

### **CONSERVE OUR DRINKING WATER**

- Adjust sprinklers to only water landscaping, not hard surfaces, like concrete and sidewalks. Repair any leaks and broken nozzles.
- Consider sweeping in place of using water to clean sidewalks, patios and driveways.
- Visit YourSCVWater.com for water-saving ideas and rebates for homes and businesses.

#### FREE BULKY ITEM PICKUPS

If you need to dispose of bulky items (sofas, mattresses, furniture, etc.) all City households with trash service are entitled to four FREE bulky item pickups per year, with a maximum of three items per pickup at no charge. Please provide your hauler with at least 48 hours notice to have the items picked up on your regular collection day.

Please contact Burrtec at (661) 222-2249
to schedule a pickup
or drop-off your items at Burrtec
- 26000 Springbrook Ave. Suite 101

### **HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE (HHW)**

Household batteries, paint and other HHW should not be thrown in the regular trash, but disposed of safely through proper disposal. These items can be taken to the next Los Angeles County HHW/E-Waste Collection Event for FREE. Visit GreenSantaClarita.com for information regarding collection events, permanent HHW collection centers and used motor oil and filter collection centers. The closest HHW disposal locations, for all types of HHW, are the S.A.F.E. Collection Centers at:

11025 Randall Street Sun Valley, CA 91352

and

10241 N. Balboa Blvd. Northridge, CA 91325 (800) 988-6942

Hours of Operation:
Saturday and Sunday, 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
\*This service is not for businesses.

## **PUT WASTE IN ITS PROPER PLACE**

Remember: Only rain down the storm drain! Litter belongs in trash cans, not on the ground.

Use a public container to dispose of your waste or keep a trash bag in your car to dispose of at home.



#### PREVENT RIVER POO-LUTION

Clean up pet waste at home and in public spaces. Dog waste on the ground contains harmful bacteria that can wash to the City's storm drains and into the Santa Clara River.

- Pick up after your pet using a pet waste bag.
   Residents can get bags from public pet waste bag stations throughout City parks and paseos.
- Dispose of pet waste in the regular trash. Pet waste does not belong in your recycling or organics container.
- Do not wash pet waste down into the storm

  drain with a base.





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