

City of South Pasadena **Spring 2016** Environmental Newsletter



Sign up for the CoolCalifornia Challenge...



and help the City of South Pasadena meet our environmental goals while reducing your carbon footprint and saving money! The CoolCalifornia Challenge is a competition between California cities to motivate and reward residents for reducing their carbon footprints and creating more sustainable communities. Households in South Pasadena can earn points for the City by tracking energy use and sharing energy saving tips. The collective points earn the City a proportionate allocation of a \$150,000 prize to support sustainability projects in our community.

There are 21 other cities in this challenge. *Let's kick the energy out of them and make South Pasadena the Coolest California City!*

To sign up, visit: CAchallenge.org

Hurry! The CoolCalifornia Challenge ends on March 30, 2016.

Rebates have Changed for Water Conservation Devices

There have been some changes to the rebate amounts. Here is a guide to help you save!

Device	Rebate	Where to Apply
High Efficiency Toilet (1.28 gallons per flush)	\$100	h2oRebates@southpasadenaca.gov
Premium High Efficiency Toilet (1.08 gallons per flush)	\$190	socialwatersmart.com
High Efficiency Washer—Residential	\$250	socialwatersmart.com
High Efficiency Washer—Commercial	\$200	socialwatersmart.com
Weather Based Irrigation Controller (less than 1 acre)	\$180/unit	socialwatersmart.com
Weather Based Irrigation Controller (more than 1 acre)	\$50/station	socialwatersmart.com
Soil Moisture Sensor (less than 1 acre)	\$150/unit	socialwatersmart.com
Soil Moisture Sensor (more than 1 acre)	\$50/station	socialwatersmart.com
Rotating Sprinkler Nozzle (15 minimum)	\$2 each	h2oRebates@southpasadenaca.gov
Rotating Sprinkler Nozzle (30 minimum)	\$4 each	socialwatersmart.com
Rain Barrel (at least 50 gallon capacity)	\$75, limit 4	socialwatersmart.com
Cistern (at least 200 gallon capacity)	\$300	socialwatersmart.com

Water Buckets are Back by Popular Demand!

Water buckets are available at City Hall and FREE for South Pasadena residents! Collect and repurpose the water while your shower warms up to save about 1,000 gallons a year. Each bucket comes with a bucket list printed on the side to give you new ideas on how you can save water.

These helpful buckets can be picked up at City Hall, 2nd floor, 1414 Mission Street. One bucket per household while supplies last. Visit the South Pasadena City website southpasadenaca.gov/water for more ways to conserve water.



Spring Cleaning

Products labeled toxic, poison, corrosive, or irritant should be disposed of at Household Hazardous Waste Events. Items accepted include: paint, batteries, automotive products, garden chemical, medicine, electronic devices, light bulbs, & more. For more information: www.CleanLA.com or (888) CleanLA

Altadena Household Hazardous Waste Collection Saturday, March 12th, from 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

L.A. County Department of Public Works, Fleet Maintenance Yard
252 West Mountain View Avenue, Altadena

April Showers

The predicted forecasts of torrential rainfall can be a great opportunity to recharge our groundwater aquifers and collect rainwater but can lead to unwanted consequences. Follow some simple guidelines to prevent damage to your home and optimize the collection of the rainwater by slowing the water down, spreading it out, and sinking it away from your home.

- * Clean out your gutters and downspouts. It doesn't take much for them to fill up and get clogged.
- * Create a dry stream bed or swale that guides water at least 6 feet away from your foundation and into the soil. It's ideal to use and absorb water at the canopy line of a tree.
- * Install rain barrels or cisterns (rebates available at socalwatersmart.com) at the base of your downspout to capture rainwater. Don't forget to install a diverter that leads to your dry stream bed or swale. Barrels can fill up and overflow at the foundation of your home in a matter of minutes during a heavy downpour.



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Know your Watering Days and Times

Restrictions are still in effect for overhead watering of landscapes. Sprinklers should be set to two days a week after 5 p.m. and before 9 a.m.

Addresses ending in an even number	Monday & Thursday
Addresses ending in an odd number	Tuesday & Friday