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SAVE THE DATE: Westhills Homeowners Annual Meeting

Wednesday, June 17th at 7 p.m.

Speakers and Activities:

LA County Fire Department—Fire Extinguisher Training

LA County Fire Department—Reducing Fire Risk

LVMWD—Drought and Water Conservation for Homeowners

WHA Board—Randiwood West

Hill Point Montessori School—enter on Kittridge just west of Valley Circle

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Surviving the Drought—Landscaping and Home

1) Protect your expensive mature fruit and landscaping trees when you stop or cut back on watering your lawn. Mature trees have deep roots and can be watered deeply every week to reduce fire risk, and insect and disease danger. Watch for drought stress, whose symptoms include:

- Wilting or drooping leaves that do not return to normal by evening
- Curled or chlorotic (yellow) leaves that may fold or drop
- Foliage that becomes grayish and loses its green luster
- New leaves that are smaller than normal

2) The ideal time to water other plants is when the soil near the roots forms a ball that is starting to crumble.

- 3) Use up to 2" of mulch or rocks around trees and bushes, but not against trucks to reduce disease. Be sure not to use wood mulch next to your house or anything flammable.
- 4) Fix leaks in irrigation systems and be sure that all nozzles are working.
- 5) Wash full loads in dishwashers and clothes washers.
- 6) Take shorter showers. Turn off the water when you soap yourself.
- 7) Take advantage of indoor and outdoor water-saving devices rebates including turf removal at <http://www.lvmwd.com/for-customers/conservation/rebate-programs>