

EXPLORING RAIN WATER CAPTURE OPTIONS

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4177 Marcasel Avenue, Los Angeles 90066. We capture, clean and re-use God's gift – RAIN WATER.



Large River Rocks came from Shawna and Doug (951) 533-8747 on Craig's List. Small ½" to 1" Valley Crest Rock on the Parkway and the ½" to 1-1/8" Red Lava Rock in the yard came from Bourget Brothers, 1636 11th St, Santa Monica. The Drought Tolerant Plants came from Home Depot. Our goal: Eliminate Grass, Reduce Water Use & Capture Rain Water.



These Drought Tolerant Plants from Home Depot love the drip irrigation. We also use lots of mulch.



Preparation. The Curb Cut on the street allows water to flow into this Free Form Concrete "Bath Tub." We cut the bottom off a Trash Can and set a Fountain-Pump inside it on "Bath Tub" floor.

When it rains, we connect a length of hose and an outdoor extension cord to pump the water into our yard to irrigate plants and trees rather than let rain-water run into the storm drain.



Trash Can on left.
Pump on right.



OTHER CONSERVATION IDEAS

Rather than ignore the Drought, and the Depletion of Ground Water, our son Todd and Gordon and I are using it as an excuse to take full advantage of any rainwater.



Our home is at 4124 East Blvd between Washington Blvd & Washington Place in Mar Vista LA 90066. We removed 80% or more of our grass and hired a handy-man/ gardener to help us. If you would like to tour our yard, call Jeanette at 310-721-3512 or email Jeanette@SaveBallona.org.

We also capture "grey water", use drip irrigation, lots of mulch, compost our kitchen waste and use permeable pavers.



Three Stage Composting



Drip Irrigation = Happy Plants

Drip Around Fruit Trees



We dug 24" deep by 18" swales we filled with gravel and then covered it with rock and/or mulch. We are capturing Rain Water to deep water our fruit trees & garden. A gutter is now directed to the 36" by 36" gravel area to the right.

Result at 4124 East Boulevard = 40% water savings comparing 2013 to 2015.