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Fall Back for Water Efficiency in November

As part of our all new RightScape water-use efficiency program, IRWD is reminding customers to adjust their irrigation controllers and sprinkler times when Daylight Saving Time ends.



Spring and fall daylight saving clock changes actually coincide with seasonal changes in weather and that means it's time to adjust your irrigation controller timer. Now that Daylight Saving Time is over, it's time to lower your water use as the weather cools, humidity increases and we have potential for rain.

Checking your irrigation controller when you change your clocks is a good habit to get into. It's a great time to check your sprinklers for leaks too.

We are pleased to introduce you to Roger, the water expert dog.

He is our knowledgeable adviser in a quest for simple and sustainable ways to ensure water efficiency at home. You'll usually see him with his pal, Professor Wright, but today he's on his own. Like many of us, Professor Wright knows saving water is the right thing to do, but he can't always figure out how to make it all happen. Luckily, Roger is there to help Professor Wright—and all of us—make the right decisions. With Professor Wright and Roger working together, they will encourage everyone in the Irvine Ranch Water District to be water efficient.

Suggested Weekly Watering Schedule

Month	Grass	Trees, Shrubs & Groundcover
November	2 days, 2 cycles of 3 minutes	1 day, 2 cycles of 4 minutes
December	2 days, 2 cycles of 2 minutes	1 day, 2 cycles of 3 minutes
January	2 days, 2 cycles of 2 minutes	1 day, 2 cycles of 3 minutes

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Let's all work together for water efficiency!

Email a picture of yourself changing your sprinkler settings to rightscape@irwd.com or post it to our Facebook page ([facebook.com/IrvineRanchWaterDistrict](https://www.facebook.com/IrvineRanchWaterDistrict)).



Three people will win a **\$50 Home Depot gift card**. And everyone that enters can pick up a complimentary sprinkler key in the IRWD Sand Canyon lobby to help control sprinkler leaks.

Keep Your Drains Free of Fats, Oils, and Grease This Holiday Season (and Always)

A clogged drain, especially on a holiday, can result in a high plumbing bill and potentially contribute to a sewer spill in the community. It's never a good idea to pour fats, oils, or grease (FOG) down the drain during the holiday season, or any other time during the year.

In fact, nearly 50 percent of sewage overflows nationwide are caused by homeowners who improperly dispose of everyday fats, oils, and grease. These overflows are not just public health issues, but can result in serious damage to our environment.

When FOG is put down the sewer system, it will build up over time and constrict the flow of household sewage. The grease sticks to the pipes and when it builds up, blocks the entire pipe, resulting in costly repairs and cleanups.

To prevent problems, follow these tips for disposing of leftover cooking grease:

- Never pour grease down your sink drain, toilet or garbage disposal.
- Place leftover grease into containers with lids, such as jars, and place into a trash receptacle for pick up on trash day.
- Mix oils with absorbent materials, such as coffee grounds, put it in a lidded container and dispose with the trash.
- If cleaning a greasy pan, pour grease into a container and wipe excess grease from the pan with paper towels. Place the towels into the trash.
- If using a deep fat fryer, mix oils with absorbent material, such as cat litter, or soak up excess oil with newspaper and put into the trash.

These simple steps will help IRWD protect the environment and prevent sewer spills.



IRWD Open House with NBC4

More than 500 people participated in the IRWD Open House and Drought Discussion with NBC4. Guests received water-saving conservation kits, entered to win Home Depot gift cards, and participated in the drought discussion, hosted by NBC4 Weathercaster Fritz Coleman and Meteorologist Crystal Egger. Drought discussion panelists included NBC4 Orange County Bureau Chief Vikki Vargas, Inland Empire Bureau Chief Tony Shin and Reporter Hetty Chang, as well as IRWD Board President Steve LaMar, Orange County Fire Authority Interim Fire Chief Jeff Bowman, and former California Secretary of Agriculture, AG Kawamura.

All customers also took the pledge to do one more thing to save water. You can still take the pledge in our Customer Service lobby at 15600 Sand Canyon Avenue in Irvine.



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