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## Save the Date

### California Friendly Landscape Training Class

#### English:

**Saturday, October 22**  
10 a.m. – 1 p.m.

**Wednesday, October 26**  
6 p.m. – 9 p.m.

#### Mandarin:

**Wednesday, November 16**  
6 p.m. – 9 p.m.

**IRWD Multi-Purpose Room**  
15600 Sand Canyon Avenue  
Irvine

Become a Waterwise Gardener. Learn six ways to make your garden California Friendly:

- Using a Holistic Approach to Gardening
- Building a Living Soil Sponge
- Rethinking Elements of Your Site
- Right Plant, Right Place
- Using Rainwater as a Resource
- Managing Irrigation

**Sign-ups required:**  
[rightscapenow.com/events](http://rightscapenow.com/events)

## Do You Work for a WaterStar? New Program Recognizes and Rewards Local Water-Efficient Businesses

Irvine Ranch Water District's WaterStar Business Recognition Program helps local companies improve water use efficiency, save on water bills and obtain financial incentives for efficiency improvements. The program is open to IRWD commercial, industrial and institutional customers, including commercial landscape companies managing irrigation sites within the IRWD service area. Eligible businesses and institutions can apply for WaterStar Program Certification any time throughout the year. Certification is good for three years.



Businesses who obtain WaterStar Certification earn the use of the WaterStar logo for display, web posting and advertising. These businesses will also receive an award, presented at an IRWD Board meeting, acknowledging their water conservation achievements.

For details on how to obtain WaterStar Certification, visit [rightscapenow.com](http://rightscapenow.com) and click on "Programs."

## Enjoy Breakfast at the San Joaquin Marsh

A staple of the autumn season is the annual Sea & Sage Audubon Society Pancake Breakfast, scheduled for **Saturday, October 29**, from **7:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.**, at the Irvine Ranch Water District San Joaquin Marsh and Wildlife Sanctuary. The cost is \$10 for adults and \$6 for children 10 and under. Children under three are free.

Bird walks will take place before and after breakfast. Several scope stations will be set up for close-up views of birds out on the ponds. Used books will be available for purchase, and an exhibit will feature art projects created at the Audubon summer camps.

### Reservations are required.


Call 949-261-7963 for information, or email your reservation to [mary.stg.joseph@gmail.com](mailto:mary.stg.joseph@gmail.com).





Ken the cook has fun flipping flapjacks at last year's well-attended Sea and Sage Audubon pancake breakfast.


# It's No Sweat to Work on Saving Water

Many people spend much of their week working away from home. Consider these simple ways to contribute to a more water-efficient workplace:

 **Report indoor leaks.** Common leaks such as dripping faucets and worn toilet flappers can contribute to major water waste in a building. A toilet leaking at 0.5 gallons per minute (gpm) can waste 21,600 gallons of water per month! Please report any leaks to your facility maintenance staff.

 **Watch out for outdoor waste.** Up to 30 percent of the overall water use at your work place can go toward landscape maintenance. If you notice any broken sprinklers, overspray or other signs of water waste, inform your landscape maintenance team.

 **Install high-efficiency faucet aerators.** IRWD offers up to 12 free faucet aerators per customer account for use in commercial property bathrooms. These efficient devices are easy to install and put out a fraction of the water used by traditional aerators.

 **Dish out water savings.** When washing dishes in the office kitchen, fill the sink and turn off the tap. If your workplace kitchen has a dishwasher, only run it with full loads.

To explore more ways how local businesses are saving water and money, visit [rightscapenow.com/commercial-industrial](http://rightscapenow.com/commercial-industrial).



**Q: If the weather heats up this fall, should I keep using the same amount of water that I used in August?**

**A:** At this time of the year, even though the weather may feel warm, the days keep getting shorter. This means that you do not need to water as much as you did during the summer months. Plants adapt to less light by becoming less active and using less water in the fall. Please refer to our fall watering schedule (shown below) for details on how to more efficiently water your landscape.

## Suggested Weekly Watering Schedule

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

# Don't Get Spooked by a High Water Bill This Halloween



Leaks and over-watering your landscape are common sources of wasted water that can lead to high water bills. If you receive a higher than expected bill, contact our Water Use Efficiency team at 949-453-5581. For online help finding leaks in your home, visit [rightscapenow.com](http://rightscapenow.com) and click on "Training Center."

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