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30% Less Water? Plants Will Thank You

Ask
Juan



Q: I saw an ad suggesting I water 30% less this time of year. But it's still hot out. Will my landscape survive?

A: Great question. It's fall now, so even though

it might still be hot, the days are getting shorter. Plants know winter is coming and start to transition into their dormancy period. They will still thrive but will begin to need less water. In fact, too much water now can drown your plants.

As we approach winter, start by reducing irrigation time by a few minutes. This will save hundreds of gallons of water. Learn more—and score some rebates—at WateringGuide.com.

Also, check out our Time to Plant workshop (6 to 8:30 p.m., Nov. 14, 15600 Sand Canyon Ave., Irvine), where we'll discuss using California native plants and others. RSVP at RightScapeNow.com/events.

Got landscape questions? Email askjuan@irwd.com or ask on Facebook, Twitter or Instagram with [#irwdcommunity](https://www.facebook.com/irwdcommunity). See past answers at RightScapeNow.com/landscape-resources/ask-juan.

Save the Date

My Garden, My Watershed

Saturday, Oct. 20 • 9 a.m. – noon

IRWD Multipurpose Room, 15600 Sand Canyon Ave., Irvine

Learn the steps to create a water-efficient garden that is watershed-conscious. We will discuss creating healthy soils, rainwater capture and reuse, California native plants, efficient irrigation, and much more.

Sign-up required: RightScapeNow.com/events

Learn more at WateringGuide.com



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Recycled Water Filling Station to Close

IRWD's Residential Recycled Water Filling Station will close permanently this month. The last day of operation will be Oct. 15. Thank you to our customers who used the filling station.

Lake Forest Will Irrigate With Recycled Water

Lake Forest prides itself on meandering greenbelts and plentiful parks. Keeping them vibrant takes water—and recycled water is becoming the go-to source to irrigate the city's public spaces.

IRWD is partnering right now with Lake Forest to convert irrigation systems along public parkways near Bake Parkway, Toledo Way and Jeronimo Road to use recycled water. Flowing through new purple pipe, this highly treated and disinfected sewer water is most commonly used for irrigation. The project, now under construction, will save an estimated four million gallons of drinking water per year.

It's not the first recycled water project the city and the District have taken on. And it won't be the last.

"Water-efficient landscaping has been a priority of our city for many years, and the use of

recycled water for irrigation makes us good stewards of the environment as well as

good stewards of tax dollars because it's less expensive," said Tom Wheeler, Lake Forest director of public works. "Water is too valuable to use just once."

Water-efficient landscaping has been a priority too. In 2016, Lake Forest adopted a policy requiring drought-tolerant plants in new residential and commercial landscapes, with more relaxed guidelines in areas that use recycled water for irrigation. The city's new Civic Center, under construction on Civic Center Drive, will use recycled water for landscaping and will be dual-plumbed to use recycled water for flushing toilets and urinals.



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RightScape
RESOURCES

IRWD is proud to announce the launch of a newly redesigned homepage for our plant database website—**RightScape Resources**. The site offers relevant content, new technology and simple navigation, with a new, aesthetically pleasing look and feel.

The site features landscape ideas and tips on seeking professional advice, plus current information about IRWD's services and programs, such as water efficiency rebates. It's waiting for you to discover at RightScapeResources.com.

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Save the Date

Sea & Sage Breakfast

Saturday, Oct. 27
7:30 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.

San Joaquin Marsh
5 Riparian View, Irvine

Enjoy a pancake breakfast, a used book sale and bird walks.

Sign-up required:
seaandsageaudubon.org

Practical Composting

Saturday, Oct. 27
9 a.m. – noon

UC ANR South Coast Research and Extension Center
7601 Irvine Blvd., Irvine

This workshop will review composting and vermiculture basics with hands-on activities demonstrating practical applications for small spaces.

Sign-up required:
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