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## How You Can Help California By Saving Water

**Governor asks California to reduce water use by 25%. What these mandates mean for you.**

### What did the Governor mandate?

Governor Jerry Brown issued an Executive Order on April 1, 2015 calling on the State Water Resources Control Board and several other state agencies, to take emergency action to impose mandatory statewide water restrictions in response to the ongoing drought conditions in California.

The proposed savings requirement by the State Water Resources Control Board for IRWD is 16%. IRWD will be working closely with the State Water Resources Control Board to define how these savings can be accomplished and what this will mean for IRWD customers.

IRWD will be following the new water restriction mandates carefully and will post information at [www.irwd.com/drought](http://www.irwd.com/drought) as it becomes available.

### What should IRWD customers do right now to help California save water?

There are three important things that IRWD customers can do right now to help save water. Recognizing that between 60 to 65 percent of household water is used outside, we are asking our customers to focus on saving water outside of your home by immediately:

- **Checking Your Sprinkler Timer.** Are you over watering your yard? Is your sprinkler timer set correctly? Are the batteries still working? IRWD offers an easy to follow guide as well as a self-help video on our website on how to take control of your outdoor irrigation sprinklers.
- **Removing Water-Thirsty Turf.** Say goodbye to water-thirsty turf and get a rebate to help with the costs. The Turf Removal Rebate offers up to \$2 per square feet of grass removed.
- **Fixing Water Leaks.** Checking for leaks is easy and can be one of the most effective ways to use water wisely. Follow our self help videos on our website to learn how to do this. It's easy and it will save you both water and money.



2011

**Lake Oroville in Northern California.** The lake is currently at 32 percent of its total capacity of 3.5-million acre feet. The same lake shown in 2011 with the water level at 97 percent capacity.



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## Save the Date

### RightScope™ Garden Design Workshop Series

Irvine Ranch Water District  
Multi-Purpose Room  
15600 Sand Canyon Ave.  
Irvine

**The Right Plants**  
Wednesday, June 3  
6 p.m. – 8 p.m.

Learn how to choose water-efficient and beautiful plants for your garden.

**The Right Equipment**  
Wednesday, June 17  
6 p.m. – 8 p.m.

Learn how to select the most productive and water-saving tools for your garden.

**The Right Schedule**  
Wednesday, July 1  
6 p.m. – 8 p.m.

Learn how to choose the right watering schedule for your garden and how to properly set your irrigation timer.

Sign up for one workshop or all three to receive the maximum learning benefit! A light dinner will be served.

**RSVP:**  
[www.irwd.com/events](http://www.irwd.com/events)  
949-453-5581

# Fix a Leak Winners

Congratulations to the winners of our March Fix a Leak contest. We had more than 100 participants. These IRWD customers checked their homes for leaks and won a \$500, \$300 and \$100 gift card to The Home Depot. Thank you to all customers who participated in the Fix a Leak contest.



First Place:  
**Tom Williams** of Irvine



Second Place:  
**Pam Faust**  
of Irvine



Third Place:  
**Edwin Chiu**  
of Tustin

# New Water Quality Report Available Soon



To view the new 2015 Water Quality Report, coming June 1, visit [www.irwd.com](http://www.irwd.com) and click on "Water Quality Report" under the "Services" tab.

To request a printed copy after June 1, email [info@irwd.com](mailto:info@irwd.com) with the subject line: Water Quality Report, or call 949-453-5500.

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The IRWD RightScape Program offers many other helpful resources for customers online as well as money saving rebates.

For more tools and information on how to save water, visit [www.irwd.com/drought](http://www.irwd.com/drought).

### Live in an Apartment or Condo?

There are still ways you can help! You can save water by reducing your water use indoors.

- Use water-efficient devices such as clothes washers, dishwashers, and shower nozzles. We have rebates!
- Only run full loads of laundry and dishwashers.
- Take shorter showers.



## Suggested Weekly Watering Schedule

Month	Grass	Trees, Shrubs & Groundcover
May	3 days, 3 cycles of 3 minutes	2 days, 3 cycles of 3 minutes
June	3 days, 3 cycles of 5 minutes	3 days, 2 cycles of 3 minutes
July	4 days, 3 cycles of 3 minutes	2 days, 3 cycles of 4 minutes

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