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# Save the Date

# South Orange **County Water Expo 2016**

Saturday, October 1 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.

Norman P. Murray **Community Center** 24932 Veterans Way, **Mission Viejo** 

This fun and entertaining water conservation expo will include a variety of interactive booths, vendors, workshops, hands-on activities and games for the whole family. For more details, please call 949-453-5500.

# Free Fall **Resident Tours**

Friday, October 14 or Saturday, October 15 9 a.m. – 1:30 p.m. **IRWD Ops Center and** San Joaquin Marsh 3512 Michelson Drive, Irvine

Come learn everything you ever wanted to know about the water that comes out of your tap! Get a behind-thescenes look at how water is managed in the IRWD service area. A light breakfast and lunch will be provided. Participants must be age 16 or older to attend.

**Tour sign-ups required:** rightscapenow.com/events

# Sprinkler Savings **Save Water with Free Sprinkler Notifications**

Receive free reminder emails to adjust your sprinklers based on local weather, brought to you by the California Sprinkler Adjustment Notification System (CSANS) at csans.net.

# How does it work?

Sign up and receive free weekly or monthly emails to help remind you to adjust your sprinklers based on local weather. Adjust your controller using the recommended percentages.

# How will this help save water?

Adjusting your sprinklers helps reduce water waste. Up to 60% of a home's total water use is used outdoors so using less water on irrigation is the number one way to help save water!

## Who should sign up?

Customers with an irrigation controller (also known as a sprinkler timer or sprinkler clock) that features the percent adjust, seasonal adjust, water budget, or similar feature can take advantage of this program. Customers with a self-adjusting weather-based smart timer already have this program built in and do not need to sign up for email reminders.

## Will I receive too many emails?

You can choose to receive weekly or monthly adjustment emails. The first adjustment email will be sent immediately after confirming your subscription.

# How do I sign up?

Signing up is easy. Visit **csans.net**. You can unsubscribe at any time.





#### Q: What do I need to do now (in September) to begin preparing my parkway turfgrass area to be converted to a drought-friendly garden area?

A: To prepare your parkway for planting, it's important to "Plan Now, Plant Later." This is the perfect weather to start killing off your lawn. There are several methods to kill your grass from spraying with herbicide to sheet mulching. The important thing is to start planning now on what you want to

do with the area. Start to create a plant and landscape materials list. When the weather cools and your grass is dead, you are ready to begin your project.

Visit RightScapeNow.com for more valuable resources to help you plan your new landscape.

# **FREE** Workshops

# **Fall to Winter Gardening**

Wednesday, September 28 • 6 p.m. - 8 p.m. **IRWD Multi Purpose Room** 15600 Sand Canyon Avenue, Irvine

Prepare for the upcoming planting season. Learn about rain water harvesting, creating a plant list, planting considerations, pruning, soils, inspecting your sprinkler system and overall landscape care that will aid you in your gardening efforts.

# Water Saving Workshop

Saturday, October 1 • 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. **IRWD Learning Center**, 21 Riparian View, Irvine

Learn how to reduce your water bill with tips for using less water. Learn what types of plants and landscaping you can use to reduce your water consumption. Learn about rebates and incentives available from your local water district to save money and water.

# California Friendly<sup>®</sup> Landscape Training Class

Saturday, October 22 • 10 a.m. – 1 p.m. Wednesday, October 26 • 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

**Email:** customerservice@irwd.com

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Website: irwd.com

### Sign-ups are required for all workshops: rightscapenow.com/events

**24-Hour Customer Service:** 949-453-5300

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# Urban Landscape and Garden **Education Expo** FREE

Saturday, September 24 9 a.m. – 2 p.m.

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



Get all the information you need to create a water efficient landscape. There will be workshops, industry experts, vendors, and landscape displays, as well as hands-on activities for children and adults.

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