

New rates and charges

New rates and charges are taking effect this month. Learn more at IRWD.com/charges.

pipelines

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Irvine Ranch
Water District

Penstemon campanulatus

IRWD contributes to clean O.C. beaches

Once again this year, Orange County surpassed other regions in the state with top water-quality marks on Heal the Bay's annual Beach Report Card. IRWD is proud to be part of efforts resulting in A+ grades for two top-ranked beaches: Los Trancos and Muddy Canyon.

IRWD uses diversion pump stations at these Crystal Cove sites to divert polluted urban runoff to sewers, where it is later treated and recycled as part of Orange County Water District's Groundwater Replenishment System. This lessens the amount of pollution that makes its way to our beaches from activities such as washing your car or hosing off a sidewalk.

"Los Trancos and Muddy Canyon were heavily polluted before IRWD's involvement," said Natural Resources Manager Ian Swift.



Los Trancos Beach

"It's just one of many examples of our longstanding commitment to sustainability."

Other examples include IRWD's San Joaquin Marsh and 45 other wetland sites, which naturally treat urban runoff in the San Diego Creek Watershed before it makes its way to the Upper Newport Bay and ocean.

"The extensive, collaborative work of IRWD staff at Los Trancos, Muddy

Canyon and other sites over recent years has contributed significantly to improvements in local water quality," Swift said.

Read the report at bit.ly/beachreportcard.

Learn more about IRWD's Natural Treatment System at IRWD.com/nts.

Smart timer rebate takes worry out of watering

Don't sweat your irrigation schedule this summer. Apply for IRWD's smart timer rebate instead and get up to \$255 — an amount that often covers the cost of the device! Think of it as a personal assistant for your yard, except that it never forgets and is always on watch to give your plants exactly what they need to thrive.

Smart timers automatically adjust your watering schedule to local weather and the water needs of plants in your landscape. They also offer effortless control, letting you manage schedules anytime, anywhere from your smart phone.

Engineered for hassle-free installation, smart controllers feature user-friendly phone apps that make setup and adjustments a breeze. For information, go to IRWD.com/rebates.



Mosquito control for your backyard

Summer is here, and so are mosquitoes. As temperatures rise, take steps to keep them at bay so you can enjoy your outdoor space all season long.

Mosquitoes need only a few tablespoons of standing water to breed and don't travel far from where they hatch, so the best way to keep them away is to reduce potential breeding sites.

- Keep buckets, watering cans, planters, pet dishes and other containers clean and empty when not in use.
- Avoid overwatering plants, and empty excess water from drain dishes.
- Make sure all pipes, spouts and sprinklers are in good repair.

You might also consider planting natural mosquito repellants such as citronella, eucalyptus or lavender.



With these simple steps, you can enjoy the outdoors while limiting those pesky bites! Go to ocvector.org/mosquitoes to learn more.

Ask Juan



Q: Hi, Juan. I have a lemon tree with a lot of sucker growth. Should I remove it or let it grow?

A: Citrus tree suckers and water

sprouts are thorny rootstock growth that shoot upright from below the graft of the tree. Suckers generally grow from the roots and water sprouts from the trunk below the grafting line. Both should be removed because this growth will not bear the same type of fruit found on the upper part of the tree. Also, they can rob the tree of nutrients and water, hindering fruit production.

Got landscape questions? Email askjuan@IRWD.com or ask on Facebook, X or Instagram with [#irwdcommunity](https://www.instagram.com/irwdcommunity).



Ask Customer Service

Q: Can I set up automatic payments for my account?

A: Yes, you can! IRWD customers can pay their water bills automatically using eCheck or ACH. It's a secure, convenient, no-fee option to avoid missed or late payments.

Just go to IRWD.com/paymybill to log in to your account. If you don't have an online profile set up, select "register now" to create one. Then, follow these five easy steps:

1. Select "Autopay."
2. Select "Add schedule" and choose the account you want on autopay.
3. Press "Continue," then select "Add new."
4. Select "eCheck," and enter your bank account information.
5. Click "Create autopay" and you're all set!

Questions? Reach out to us at CustomerService@IRWD.com.

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