

Sprinkler repairs at half the cost

IRWD's Sprinkler Repair Program provides expert help and covers 50% of qualifying costs. Learn more at [IRWD.com/sprinklerrepair](https://www.irwd.com/sprinklerrepair).

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Irvine Ranch
Water District

Citrus limon

Save the date

Watershed Cleanup Day

Saturday, Sept. 20
9 a.m. – 11 a.m.

Join us in a statewide effort to clear trash from watersheds before it reaches the ocean.

Sign-up required:
[IRWD.com/events](https://www.irwd.com/events)

Shed Show Road Show

Saturday, Oct. 18
Saturday, Nov. 1
8 a.m. – noon

Visit us at Home Depot events in Irvine and Lake Forest, and apply for a smart controller rebate that typically covers the cost of the device.

Learn more at:
[IRWD.com/events](https://www.irwd.com/events)

San Joaquin Marsh Special

Friday, Nov. 7
10 a.m. – 2 p.m.

This event includes a tour of our water recycling process, with a closer look at the Marsh and how it treats urban runoff naturally.

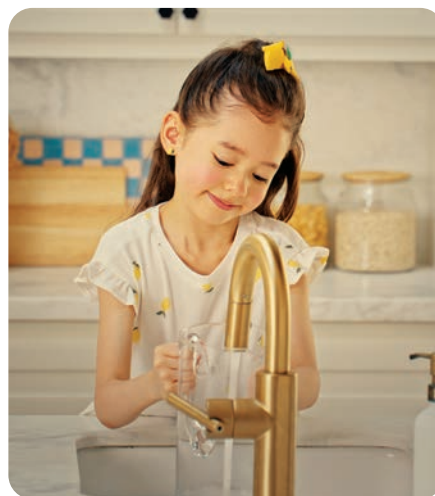
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Good water, great neighborhood

Here at IRWD, we know good water helps make great neighborhoods. Whether you're boiling a pot of pasta for family dinner night or perfecting the recipe for your kid's first lemonade stand, IRWD tap water is clean, safe and good.

Natural and safe-to-drink minerals such as calcium and magnesium are what make your water so crisp and refreshing.

We're proud that the water flowing from our pipes to your home is the highest quality possible. Scientists continuously monitor the water supply, performing more than a quarter



of a million tests a year at our state-certified Water Quality Laboratory — one of the best-equipped water labs in Southern California.

IRWD holds itself to the highest standards, and we know you expect high-quality water. Your drinking water consistently meets or exceeds all state and federal standards.

Look out for water quality workshops coming this fall at [IRWD.com/events](https://www.irwd.com/events). Learn more about your water by watching our video, *Journey of a Water Sample: How We Safeguard Your Water*, at [IRWD.com/quality](https://www.irwd.com/quality).

H₂O Show & Tell returns next month

Bring the kids for some fun hands-on exhibits and activities at our third annual H₂O Show & Tell open house. This family-friendly event is the perfect way to spend a Saturday morning, and it's all FREE!

On Saturday, Oct. 4, join us to enjoy:

- Pancake breakfast
- Trucks to climb on
- Science experiments
- Interactive displays

Held in conjunction with Water Professionals Appreciation Week, it also provides opportunities to speak with IRWD staff from more than a dozen departments — from Construction Services to Water Quality.



Save the date!

H₂O Show & Tell

Saturday, Oct. 4, 9 – 11 a.m.

15600 Sand Canyon Ave., Irvine

To make sure we have enough pancake batter and syrup on hand, **please RSVP at** [IRWD.com/events](https://www.irwd.com/events).

It's time to dial back your timer

Don't let the heat fool you about your landscape. September is the time to reduce your irrigation schedule by 30%.

The days are getting shorter, so less water is lost through evaporation, and the soil does a better job of retaining the water you give it. Plants are also entering a period of dormancy — so they don't need as much water.

Adjust for these changes by dialing down your watering schedule. If you ran your irrigation three times a week in August, try running it twice a week this month. You'll still have a beautiful yard and save water and money, too.

Visit [IRWD.com/wateringguide](https://www.irwd.com/wateringguide) to calculate the right schedule for your landscape.



Ask Juan



Q: Hi, Juan. I love the look of a gravel pathway and want to put one in myself. Do you have any tips?

A: Gravel is an excellent choice! It promotes good drainage, is easy to install and affordable. I recommend crushed stone. It comes in various colors and sizes, but I prefer the finer grain size. Start by removing vegetation and digging down a few inches to accommodate the material you'll be adding. Install landscape fabric to block

weeds, and be sure to add edging to keep the gravel in place. All this will ensure a long-lasting pathway that filters water into the soil and is perfect for any sustainable garden design.

Got landscape questions? Email askjuan@IRWD.com.

California native corner Juan's September plant: Fairy duster

Fairy duster (*Calliandra eriophylla*) is a low-spreading deciduous desert shrub producing dense clusters of vibrant deep- to pale-pink powderpuff flowers in spring and summer. It can tolerate extreme drought but does better with small amounts of water in the summer. It is a hummingbird and pollinator magnet, great for any water-friendly garden.



Ask Customer Service



Q: We were granted a water variance when my parents moved in with us. Will I need to renew that?

A: IRWD assigns each customer account a water budget using a baseline number of residents and a default landscape area typical for the property type: a house, attached home or condo or apartment.

In cases like yours, where the number of residents exceeds the base number, a variance increases the home's water budget to accommodate the water needs of everyone living there.

Because customers frequently have changes in occupancy, we require these variances to be renewed annually. Landscape variances do not require annual renewal because the conditions in a yard are more stable. Go to [IRWD.com/variance](https://www.irwd.com/variance) for details.



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