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Irvine Ranch Water District and University of California Cooperative Extension present

Water Smart Landscapes Open House

Saturday, October 2 ~ 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.
7601 Irvine Blvd., Irvine CA 92618

Join us at the South Coast Research & Extension Center to discover gardening practices that save and protect our water while reducing your water bills.

- irrigation
- pest management
- low water use plants
- water runoff prevention

Always Water Smart. For details and driving directions visit www.irwd.com, go to Community Programs and click on "Events, Webinars & Workshops".

IRWD Lauded for Financial Reporting

IRWD has received the Certificate for Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting from the Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA) of the United States and Canada for its 2009 Comprehensive Annual Financial Report, also known as the CAFR.

This is the sixth consecutive year IRWD has received the honor, which is the highest form of recognition in the area of governmental accounting and financial reporting. Its attainment represents a significant accomplishment by a government agency and its management.

"We are continually striving for transparency in IRWD's complex financial structure. We are very proud of our finance team," said Debby Cherney, IRWD's Director of Finance.

The 125-page CAFR, which can be accessed at www.irwd.com, includes audited financial statements and other data about the District and its finances. It was judged by an impartial panel to meet the high standards of the program, including demonstrating a spirit of full disclosure to clearly communicate IRWD's financial story and motivate customers to read the CAFR.

The GFOA, a non-profit association, serves approximately 17,500 government finance professionals.

Conservation Information is at Your Fingertips on IRWD's Website



Need information about conserving water? Visit our newly redesigned AlwaysWaterSmart.com. From links to the latest washing machine rebates, to help scheduling an irrigation controller, you'll find it here. The all-new Garden Resources section offers photos and descriptions of hundreds of California Friendly low water use plants, plus a multitude of ways to irrigate more efficiently. To start saving water and money, visit AlwaysWaterSmart.com soon!



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IrvineRanchWD

Cans for Cash Challenge featured in Online Calendar

The City of Irvine is partnering with the Irvine 2/11 Marine Adoption Committee to participate in an annual nationwide aluminum can recycling challenge called Cans for Cash.

The goal of the contest is for each participating city to collect as many aluminum cans as possible during the month of October. If the City of Irvine wins, then the award proceeds will be donated to the 2/11 Marine Battalion to support our military and their families.

Visit www.irwd.com and click on "Community Programs" for details about the Cans for Cash challenge, along with IRWD's entire community calendar.



Irvine Ranch Water District

The mission of Irvine Ranch Water District, a public agency, is to provide reliable, high quality water and sewer service in an efficient, cost effective manner and environmentally sensitive way that provides a high level of customer satisfaction.

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Join IRWD for Inner Coastal Watershed Clean Up Day

IRWD will host an Inner-Coastal Watershed Clean Up site at the San Diego Creek outside the gates of the Michelson Water Recycling Plant on Saturday, September 25. This is the 11th year IRWD has hosted the site in conjunction with Trails4All.

Volunteers will meet outside the gates of the Michelson Water Recycling Plant on Riparian View in Irvine at 8 a.m. to register and receive gloves and bags for recyclables and for trash. The entire family is invited to come and learn about environmental stewardship. Students can receive community service hours for their participation.



Volunteers (last year's Inner Coastal Watershed Clean Up Day) patrolling for trash in the riparian habitat along San Diego Creek.

Inner-Coastal Clean Up Day, held in tandem with Coastal Clean Up Day, focuses on collecting trash from creeks and other tributaries before it reaches the shore.

Wear comfortable shoes, hats, sunscreen and insect repellent. It is always interesting to see what unusual items are pulled out of the creek bed. The event ends at noon. We look forward to seeing you!



Don't Miss Our New Online Gardening Resources

When visiting AlwaysWaterSmart.com be sure to click on IRWD's new "Garden Resources" section where you'll find several "IRWD Beautiful Landscapes" links to illustrated full-color landscaping information, such as:

- Garden Tours
- Garden Gallery
- Plant Lists
- Garden Resources & FAQ



Cut along dashed line and post this schedule near your irrigation controller.

Suggested Weekly Autumn Irrigation Schedule

Month	Turfgrass	Trees, Shrubs & Ground Cover	% Option***
September*	4 days, 2 cycles** of 3 minutes each	2 days, 2 cycles of 4 minutes each	70%
October	3 days, 2 cycles of 3 minutes each	2 days, 2 cycles of 3 minutes each	50%
November	2 days, 2 cycles of 3 minutes each	1 day, 2 cycles of 4 minutes each	40%

The above chart suggests a weekly schedule for spray-head irrigation, assuming heavy clay soils common to most local coastal and foothill areas. Generally, these are the MAXIMUM times you will need for full sun areas. Your landscape's particular watering times may vary. Start with this schedule and increase the times only if your plants show signs of stress. If stress occurs only in isolated areas, check your irrigation system before increasing the watering time.

*In September, plants' water needs drop by approximately 30 percent even if the temperature is hotter, because the days are shorter, so evaporation decreases. Also, plants begin to go into a dormant phase, where they need less water. In some years, humidity is also higher, increasing your level of discomfort, but decreasing plants' water needs as it slows down the rate of evaporation. This rapid drop in water needs will continue in October and November.

**By "cycling" the irrigation controller to turn on for the recommended number of minutes an hour apart, deeper watering and healthier root growth are gained, while runoff is reduced.

***The % option, either a button or a dial, permits the watering run times for all electric valves managed by a controller to be increased or decreased with just one adjustment by percentage.