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DROUGHT WATCH



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Still Seeing Green? That's Recycled Water

When you see a big green lawn on public property, or a greenbelt or park, more than likely those areas are irrigated with recycled water.

Irvine Ranch Water District pioneered the use of purple pipe to designate areas where recycled water is in use. So if you have any doubts, look for signs advising this area is irrigated using recycled water. You can also look at the tops of sprinklers heads or the meter boxes—if they are purple, recycled water is in use.



Signs are popping up around the IRWD service area demonstrating where recycled water is being used for irrigation.

Free Recycled Water for Customers

IRWD residential customers who are interested in irrigating their landscape with recycled water can now do so at the IRWD Recycled Water Filling Station, located at **15600 Sand Canyon Avenue, Irvine.**

Residential customers are invited to fill up on free recycled water to use for landscape irrigation purposes.

Hours vary daily. For full details and hours, and to fill out an application, visit irwd.com/recycled.

Questions: info@irwd.com

In the IRWD service area, recycled water is primarily used for:

- Irrigation of public areas, such as schools, parks and golf courses
- Agriculture
- Toilet flushing in commercial buildings
- Air conditioning cooling towers in high-rise buildings
- Mixing concrete and other industrial uses

Recycled water is an important part of the IRWD water portfolio, because it stretches our water supply further. For every gallon of recycled water used, a gallon of drinking water is saved for other purposes. The state water reduction mandate does not apply to the use of recycled water.

For more information on IRWD's recycled water program, please visit irwd.com.

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Save the Date

The Home Depot Garden Sale

Saturday, October 24
8 a.m. – 12 p.m.

The Home Depot Tustin
2782 El Camino Real
Tustin

- Discounts on water-efficient plants
- Learn from local experts how to plant a drought tolerant landscape
- Child-friendly activities, vendor displays, and more!



FREE SUCCULENT

**Present this coupon at
the IRWD booth.**

Saturday, October 24
8 a.m. – 12 p.m.

The Home Depot Tustin
2782 El Camino Real

* While supplies last *
* Limit one per household *

Get Water Saving Ideas Specific to Your Home

Take the guesswork out of saving water with the all new IRWD WaterInsight Program.

Register for free at irwd.waterinsight.com and receive water savings recommendations specific to your household. Benefits include:

- See how your water use compares to households like yours.
- Discover where and when you're using the most water.
- Be alerted to potentially costly leaks.
- Find related rebates available to you.
- Get clear steps to complete a water-saving action.

Help claim your spot amongst the most water efficient homes in the IRWD service area! Sign up at irwd.waterinsight.com today.

Urban Landscape & Garden Education Expo

Saturday, September 26 • 9 a.m. – 2 p.m.
UC ANR South Coast Research & Extension Center
7601 Irvine Blvd., Irvine

Come learn about conservation gardening practices.

- Landscape demonstrations
- Workshops with local experts
- Giveaways and more!



Stay Informed: Sign Up for CodeRED®

Don't wait for an emergency to happen before you sign up for CodeRED, a high-volume, high-speed system for mass emergency notifications. Since 2010, IRWD has kept customers informed in times of water-related emergencies with CodeRED.

Emergencies come in all forms, whether they are fires, floods or earthquakes. Any of these could cause disruptions in water service, so it is best to be prepared.

Customers have the option of receiving voice, email or text messages within an hour of a water-related emergency. For example, if there is a water main break that affects certain neighborhoods, residents of those neighborhoods will be informed of the problem and be given an estimated time for the repairs and any other pertinent information.

Signing up for CodeRED is as easy as going to irwd.com. Click on "Emergency & CodeRED" in the "Customer Care" bar on the left side of the home page.

CODE RED®



A portion of Williams Canyon Road was washed out, along with 900 feet of a water main during storms and flooding in December 2010.

RightScape™ Gardening Workshops

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

The Right Plants
Wednesday, Oct. 14
6 p.m. – 8 p.m.

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

The Right Equipment
Wednesday, Sept. 16
Wednesday, Oct. 21
6 p.m. – 8 p.m.

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

The Right Schedule
Wednesday, Sept. 23
Wednesday, Oct. 28
6 p.m. – 8 p.m.

Choose the right watering schedule for your garden and learn how to properly set your irrigation timer.

Sign-up required:
irwd.com/events

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