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DROUGHT WATCH



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**One wet El Niño season
won't undo
four years of drought.**

What Steps Can You Take to Save Water During El Niño?

-  **Give your sprinklers a winter break.** Turn off your sprinklers and let Mother Nature take over during the cooler, wetter months. At a minimum, turn off sprinklers ahead of, during and for two days after any rainstorms.
-  **Purchase one or more rain barrels.** Put the rainfall on your property to good use, even days after any storms have passed. Rebates of up to \$75 per barrel are available (maximum of four).
-  **Install a drought-tolerant landscape.** Late fall and winter are optimal for planting. IRWD pays \$2 per square foot for customers to remove their grass.
-  **Purchase a weather based irrigation controller.** These smart controllers automatically adjust your sprinkler run times to match changing climate conditions. Rebates of up to \$120 per controller are available (for less than one acre of landscape).

Find rebate information at rightscapenow.com/rebates.

Recycled Water Filling Station

IRWD's Recycled Water Filling Station, at 15600 Sand Canyon Avenue in Irvine, provides **FREE** recycled water seven days a week (up to 300 gallons per visit). Go to irwd.com/recycled to apply.

New Filling Station Hours

Monday	1 p.m. – 5 p.m.
Tuesday	8 a.m. – Noon
Wednesday	1 p.m. – 5 p.m.
Thursday	8 a.m. – Noon
Friday	Noon – 5 p.m.
Saturday	8 a.m. – 3 p.m.*
Sunday	10 a.m. – 5 p.m.*

*Closed for lunch: 12:30 p.m. – 1 p.m.

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Landscape Design Workshops Begin in January

Thinking about putting in a drought tolerant landscape, but don't know where to begin? Starting in January, IRWD will offer a new series of workshops that brings in local professional landscape designers to teach classes on how to design and install a beautiful, water-efficient landscape. Workshops will include instruction on topics such as:

- Beginner's guide to designing a drought tolerant landscape
- How to choose beautiful drought tolerant plants for your yard
- How to convert from sprinkler to drip
- Using hardscape in your landscape

For workshop locations, schedules and sign-ups, visit irwd.com/events.

IRWD Offers New Drought Tolerant Landscape Installation Program

Installing a beautiful new drought tolerant landscape at your home just got a whole lot easier! IRWD customers now have the opportunity to work one-on-one with a professional landscaping company to design and install an attractive drought tolerant landscape at a net cost to the customer of only \$3 per square foot (IRWD contributes an additional \$2 per square foot).

The beauty of this program is that the contractor does all the work for you, from start to finish, including:

- Designing your new landscape (with your input)
- Killing and removing your grass
- Purchasing and installing all of the plants and landscape materials
- Installing the new water-efficient irrigation system

If you're interested in finding out more about this great program, contact us at 949-453-5581 or rightscape@irwd.com.



Drought tolerant yards save water, money and time spent on yardwork.

Save Water to WIN a Free Landscape Makeover

This winter, save water at your home for the chance to win one of three drought tolerant makeovers! Customers may sign up anytime from December 1 through January 31. Participants must reduce their water use for each of the winter months, December through February, comparing 2014/2015 to 2015/2016.

The top three contestants with the highest reductions in water use will win free landscape makeovers valued up to \$6,500. Some limitations apply. For more details and to sign up for the contest, visit irwd.com/contest.

WaterInsight: Free Portal to Savings

Go to irwd.waterinsight.com to sign up and track your water usage compared to similar users.



Take Part

Join the thousands of households and businesses using this program to stay smart about their water use.



Ensure an Accurate Analysis

Use the website to update the number of occupants in your home.



Break down your usage

See where and when you are using the most water.



Become a WaterSaver!

Focus on actions with the biggest impact and track your progress over time.

IRWD RightScape Website Goes Live



IRWD recently unveiled a new companion website, RightScapeNow.com, that focuses on the District's water use efficiency programs and resources. The new website features helpful landscape tips, large colorful photos, upcoming gardening events, an online training portal and much, much more.



Give yourself a rebate for the holidays!

rightscapenow.com/rebates



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