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Save the Date

May 2016 RightScape Workshops

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

Drought Friendly Plant Selection and Landscape Features Wednesday, May 4 6 p.m. – 8 p.m.

Select the right plants for the right location, edible gardening, and landscape features for water harvesting.

Drip Irrigation Made Easy Wednesday, May 11 6 p.m. – 8 p.m.

Learn how to convert your existing sprinkler system into drip irrigation.

Soil, Water, and Plant Relationships Wednesday, May 18 6 p.m. – 8 p.m.

Building up your soil, composting, plant development, and proper watering.

Sign-ups required:
rightscapenow.com/events

IRWD Drought Friendly Garden Tour on May 7



Looking for design and plant ideas to create your very own drought friendly landscape but don't know where to start? Here's your chance!

IRWD is hosting a self-guided Drought Friendly Garden Tour on Saturday, May 7, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. The tour will feature a number of beautiful drought friendly landscapes located throughout the IRWD service area. Participants will have the opportunity to talk directly with homeowners about their landscape transformations and find out what is needed to create their own colorful drought friendly landscape.

For more details and to sign-up, visit rightscapenow.com/gardentour.

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Honor Earth Day & Win a \$50 Gift Card

In honor of Earth Day on April 22, IRWD is hosting an Earth Day contest throughout April. Take a tour of the IRWD Drought Friendly Demonstration Garden, snap a selfie, and email it to info@irwd.com. Five lucky winners will receive a \$50 Home Depot gift card.

The IRWD Demonstration Garden displays a variety of beautiful, water-efficient plants. The Garden provides visitors with great examples of plants that residents can use to create their own drought friendly garden. The garden is open from dusk until dawn 365 days of the year at 15600 Sand Canyon Avenue in Irvine.



2016 Earth Day at the Bay

Come join us at the **2016 Earth Day at the Bay** celebration on **Saturday, April 23, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.**, at the Peter and Mary Muth Interpretive Center at 2301 University Drive, Newport Beach.

Bring the whole family to enjoy environment exhibits, face painting, a scavenger hunt, arts and crafts booths and live music. The event is presented by the Newport Bay Conservancy.

Ask Juan



Q: Hi, Juan. My husband and I took out our front lawn and replaced it with a colorful garden of drought friendly plants. I would like to add some edibles to this garden. I have already planted rosemary and lavender. Can you recommend some other low-water edibles suitable for my central coastal OC location?

A: It's great to hear that you want to incorporate more drought friendly edibles into your landscape, like the

rosemary and lavender. Irvine's Mediterranean climate is ideal for growing a drought tolerant edible garden. Consider building up your soil with nutrient rich compost, grouping plants together by water and care needs, and mulching. Here is a list of water efficient, edible plants for your garden: pomegranates, peppers, artichokes, eggplant; and these Mediterranean herbs: oregano, fennel, sage, sweet bay, and thyme.



Fennel



Oregano



Sweet Bay



Thyme

Please email Juan Garcia, the IRWD Landscape Water Use Efficiency Specialist, any drought friendly gardening or irrigation questions you may have. Email: rightscape@irwd.com.

Volunteers Needed

The Shadetree Partnership is always looking for a few good volunteers to help out at its University of California, Irvine nursery to weed, stake or re-pot its extensive stock. Saturday nursery events take place 8:30 a.m. – 11 a.m. Check Shadetree's website for dates and sign up at shadetreepartnership.org.

Landscape Contest Winners

IRWD is pleased to announce the winners of the Winter 2016 Drought Friendly Landscape Makeover Contest.

Congratulations to:

Brian Joe, Irvine
Maria Angel, Irvine
Wilbur Bhagat, Tustin
Patricia Grawburg, Irvine

The contest winners will each receive a landscape makeover valued at up to \$6,500.

Contest participants saved a total of nearly 1.5 million gallons of water during the three-month contest.

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