

# DROUGHT WATCH

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## Save the Date

### Free Composting Workshop

Saturday, July 9  
9 a.m. – 12 p.m.

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



Join us for a free presentation that covers the basics of both traditional composting and vermicomposting (composting with worms). You'll learn:

- What is composting and why it is so important?
- Tools and materials you'll need
- Which items are compostable and which are not?
- Harvesting and using your compost

Space is limited.

**Sign-ups required:**  
[rightscapenow.com/events](http://rightscapenow.com/events)

## Top 5 Features of RightScapeNow.com

**RightScapeNow.com**, the IRWD conservation-focused website, features everything you need to save water and turn your water thirsty lawn into a drought friendly RightScape.

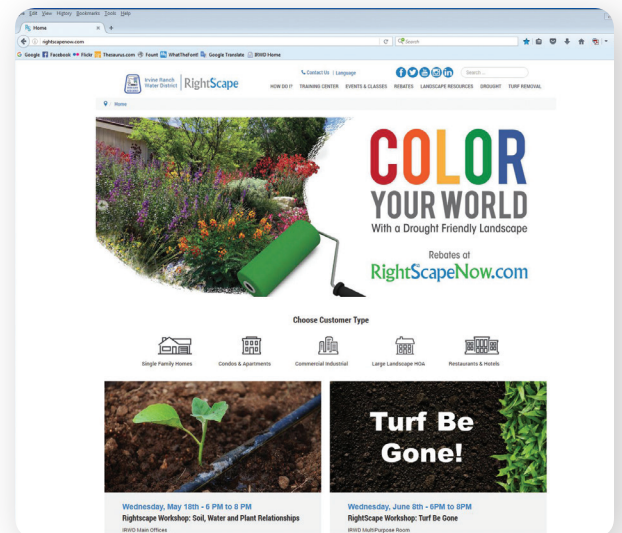
### RightScape: Do it right. Do it now.

#### 1 Landscape Resources

Get inspired with before and after photos of landscapes that have been transformed from water-thirsty lawns into drought-friendly RightScapes. You can also download a free watering schedule, check out a list of local landscape designers, and much more!

#### 2 Free Workshops & Events

Sign up for one of our many free RightScape workshops that occur throughout the year. Workshop topics include "Choosing the Right Plants," "Composting," "How to Remove Your Grass" and more. IRWD also hosts other special events during the year.



### RightScapeNow.com

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## New Water Quality Report Now Available

To view the 2016 Water Quality Report, visit [irwd.com](http://irwd.com) and click on "Water Quality Report" under the "Services" tab. To request a printed copy after June 1, email [info@irwd.com](mailto:info@irwd.com) with the subject line "Water Quality Report," or call 949-453-5500.

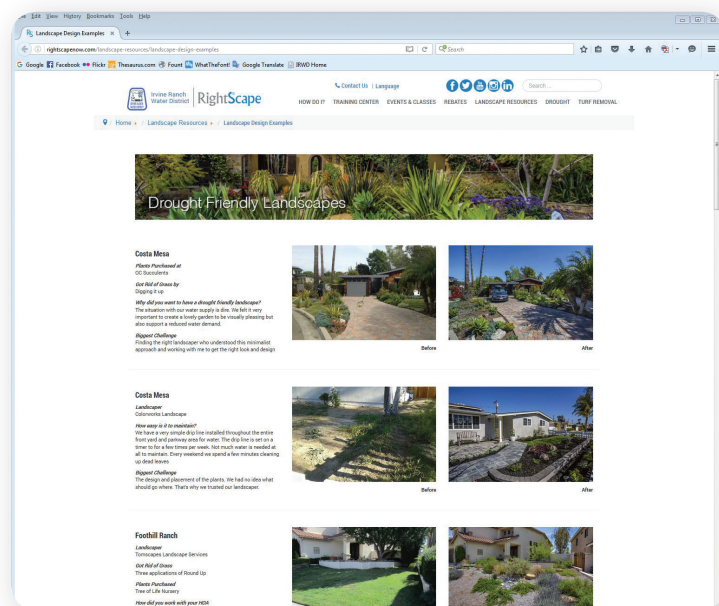


**3 Rebates** IRWD offers rebates on many water-efficient items. Get up to \$75 for a rain barrel, \$300 for a rain cistern, \$250 for a high-efficiency clothes washer, and \$150 for a high-efficiency toilet.

**4 Turf Removal** Get rid of your grass using one of two IRWD turf removal programs. Choose between the “TurnKey Turf” Program, which offers you an all-inclusive landscape design, turf removal and plant installation service for a net cost of \$3 per square foot, or select the DIY Program, giving you a rebate of up to \$2 per square foot of turf removed.

**5 How Do I?** Get answers to your frequently asked questions in the “How Do I?” section, such as “How do I program my sprinkler timer?,” “How do I fix a leak?,” and “How do I save money on my water bill?”

Other features on the website include an online training center, instructional videos, updated drought information and more. Make sure to bookmark [RightScapeNow.com](http://RightScapeNow.com) on your computer or mobile device today!



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## Saving Water Is Our Way of Life

We live in a semi-arid, drought-prone environment and need to use our high-quality water supplies as efficiently as possible. Because about 60 percent of household water use occurs outdoors, it pays to focus on saving water outside. Here are some things you can do to reduce outdoor water use:



**Replace grass with drought friendly landscaping, including permeable ground cover and hardscape.**



**Adjust watering times monthly to match the weather. Weather-Based Irrigation Controller rebates available.**



**Check irrigation systems for leaks and overspray, promptly repairing or adjusting the system as needed.**



**Apply mulch around trees, shrubs and flowers. Mulch also naturally reduces weed growth.**



**Q: How do I determine which water efficient plants will grow in the shade?**

**A:** Before selecting plants for your landscape, it’s important to research each plant’s specific needs such as sun exposure, water, and soil requirements. [RightScapeResources.com](http://RightScapeResources.com) provides a guided plant search that allows you to select for water efficient plants based on these criteria: Type of plant (i.e., succulent, shrub, etc.), sun exposure, plant height, flower color,

soil type and more. Make sure you consider all these requirements carefully when selecting plants for your landscape. Also, make a list of alternative plants just in case you cannot purchase the exact plant you are looking for.

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