

## New Rates on Bill This Month

New water rates for Fiscal Year 2019–2020 went into effect July 1 and appear on bills beginning this month.

For details, visit [IRWD.com/rates-charges](http://IRWD.com/rates-charges).

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Irvine Ranch  
WATER DISTRICT

## Save the Date

### Fall into Winter Gardening

Wednesday, Sept. 11  
6 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.

IRWD  
Multipurpose Room  
15600 Sand Canyon Ave.  
Irvine

Find out how to make the transition from fall to winter, garden style.

**Sign-up required:**  
[RightScapeNow.com/events](http://RightScapeNow.com/events)

### Tap Water 101

Thursday, Sept. 19  
6:30 p.m. – 8 p.m.

IRWD  
Operations Center  
3512 Michelson Dr.  
Irvine

Learn how IRWD treats and tests your water to meet safe drinking water standards. Participation is limited to IRWD customers. Doors open at 6 p.m.

**Sign-up required:**  
[IRWD.com/water-report](http://IRWD.com/water-report)

## Water Tips: Before and After a Quake

Last month's 6.4- and 7.1-magnitude earthquakes in Ridgecrest were a wake-up call for Orange County—a reminder that we all should be prepared.

IRWD has many safeguards in place to protect the reliability and quality of your drinking water. Our employees are trained in emergency response, and committed to restore services quickly. But in extreme situations, it's smart to be ready for disruptions. The first 72 hours after any major emergency are critical times for self-sufficiency.

Here are three ways to make sure water isn't a worry during this period:

- 1. Store it.** Keep one gallon of water per person per day for three days—in clean, non-corrosive, tightly covered containers. You can use commercially bottled water or store tap water in heavy, opaque plastic containers with screw-on lids. Label the containers and replenish the water every six months.
- 2. Boil it.** After a disaster, tap water may be tainted. Boil it for at least five minutes before drinking. Otherwise, strain it to remove sediment and treat it with household chlorine bleach at eight drops per gallon for clear water, 16 drops if the water is cloudy.
- 3. Find it.** Your home already contains emergency water sources. You can drink



Drinking-water storage containers are available online and in home-supply stores.

the water from your toilet tank—not the bowl—unless cleaning chemicals have been added. Your water heater is another good source. (Cut the power to it, close the supply valve at the top, let it cool, turn on any hot water tap in your house to let air flow into your tank, then open the faucet at the bottom of the tank to drain the water.)

For details and ideas, visit [IRWD.com/services/emergency-faq](http://IRWD.com/services/emergency-faq) and [ready.gov/water](http://ready.gov/water).

**EMERGENCY ALERTS:** Sign up for IRWD's emergency notification system, CodeRED, at [IRWD.com/emergency-codered](http://IRWD.com/emergency-codered). The District also posts local alerts on [Nextdoor.com](http://Nextdoor.com), a social network for you and your neighbors.

## Fall Resident Tours

Friday, Oct. 11, and Saturday, Oct. 12 • 9 a.m. – 2 p.m.  
IRWD Operations Center • 3512 Michelson Dr., Irvine

Customers who live or work in the IRWD service area are invited to tour our facilities and San Joaquin Marsh while learning about what we do. Light breakfast and lunch provided. Must be 16 or older. **Sign-up required:** [IRWD.com/learning/request-a-resident-tour](http://IRWD.com/learning/request-a-resident-tour).

# Heatwave? No Problem, Thanks to Recycled Water

Hot August nights—and days—can take their toll on landscapes, increasing moisture loss in plants and prompting many communities to let public areas go brown during this taxing time of year.

But not here. IRWD's recycled water system means streetscapes, parks and common areas can stay green without dipping into our drinking water supply. As long as people continue to take showers, do their laundry and wash dishes, recycled water will remain a plentiful and sustainable resource for the community.

Irrigation is the primary use for recycled water, serving 80% of public and common areas in Irvine Ranch Water District territory. There are many other uses for it as well. To learn more, visit [IRWD.com/recycledwater](http://IRWD.com/recycledwater).



Irvine stays green throughout the year with the help of recycled water.

## Save the Date

### Watershed Cleanup Day

Saturday, Sept. 21  
8 a.m. – 1 p.m.

San Diego Creek  
IRWD San Joaquin Marsh  
5 Riparian View, Irvine

In partnership with Trails4All, IRWD will host Inner-Coastal and Watershed Cleanup Day. Volunteers are needed to pick up trash before it reaches the ocean. Gloves, bags and a free T-shirt will be provided. Community service credit is available. Wear comfortable shoes, a hat, sunscreen and insect repellent.

**Sign-up required:**  
[RightScapeNow.com/events](http://RightScapeNow.com/events)



**Q:** Juan, I need your help! My watering use went up this summer and I don't know what to do to reduce it. I have a large landscape and most of it is grass. Any suggestions?

**A:** Have you considered reducing your grass area or replacing it? A lawn for functional purposes like recreation is OK, but if the grass is just sitting there for aesthetics, it is drinking up your water. Many groundcovers and water-efficient plants can use less than half the water typical grass requires.

If replacing your lawn is an option, definitely take advantage of our turf rebate program. You can receive up to \$2 per square foot. Visit our website at [RightScapeNow.com/rebates](http://RightScapeNow.com/rebates) for more information. Meanwhile use our recommended watering schedule for grass (below) to reduce your overall watering.

Got landscape questions? Email [AskJuan@IRWD.com](mailto:AskJuan@IRWD.com) or ask on Facebook, Twitter or Instagram with [#irwdcommunity](https://www.instagram.com/irwdcommunity). See past answers at [RightScapeNow.com/landscape-resources/ask-juan](http://RightScapeNow.com/landscape-resources/ask-juan).

### Suggested Weekly Sprinkler System Watering Schedule

	Turfgrass	Drought-Tolerant Plants	% Option*
August	4 days, 3 cycles of 3 minutes	2 days, 3 cycles of 4 minutes	100%
September	4 days, 2 cycles of 3 minutes	2 days, 2 cycles of 4 minutes	70%
October	3 days, 2 cycles of 3 minutes	2 days, 2 cycles of 3 minutes	50%

\*Some irrigation controllers have a feature by which the watering times can be set by changing the percentages instead of specifically entering the days, cycles and minutes.

Find drip schedules at [RightScapeNow.com/landscape-resources/watering-schedules](http://RightScapeNow.com/landscape-resources/watering-schedules).

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