

## Remember to replace timer batteries

Remember to change the batteries in your irrigation timer and smoke detectors when you reset clocks Nov. 3.

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Irvine Ranch  
Water District

Surprise bougainvillea

## Save the date

### Shed Show Road Show

Saturday, Nov. 2  
8 a.m. – noon

Visit us at the Costa Mesa Home Depot and apply for a smart controller rebate that may cover the cost of the device.

**Sign-up required:**  
[IRWD.com/events](https://www.irwd.com/events)

### Community tour

Saturday, Nov. 16  
10 a.m. – 2 p.m.

Join us for a tour of our Michelson Water Recycling Plant and San Joaquin Marsh Wildlife Sanctuary.

**Sign-up required:**  
[IRWD.com/events](https://www.irwd.com/events)

### Time to Plant workshop

Saturday, Nov. 16  
10 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

Select the right plants for your landscape. Learn more about California natives, seasonal water needs and horticultural tips.

**Sign-up required:**  
[IRWD.com/events](https://www.irwd.com/events)

## Time to plant! We can help

The dreaming is over! Now's the time to start bringing your new landscape to life.

Trees, shrubs, flowers and groundcover planted now will grow strong, building healthy root systems that help them thrive. If you've been thinking of redoing your yard, or even a part of it, we offer several resources to help at [IRWD.com/landscape](https://www.irwd.com/landscape).

**Design:** Browse the garden gallery on our landscape page for ideas. Search our customized and guided plant lists, and check out our resource hub for DIY or professional help.

**Prepare:** IRWD offers rebates to cover some of your costs. Apply for our \$3 turf removal rebate now at [IRWD.com/turfrebate](https://www.irwd.com/turfrebate) so you can get approved for the program with plenty of time left for planting. Those approved for the program can also get a \$100 tree rebate. Other incentives can be found at [IRWD.com/rebates](https://www.irwd.com/rebates), including:

- Up to \$255 for a smart irrigation timer
- \$1 per square foot for drip irrigation
- \$4 each for rotating spray nozzles
- 50% off qualified mulch purchases

**Plant:** Get tips at [IRWD.com/landscape/tips](https://www.irwd.com/landscape/tips) or sign up for our Nov. 16 Time to Plant workshop at [IRWD.com/events](https://www.irwd.com/events).



## Another award, thanks to you

Irvine Ranch Water District has won its sixth WaterSense Excellence Award, thanks in large part to customer participation in these and other water-saving IRWD promotions and events last year:

- Fix a Leak Sweepstakes
- Fix Your Sprinklers workshop
- Mulch Madness program
- Shed Show Road Show events
- WaterStar program

IRWD customers are among the most water-efficient in California, and we thank you for using water wisely! For more information on the U.S. EPA's WaterSense program, go to [epa.gov/watersense](https://www.epa.gov/watersense).





# Dial it down: Give your plants a break

Our plants are entering a period of dormancy. As the days get shorter, their metabolism slows down so they need less water.

This is the time of year when plants build their root systems in preparation for the year ahead.

In October, set your timer to 50%, or to:

- Two 3-minute cycles three days a week for grass
- Two 3-minute cycles two days a week for climate-appropriate plants

Go to [IRWD.com/wateringguide](http://IRWD.com/wateringguide) for a complete schedule you can follow all year.



**Q:** I'm moving. How can I transfer service to my new address?

**A:** New and existing residential customers can start or stop service online. To submit a request, just go to [IRWD.com/startstop](http://IRWD.com/startstop).

If your current and future addresses are both within our service area, you'll need to fill out two requests: one to stop service at your current address for a particular date, and another to start service at your future address.

To start service, you will need to provide a service address, mailing address and phone number. A nonrefundable, one-time service fee of \$25 will be applied to your first bill, along with a \$50 deposit.

You can also contact us at 949-453-5300 or [customerservice@IRWD.com](mailto:customerservice@IRWD.com).

All required information must match current information on file for a request to go through.

## Ask Juan



**Q:** Hi Juan! I can never figure out my timer. My landscape goes from soggy to dry throughout the year. Can you help?

**A:** Yes, we can help — in person! Stop by our Shed Show Road Show event, 8 a.m.–noon, Nov. 2 at the Costa Mesa Home Depot, and we'll be happy to answer your questions and help with a rebate that usually covers the cost of a new weather-

based irrigation controller. Smart controllers use real-time weather

data to adjust your watering schedule so you don't have to! Go to [IRWD.com/events](http://IRWD.com/events) for details.

Got landscape questions? Email [AskJuan@IRWD.com](mailto:AskJuan@IRWD.com) or ask on Facebook, X (formerly Twitter) or Instagram with [#irwdcommunity](https://www.instagram.com/irwdcommunity).

### California native corner Juan's October plant: Pajaro manzanita

Pajaro manzanita (*Arctostaphylos pajaroenensis*) is a beautiful evergreen shrub, stunning for its bright red, almost flame-like new growth of foliage that fades to a gray-green rimmed with reddish margins that make a great contrast against the plant's magenta shredding bark.

Light pink flower clusters bloom winter through spring, giving way to red berries that attract birds — hence the name *pajaro*, meaning *bird*.

It's a perfect native shrub for any landscape.



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