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Help us get unidentified leaks in the community fixed, at [IRWD.com/logaleak](https://www.irwd.com/logaleak).

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Irvine Ranch
Water District

Butterfly weed

Drink up! Read our 2024 Water Quality Report

The water Irvine Ranch Water District delivers to your tap is safe—meeting or exceeding all the standards required to protect public health.

Everything we do is aimed at providing our customers safe and clean water, day in and day out. We continuously monitor the supply, conducting more than a quarter of a million laboratory tests annually on water taken from more than one hundred routine sample points.

Each year, we publish an annual Water Quality Report that details the results of our lab testing for regulated chemicals such as radiologicals and inorganic chemicals, and unregulated substances such as alkalinity, sodium, and hardness. Substances not detected in any of our water sources are not included in the table.

IRWD also tests the aesthetic quality of the water, including color, turbidity and odor.

Visit [IRWD.com/quality](https://www.irwd.com/quality) to view this year's report, review Frequently Asked Questions, and access other helpful resources.



Save the date

Landscape design

Saturday, July 13
9 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

Get ideas from several landscape design experts on how to transform your yard into a beautiful oasis.

IRWD's new Dream-Design Your Yard workshop will provide tips and inspiration to help you get started.

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

IRWD honors young water scientists

IRWD recently recognized students representing the top water-related projects from this year's 43rd annual Irvine Unified School District Science Fair. Their innovative research ranged from improved distillation with a Fresnel lens, to applying the Horton Infiltration Model through an arroyo's stream course.

For more information about the students' projects, go to [IRWD.com/liquidnews](https://www.irwd.com/liquidnews).



- **Joy Yan-Li, Anchit Sinha and Neil Sundaray** (Deerfield Elementary School)
- **Joshua Malar** (Jeffrey Trail Middle School)
- **Sharvil Buradkar** (Lakeside Middle School)
- **Colette Oentojo and Yunwoo (Ellie) Song** (Portola Springs Elementary School)
- **Madison Price** (Rancho San Joaquin Middle School)
- **Alexis Wong** (Sierra Vista Middle School)
- **Justin Pollack** (University High School)
- **Sharanya Rao** (Venado Middle School)

Congratulations, new WaterStar!

Hilton Garden Inn has joined the ranks of a growing number of local businesses doing their part to save water through IRWD's WaterStar certification program.



The Foothill Ranch/Lake Forest hotel upgraded the toilets, faucets and showerheads in all guest units with high-efficiency models—achieving 20% water savings for every flush, 40% savings for every minute in the shower, and 50% for every minute at the sink.

Beautiful, water-efficient landscaping adds to Hilton's water savings, making it easy for the hotel to stay well under its monthly water budget.

IRWD WaterStars are at the forefront of water efficiency, making them industry leaders in their own right. Visit IRWD.com/waterstar to learn more and browse through the list of other WaterStars—and if you are a local business, we invite you to apply!

Ask Juan



Q: Hi, Juan. I'm looking for a small tree for my backyard, something that could either go in a pot or undersized planter area. I also want something that does not need too much water. Any recommendations?

A: There are many small, climate-appropriate trees that would meet your requirements and not outgrow their space. Some of my favorites include the highly popular western redbud, fruit-bearing Catalina cherry, decorative

dwarf strawberry, Mediterranean-style "Little Ollie" dwarf olive, and majestic beauty, also known as Indian hawthorne.

All these trees have a beautiful form that can be shaped to a shrub or tree, and they will all do well in pots. Several produce lovely blooms—majestic beauty, especially.

There are many other options to choose from, to suit your style. Go to IRWD.com/landscape to view our garden gallery or use our guided plant search.

Got landscape questions? Email AskJuan@IRWD.com or ask on Facebook, X (Twitter) or Instagram with [#irwdcommunity](https://twitter.com/irwdcommunity). See past answers at IRWD.com/AskJuan.



Majestic beauty

Ask Customer Service

Q: I prefer managing my payments online and want to stop receiving my bill in the mail. How do I do that?

A: Many of our customers are switching to paperless billing.

It's an easy process that reduces waste, with statements sent directly to your email and archived automatically in our secure, online portal that also includes insights into your water use, and more.

Go to IRWD.com/billpay to register or access our bill pay portal. Then, check the "paperless" option to stop receiving a bill in the mail.

Thank you for doing your part to save paper and reduce waste!

Got a question? Email info@IRWD.com with "Ask Customer Service" as the subject line, or call 949-453-5300.

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