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Home Makeover? IRWD Has You Covered

Always Water Smart rebates continue to flow as IRWD customers replace their existing clothes washer and sprinkler nozzles to save time and money. These rebates are currently offered to IRWD customers:



Turf Replacement : \$1.50 per square foot of turf removed. IRWD customers are saying goodbye to the hassle, maintenance, and expense of their lawns. There are thousands of colorful plants that can do without the fuss and water required by turf. Visit www.irwd.com/alwayswatersmart and click on Turf Removal for a rebate application and resources to help you explore alternative plants and designs.



Rotating Spray Nozzles: \$4 per nozzle. Rotating sprinkler nozzles apply water more precisely and evenly over a landscape to reduce over-watering and runoff. Rotating nozzles use 20% less water than conventional spray heads. A minimum of 15 nozzles must be purchased.



Weather-Based Irrigation Controllers: Up to \$380. Weather-based Irrigation Controllers (or "Smart Timers") can help save more than 13,500 gallons of water per year by automatically adjusting your irrigation schedule to account for changing weather and plant types. The \$380 rebate can cover 50% of the cost of the device, depending on the make and model.

Rebate applications for rotating nozzles, weather-based irrigation controllers and clothes washers are available online at:
www.socalwatersmart.com



High Efficiency Clothes Washer: \$285. A high-efficiency clothes washer use 55% less water than standard clothes washers, saving 75,000 gallons over its lifetime! Less water means less energy needed for water heating, so you'll save on your energy bill too! Washer must be on a pre-approved list.

All residents must submit a rebate application to qualify and are encouraged to check the qualifying products list to guarantee rebate eligibility. Rebate applications for clothes washers, rotating nozzles, and weather-based irrigation controllers are available online at: www.socalwatersmart.com

Rebate funding is limited and subject to availability. Rebates will be distributed on a first-come, first-served basis. Required documentation must be submitted within 60 days of application confirmation to be eligible for rebates.

Not sure what to plant?

Here are several sustainable landscape plants you can consider planting in groups which will thrive in our climate. You can find these plants at our website, www.irwdcalscape.org.

Sage & Chaparral Plant Community: Toyon (*Heteromeles arbutifolia*), Lemonade Berry (*Rhus integrifolia*), Cleveland Sage (*Salvia clevelandii*)



Cleveland Sage blossom

Edible Ornamentals Plant Community: English Lavender (*Lavandula angustifolia*), Rosemary (*Rosmarinus officinalis*), California White Sage (*Salvia apiana*)

Native Flowering Groundcovers Plant Community: Sundrops (*Calylophus hartwegii*), Beach Aster (*Erigeron glaucus*), Verbena Hybrids (*Verbena peruviana*)



Hartweg's Sundrops

CALscape. Landscape that belongs.

What is CALscape? Landscape that requires less labor, time, resources, and water. Landscape that's appropriate for California's climate and reflects the Southern California lifestyle. Landscape that's low in fuss and high in color. Landscape that frees up time for you to actually enjoy the time you spend in it. Landscape that stimulates all five senses! That's CALscape.

The following examples of CALscape, and hundreds more, can be viewed in the Garden Tours and Garden Gallery sections of www.irwdcalscape.org.



Home Arboretum Garden



Dymondia Courtyard Garden



California Mediterranean Garden



Succulent Haven Garden

Suggested Weekly Fall & Early Winter Irrigation Schedule

Month	Turfgrass	Trees, Shrubs & Ground Cover	% Option ²
November	2 days, 2 cycles ¹ of 3 minutes each	1 day, 2 cycles of 4 minutes each	40%
December	2 days, 2 cycles of 2 minutes each	1 day, 2 cycles of 3 minutes each	30%

The above chart suggests a weekly schedule for spray-head irrigation, assuming heavy clay soils common to most local coastal and foothill areas. Generally, these are the MAXIMUM times you will need for full sun areas. Your landscape's particular watering times may vary. Start with this schedule and increase the times only if your plants show signs of stress. If stress occurs only in isolated areas, check your irrigation system before increasing the watering time.

¹ By "cycling" the irrigation controller to turn on for the recommended number of minutes an hour apart, deeper watering and healthier root growth are gained, while runoff is reduced.

² The % option, either a button or a dial, permits the watering run times for all electric valves managed by a controller to be increased or decreased with just one adjustment by percentage.



Smart Links. Helpful Resources.

To find a wealth of web resources to help you efficiently manage the irrigation of your landscape or garden, go to www.alwayswatersmart.com and click on Resources and then Links.

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