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Water Quality Report Now Available Online

IRWD prepares an informative Annual Water Quality Report for our customers each June, using data from previous calendar year. The 2013 report is now available as a .pdf for download. The Water Quality Report (also known as a Consumer Confidence Report) is available year-round online for your convenience. Visit www.irwd.com/water-report to view online.

The Water Quality Report provides information on where water comes from, water testing results, and how water quality compares with regulatory standards. Additionally, the report answers commonly asked questions about water quality.

In the past, the Water Quality Reports were mailed to your home. In an effort to reduce costs and be environmentally friendly, we're now providing these online. If you would still like to receive a printed version, we will be happy to mail one to you.

To request a hard copy printout, please email info@irwd.com with the subject line "Water Quality Report." You can also request one by calling (949) 453-5500.

Save the Date: Free Composting Workshop, July 12

When: 6 to 9 p.m. Friday, July 12

Where: IRWD offices, 15600 Sand Canyon, Irvine, 92618

What: *Enter our Opportunity Drawing to Win Prizes*

Orange County Master Gardener and composting expert, Greg Stevenson, will be presenting information on composting and efficient irrigation. Workshop topics include:



To reserve a spot, email AWS@irwd.com with your name, number of attendees, and address.

- Soil basics and terminology for beginners
- What makes a good compost
- Making your own compost
- Lawn alternatives
- Smart water techniques
- How to use and program your water timer

New Rebate Alert

Take Action to Save Water and Save Money

Rebates for high-efficiency toilets are now available for residential customers. Toilet flushing uses the largest amount, almost 30%, of all water used inside the home. With a high-efficiency toilet, you could save more than 8,000 gallons of water per year. Rebates start at \$50* for qualifying toilets.

More info at www.socalwatersmart.com.

*Note: Rebate amount may fluctuate and is subject to funding availability.

Customer Service Information

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The mission of Irvine Ranch Water District, a public agency, is to provide reliable, high quality water and sewer service in an efficient, cost effective manner and environmentally sensitive way that provides a high level of customer satisfaction.

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New Mobile Pay Service Now Available

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Suggested Weekly Summer Irrigation Schedule

Month	Turfgrass	Trees, Shrubs & Ground Cover	% Option ²
June	3 days, 2 cycles ¹ of 5 minutes each	3 days, 2 cycles of 3 minutes each	100%
July & August	4 days, 3 cycles of 3 minutes each	2 days, 3 cycles of 4 minutes each	100%
September	4 days, 2 cycles of 3 minutes each	2 days, 2 cycles of 4 minutes each	70%

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.