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Save the Date

Fall into Winter Gardening Workshop

Thursday, Sept. 28
6 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.

IRWD Multi-Purpose Room
15600 Sand Canyon Ave.
Irvine

Learn how to make the transition from fall to winter, garden style!

Sign-up is required:
rightscapenow.com/events

Urban Landscape and Garden Education Expo

Saturday, Sept. 30
9 a.m. – 2 p.m.

UC ANR South Coast Research and Extension Center
7601 Irvine Blvd., Irvine

Get the information you need to create a water-efficient landscape. The Expo will feature free workshops, industry experts, vendors and landscape displays, as well as hands-on activities for children and adults.

For more information, visit
rightscapenow.com/events.

Fiscal Year 2017–2018 Rates

New water and sewer rates for Fiscal Year 2017–2018 went into effect July 1 and will appear on bills beginning in August. For more information, visit irwd.com/services/rates-charges.

Arrange a Bouquet of Colorful Drought-Tolerant Flowers



Ask
Juan

Q: I'm an avid gardener and love making flower arrangements. Which drought-tolerant plants do you recommend I use?

A: Thanks for your note. There are many drought-tolerant plants and grasses flowering throughout the year that are suitable for cut-flower arrangements. Great examples, shown below, include:

- A. Purple Rock Rose** (*Cistus x purpureus*) – Blooms spring through summer
- B. Penstemon Varieties** in hues of pink, magenta and purple – Bloom spring through fall
- C. Butterfly Bush** (*Buddleia davidii*) – Blooms spring through early fall
- D. Oriental Fountain Grass** (*Pennisetum orientale*) – Bottle-brush flowers bloom summer through fall and make ideal background fillers in cut-flower arrangements



The IRWD RightScape resource website, rightscaperesources.com, allows you to do a guided search and select specific flowering periods.

Have a gardening question? Get it answered by our resident landscape specialist, Juan Garcia, who has more than 20 years of experience. Email Juan at askjuan@irwd.com.

Tread Lightly at the Pool

With summer in full blast, a dip in the pool is a tempting way to stay cool. So now's the time to keep pool safety in mind. Below are a few tips to help your family have fun and stay safe:

- Learn to swim and how to perform CPR (cardiopulmonary resuscitation); always supervise children.
- At public or home pools, verify that compliant drain covers are installed and keep children away from drains.
- Do not use chlorine dispensers that look like toys or leave toys in the pool when they are not in use.



When this inground pool safety cover is open, the cover and its tracking mechanism are hidden from view.

Along with safety, save water during pool season:

- Avoid draining the pool unless needed to fix leaks or for a health and safety reason.
- Reduce the water level so less splashes out, and repair leaks immediately.
- Use a pool cover to slow evaporation. Mesh or solid covers help keep the elements and children out.
- Lower the pool temperature. Cooler water will not evaporate as quickly.

For more information, visit redcross.org or poolsafely.gov.

Sign Up for Fall Resident Tours

Friday, Oct. 13 and Saturday, Oct. 14
9 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

IRWD Operations Center
and San Joaquin Marsh
3512 Michelson Dr., Irvine

Curious about where your water comes from and how it is managed? Come tour our facilities and the San Joaquin Marsh. It's an opportunity for customers who live or work in the IRWD service area to learn more about your water district. Light breakfast and lunch included. Attendees must be 16+. Registration opens in August at irwd.com/learning/request-a-resident-tour. Limited spots are available.

Watershed Cleanup Day

Saturday, Sept. 16
8 a.m. – Noon

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

In partnership with Trails4All, IRWD will host Inner-Coastal & Watershed Cleanup Day. Volunteers, who can earn community service credits, are needed to pick up trash before it reaches the ocean. Gloves, bags and chilled drinking water will be provided. Wear comfortable shoes, hats, sunscreen and insect repellent. To get involved, email jmeyert4a@aol.com.

Save the Date

Irvine Global Village Festival

Saturday, Sept. 23
10 a.m. – 6 p.m.

Bill Barber
Memorial Park
4 Civic Center Plaza
Irvine

Stop by IRWD's water efficiency booth to discover more about:

- Edible gardens and native California plant pallets
- Fall irrigation tips
- Outdoor rebates



Free admission and complimentary shuttles will be provided from offsite parking.

Suggested Weekly Sprinkler System Watering Schedule

Month	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%

*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 your ideal watering schedule at rightscapenow.com/how-do-i/get-a-watering-schedule.

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