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Save the Date

Water UCI

Saturday, May 11
10 a.m. – 1 p.m.

IRWD Learning Center
21 Riparian View, Irvine

Want to plant a drought-tolerant landscape, save water and cut your water bill? Come learn from Water UCI, a collaboration of experts in water science, technology, management and policy. Rebates and incentives available.

Sign-up required:
[RightScapeNow.com/
events](http://RightScapeNow.com/events)

Sprinkler Spruce-Up

Wednesday, May 22
6 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.

IRWD Multi-Purpose Room
15600 Sand Canyon Ave.
Irvine

Learn how to save money and water by repairing and maintaining your irrigation system. Find out the easy way to update sprinklers to drip irrigation.

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Nice Ice: At Great Park, It's Recycled



2016 World Junior Figure Skating champion Marin Honda of Japan takes Great Park Ice for a spin during warmups for the March 7 grand opening.

Lace up those skates and hit the rink. You won't be wasting water at the Great Park Ice & FivePoint Arena sports complex.

The Anaheim Ducks' new training complex — which celebrated its grand opening last month — will feature three National Hockey League-size ice rinks and one Olympic-size rink. So it will use a lot of water. About 4.3 million gallons are needed to make the ice each year, including the water sprayed from the back of Zambonis during resurfacing.

The good news: It's Irvine Ranch Water District recycled water. And every gallon of recycled water saves a gallon of drinking water for use in homes and businesses.

"This has been an innovative collaboration between the Ducks' foundation and IRWD, and the whole community will benefit," IRWD Recycled Water Project Specialist Gabe Vargas said. "It's the first dual-plumbed

What is Recycled Water?

Learn how recycling saves water while keeping our community green and beautiful. Watch our three-minute video at IRWD.com/recycledwater.

complex in IRWD's service area constructed to use recycled water for ice — and the second in Southern California."

In addition to serving as the Ducks' training facility, Great Park Ice will host youth and adult hockey, world-class figure-skating competitions, and public open skating.

The 280,000-square-foot complex is situated on 13.5 acres near the Palm Court at the Great Park in Irvine. Like all of the Great Park, its landscape is irrigated with recycled water.

Clean Car Can Say, 'I Saved Water'



Inside the WaterStar-winning car wash.

Car washes have two superpowers. They keep your car sparkly clean. And compared to washing a vehicle with a hose and soapy water, they can save water.

Checkered Flag Express Car Wash in Lake Forest is a star example. The local business was recently honored by IRWD as a certified WaterStar. By employing a water-recirculation system, it uses about 75% less drinking water on average for each vehicle washed, compared to traditional car wash methods. Recirculation technology retrieves water used in the washing process, removes dirt from the water through filtration or treatment systems, then reuses the water on the next wash or subsequent rinse.

A typical traditional car wash uses 50–80 gallons of fresh water per vehicle. Checkered

Flag's system uses fewer than 20, making up the difference with reused water. Thus, one car wash can save more than 6 million gallons of drinking water a year.

The water eventually is released into the sewage collection system — where it is reborn yet again through IRWD's recycling process.

To find a car wash in your area with a recirculated-water system, watch for ads online, in local papers, and on car wash signs.

Learn more: Meet all of the IRWD WaterStar businesses at RightScapeNow.com. Discover why recycled water makes sense at IRWD.com/recycledwater.

Ask Juan



Q: I've enjoyed taking your sustainable-landscaping workshops. Do you have any ideas on how to celebrate Earth Day this month?

A: There are Earth Day events throughout the Irvine Ranch Water District service area — and Earth-friendly landscaping events all year long. Check RightscapeNow.com/events for educational opportunities such as the Edible Garden workshop on April 17, where you'll learn how to grow fruits

and vegetables organically and pesticide-free. About 60% of an average home's water consumption goes toward the landscape. So celebrate our favorite planet by cutting your home's water use with the help of our outdoor rebates. Find them at RightscapeNow.com/rebates.

Got landscape questions? Email askjuan@irwd.com or ask on Facebook, Twitter or Instagram with [#irwdcommunity](https://www.facebook.com/irwdcommunity). See past answers at RightScapeNow.com/landscape-resources/ask-juan.

IRWD Holiday Office Closure

Friday, April 19

Enter Our Where's WaterSense? Contest

Thank you to all who have participated in our "Where's WaterSense?" contest. We recently distributed gift baskets of water efficiency devices to our first two winners. To enter this month's contest, find the WaterSense logo elsewhere in this month's *Pipelines* and visit RightScapeNow.com/contest to submit an entry.

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The WaterSense label makes it simple to find products and services certified to use at least 20% less water, save energy, and perform as well as or better than regular models.

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