

Time to water less!

Turn back your irrigation schedule in September, when days are shorter and plants enter dormancy.

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Irvine Ranch
Water District

New! Landscape resources at IRWD.com

Ready for a boost in curb appeal?

From small patios to large landscapes, IRWD.com/landscaping is your new go-to for all things outdoors:

- Details on rebates and money-saving programs
- Simple tips for home to save water and money today
- Guides on how to redesign your entire landscape
- Upcoming events and workshops hosted by IRWD

Plus so much more! Click around the site to find the best tips and resources for your needs. The section is part of the larger Save Water & Money section, where you can also get tips for indoor water savings. There's information for business owners, too!

IRWD.com/landscaping is the new home for all of the resources, formerly at RightScape.com. To submit ideas for content email webmaster@IRWD.com.



H₂O Show'n'Tell

A free, family-friendly touch-a-truck event and pancake breakfast

9-11 a.m., Saturday, Oct. 7

at IRWD, 15600 Sand Canyon Ave., Irvine

IRWD customers, RSVP at IRWD.com/showtell

- Trucks, trucks, trucks!
- Fire hydrant display
- Activities & crafts

Save
the date

Landscaping to Protect Our Ocean

Wednesday, Oct. 18
6 – 7:30 p.m.

Get watershed landscaping tips to prevent urban runoff from harming aquatic ecosystems.

Sign-up required:
IRWD.com/events

Community Tour

Friday, Oct. 20
10 a.m. – 2 p.m.

Join us for a walking tour of our Michelson Water Recycling Plant and San Joaquin Marsh Wildlife Sanctuary.

Sign-up required:
IRWD.com/events

Shed Show Road Show

Saturday, Oct. 21
8 a.m. – noon

Join us at the Irvine Home Depot, 6200 Irvine Blvd., for help with a mail-in rebate to cover the cost of a smart sprinkler controller. Get tips on beautiful, water-friendly landscapes.

Visit:
IRWD.com/roadshow

Free programs for schools

Irvine Ranch Water District has a longtime partnership with Discovery Cube Orange County to provide free water education programs to K–8 students throughout our service area. That includes assemblies, workshops, labs and field trips to IRWD's San Joaquin Marsh, and the Discovery Cube museum.



Since 2007, more than 125,000 local students have benefited from this partnership. For more information, visit IRWD.com/learning, email info@IRWD.com or call 949-453-5500.



Q: Juan, what tips do you have for moving a shrub to a new location?

A: When transplanting a shrub, make sure the new spot provides the right light, soil conditions and space for the plant to grow. This is best done

in late fall or early spring, when plants are less active and seasonal rains can promote root growth. Start by pruning the shrub's lower branches and tying up the rest to avoid damage in transport. Keep a nice-sized root ball when digging it out, and water it well after planting, adding mulch to the area.

Got landscape questions? Email AskJuan@IRWD.com or ask on Facebook, Twitter or Instagram with [#irwdcommunity](https://www.instagram.com/irwdcommunity).

California native corner

Juan's September plant: bladderpod

Bladderpod (*Peritoma arborea*) is a shrub named for its globular fruit pods. Fast-growing and easy to care for, it blooms with bright yellow flower clusters year-round. It's a great habitat plant, producing pollen for bees and seeds and nectar for butterflies and birds. Learn more at calscape.org. — Juan



Q: What are the service charges for?

A: Service charges are fixed costs on your bill, established to recover the costs of operating and maintaining our water distribution system, treatment processes and sewers. The amount on your bill will vary based on the number of days in the billing cycle, and the size of your water meter.

A pumping surcharge may also be charged to cover energy costs to pump water to some areas. Because our water infrastructure and sewers are operated and maintained continuously year-round, we charge for them each billing cycle regardless of your water use.

Visit IRWD.com/rates for more information.

Got a question? Email info@IRWD.com with "Ask Customer Service" as the subject line.

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