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Irvine Ranch
WATER DISTRICT

Rebate for New Pressure-Regulating Sprinklers

Too much pressure is a bad thing—for us, for our garden sprinklers, and ultimately for California's water supply.

Most spray head sprinklers are set for about 30 pounds per square inch. But the water flowing into the system is frequently higher-pressure—causing the sprinklers to mist and overspray, which wastes water.

That's why California last month began requiring that all irrigation spray sprinkler bodies sold in stores be pressure-regulated for efficiency. The new spray bodies cost a few dollars more, but can be up to 40% more efficient, depending on the age of the sprinklers they replace.

With about half of all the state's drinking water used for irrigation, that adds up to a lot of savings. By 2030—once most homes have installed the new devices—California expects statewide savings of 152 billion gallons a year. That's more than it takes to serve a major city. Water efficiency translates to savings on your water bill.

You don't have to rush out and replace your spray heads. The transformation will happen over time as individual units get replaced. (Sprinklers last an average of 10 years.)



When you're ready to upgrade, IRWD is ready to help. Our new Pressure Regulating Spray Body Program will rebate 50% of the cost of the devices. Before you start your project, visit RightScapeNow.com/prs-program to read details and apply.

When buying spray bodies, be sure they are marked with the WaterSense logo. Learn more at epa.gov/watersense/spray-sprinkler-bodies.



BEAUTY SECRET No. 37

**Take a lesson from the
birds and the bees.**

Native California plants are not only colorful and interesting, they will attract a whole new set of friends. Know what's even more beautiful?

Incentives for turf removal are available up to \$10,000.

Visit RightScapeNow.com.



Philadelphus lewisii,
Mock Orange

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Save the Date

Sprinkler Spruce Up

Online Webinar

Wednesday, Dec. 9
Noon – 1 p.m.

Learn how to save money and water by repairing and maintaining your irrigation system, and how to update sprinklers to drip irrigation.

Sign-up required:
RightScapeNow.com/events

Keep Your Pipes Happy for the Holidays



Will you be cooking for the holidays? Remember that grease from turkeys, roasts and hams is a leading cause of sewage spills this time of year. Put leftover grease in a jar with a lid, then throw it in the garbage. When cleaning a greasy pan, pour grease into a container, wipe excess grease from the pan with paper towels, and throw the towels away.

Q: I have a fully mature Hass avocado tree that was laden with avocados in September. I also have a fully mature guava tree that started to develop guavas at that time. What advice do you have for these types of plants?

A: Fruit trees require special care, especially when it comes to proper watering, fertilizing, fruit development, and pruning. The UC Agriculture and Natural Resources and UCCE Master Gardeners of Orange County provide great online

resources. They have some information on avocados, other fruit trees, and overall gardening. Visit homeorchard.ucanr.edu and mgorange.ucanr.edu. At IRWD, we have several rebates available that can assist you during planting season; visit RightScapeNow.com/rebates.

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



California Native Corner Juan's November Plant: Seaside Daisy

Seaside daisy (*Erigeron glaucus*) is a gorgeous perennial wildflower that can be found along beaches, coastal bluffs and dunes from California to central Oregon. It has spoon-shaped leaves and bears a multitude of vibrant yellow-centered lavender flower clusters. It prefers full sun along the coast to partial shade if planted inland and does well in sandy loam to clay soils. Seaside daisy can be planted in mass, as a border or in a parkway, and attracts butterflies, caterpillars, and native bees. Learn more at CalScape.org and CalScape.org/planting-guide.php. — Juan



Ask Customer Service

Q: What should I do if I see a leak on the road?

A: When reporting a water leak, it is extremely helpful to include descriptive details to help us locate the issue.

- Where is it? An address and cross streets are necessary, but including nearby landmarks is very helpful.
- How severe is it? Is it trickling, gushing, seeping, or standing water? How long have you noticed it?
- Where is the water coming from—such as a concrete meter box, green irrigation box, landscape, street/asphalt, curb, or sidewalk?

Report the leak at **949-453-5300** for the fastest response. Or email CustomerService@IRWD.com.

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