

We'll Help You Create Beautiful, Water-Wise Gardens

Regional Water Authority Services for Landscape Contractors

The Regional Water Authority Water Efficiency Program (RWEF) and its member water providers offer a variety of resources and services that benefit landscape contractors and their customers!

Landscape Irrigation Reviews

Many local water providers offer landscape irrigation reviews for residential and commercial customers. This free service includes an irrigation system check to identify needed repairs, advice about redesigning sprinkler systems and/or setting irrigation controllers and a customized 12-month watering schedule. Of course, you can also provide this service.

Money to Improve Large Landscape Irrigation

Your larger customers (schools, parks and other sites larger than one acre) could qualify for up to \$5,000 to upgrade their irrigation system for improved water efficiency. By contacting their local water provider, customers will receive a free landscape irrigation review. They could also get money to make those irrigation system improvements — a win-win for both you and your customers!

Information and Resources

RWEF and its member water providers are excellent resources for information about water efficient landscaping and irrigation troubleshooting. With a quick phone call, for example, you can request the colorful brochure “**Rules of Thumb for Water-Wise Gardening**” and an interactive CD-ROM “**Water-Wise Gardening in the Gold Country Region**” for your customers in El Dorado, Placer, Sacramento and Yolo counties, which outlines easy and beautiful ways to incorporate water-saving plants and materials into landscaping.

Classes and Workshops

RWEF member agencies host a variety of classes and workshops designed to teach landscape contractors and homeowners about water efficient irrigation and landscaping. We team with organizations such as the Irrigation Association, the California Landscape Contractors Association and UC Master Gardeners to teach you all about irrigation system design, installation and maintenance; electrical troubleshooting; sprinkler system scheduling; landscape water use estimations; and other topics that you'll find useful and beneficial. For an updated schedule of classes, visit www.rwah2o.org.

Water Efficient Landscape Gardens

These gardens demonstrate that beauty and water efficiency do mix! A combination of water-saving techniques and low-water use plants are displayed at Water Efficient Landscape (WEL) gardens throughout the Sacramento region. They are a perfect source of inspiration for you and your customers. For a list of local WEL gardens, visit www.rwah2o.org, or contact the Regional Water Authority at (916) 967-7692.



Why Be Water Efficient?

Saving Water Saves Money

As more of your customers pay a metered rate, saving water will help them save money. By using water-wise landscaping and making sure irrigation controllers are set to deliver only the amount of water plants need, you'll help customers save a bundle on their water bills, which they'll definitely appreciate.

Boon to Your Business

Being an efficient water manager is good for business and your customers. You'll create landscapes that are beautiful and healthy, help customers save money on their water bill, protect our lakes and streams by preventing stormwater pollution and provide a valuable public service by conserving one of our most precious and limited resources.

Healthy Gardens

Wise watering nurtures healthy landscaping, and healthy landscaping keeps customers happy! But how can you really know how much water plants need for optimum growth and beauty? Check the irrigation index to the left.

The irrigation index compares the water needs of landscaping at the summer peak to other times of year on a percentage basis. As shown in the graph, if an irrigation timer is set at its maximum in July (100 percent), then according to the index, you should reduce irrigation minutes to 60 percent of that peak in September, 40 percent in October and possibly turn it off when it rains in the winter.

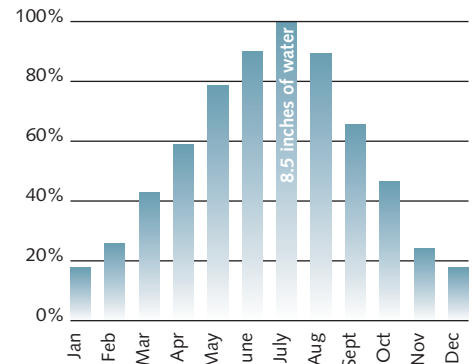
Stormwater Regulations

Allowing water to flow into the gutter not only wastes this precious resource, it pollutes our streams and rivers by carrying silt, fertilizer and pesticides into community waterways. To reduce stormwater pollution and comply with new state and federal requirements, many local communities are developing stringent stormwater management programs that target run-off from commercial and residential properties.

Tap Into Our Expertise!

For more information about free resources for landscape contractors, contact your local water provider or the Regional Water Authority at (916) 967-7692 or visit www.rwah2o.org.

Monthly Water Needs of Grass in the Sacramento Region and the Sierra Foothills (Without Rain)



5620 Birdcage Street, Suite 180
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(916) 967-7692
www.rwah2o.org

El Dorado County

El Dorado Irrigation District
(530) 642-4126
www.eid.org

Placer County

City of Lincoln
(916) 645-8576
www.ci.lincoln.ca.us

City of Roseville
(916) 746-1710
www.roseville.ca.us/savewater

Placer County Water Agency
(530) 823-4880
www.pcwa.net

San Juan Water District
(916) 791-6932
www.sjwd.org

Yolo County
City of West Sacramento
(916) 617-4872
www.cityofwestsacramento.org

Sacramento County

California American Water Company
(916) 568-4234
www.calamwater.com

Carmichael Water District
(916) 483-2452

Citrus Heights Water District
(916) 725-6873
www.chwd.org

City of Folsom, Utilities Department
(916) 355-7252
www.folsom.ca.us

City of Sacramento
(916) 808-7898
www.SaveSacWater.org

Del Paso Manor Water District
(916) 487-0419

Elk Grove Water Service
(916) 685-3556
www.egws.org

Fair Oaks Water District
(916) 967-5002 x100
www.fowd.com

Fruitridge Vista Water Company
(916) 443-2607

Golden State Water Company
(916) 853-3622

Orange Vale Water Company
(916) 988-1693

Rancho Murieta Community Services District
(916) 354-3700
www.ranchomurieta.com

Rio Linda/Elverta Community Water District
(916) 991-1000
www.rlccwd.com

Sacramento County Water Agency
(916) 875-4217
www.saccodwr.org

Sacramento Suburban Water District
(916) 972-7171
www.sswd.org

San Juan Water District
(916) 791-6932
www.sjwd.org