

CVWD Water News

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Tips for Reducing Outdoor Water Waste

Rising temperatures often coincide with rising outdoor water use, making efficient water consumption essential in the region.

Did you know that overwatering, inefficient sprinklers, old irrigation systems, poorly designed landscapes, and water-thirsty plants are the biggest water wasters? With 75 percent of water in the Coachella Valley used outdoors, it is important to be mindful about the ways we use our most precious resource.

Here are some tips to help you reduce your outdoor water use and practice conservation:

- ◆ Find and fix irrigation and pool leaks quickly.
- ◆ Use a pool cover to cut down on water evaporation.
- ◆ Check for outdoor home leaks in pipes, hoses, and faucets.
- ◆ Adjust sprinklers to prevent overspray and runoff onto the street or sidewalk.
- ◆ Look for clogged nozzles and check sprinkler heads to assure they are spraying properly.
- ◆ Equip hoses with shut-off nozzles and use drip irrigation on trees and shrubs.
- ◆ Review your irrigation timer for unnecessary run times.
- ◆ Use a broom instead of a hose to clean your driveway and sidewalks.
- ◆ Create a water-efficient landscape by including desert-friendly plants in your yard.
- ◆ Place mulch throughout your garden to reduce evaporation.
- ◆ Water your lawn in the early morning or evening when temperatures are cooler to avoid evaporation and there is less wind.

CVWD also offers rebate incentives to residential, HOA, and commercial customers that are designed to assist customers who want to reduce their water usage.

Visit cvwd.org/rebates to view all of our rebate program details, eligibility requirements, or to apply for rebates online. Some programs require pre-approval and self-install. For questions, contact the CVWD Water Management division at (760) 398-2651.

CVWD's Outdoor Rebate Programs

Landscape Conversion



Residential customers can receive \$2 per square foot of turf removed, up to 10,000 square feet per program year (July 1-June 30). HOA and commercial customers can receive \$2 per square foot of turf removed, up to 25,000 square feet per project per program year.

Smart Irrigation Controller



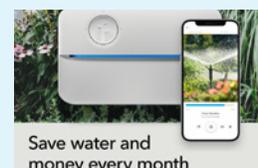
Residential customers can apply for a free weather-based smart controller that automatically adjusts an irrigation system's run time, based on weather data. HOA and commercial customers who apply for smart irrigation controllers can receive a refund of 75 percent of the controller cost, up to \$10,000 per project.

Rotary Nozzle Replacement



Residential, HOA, and commercial customers may be eligible for a rebate of up to \$4 for each high efficiency rotary nozzle installed to replace less efficient, traditional fixed or adjustable arc spray nozzles. Through the replacement of these nozzles, water is applied more slowly and uniformly to lawn and turf areas, preventing misting and overwatering.

Rachio Smart Sprinkler Controller



By using Rachio with a smart watering app, residential customers can control their sprinklers from anywhere with their mobile device, as well as receive predictive watering schedules that adjust to local weather conditions. Available at a discount to CVWD customers, the cost of the program ranges from \$39.99 - \$89.99, depending on the number of irrigation zones your yard contains.

Flume Smart Home Water Monitor



Flume monitors a home's indoor and outdoor water use 24/7 and notifies customers instantly if it detects a leak. While supplies last, CVWD residential customers can get a Flume Smart Home Water Monitor for only \$85 (regularly \$249), after a discount and rebate.

Join us for a CVWD Community Tour

The District offers a series of free tours throughout the year.

Coachella Valley Water District tours are designed to give valley residents an inside look at our expansive water system and available services.

These informative, four-hour tours may include a visit to the Coachella Canal, a groundwater replenishment facility, domestic water reservoir, wastewater recycling plant, and more!

Fall 2024 Community Tour Schedule:

- 11/07/2024 – Domestic and Stormwater Tour
- 11/21/2024 – Canal and Agriculture Tour
- 12/05/2024 – Sustainable Water Tour

Tours take place from 7:45 a.m. to noon and depart from CVWD's Steve Robbins Administration Building (75515 Hovley Lane E., Palm Desert). Closed-toe shoes are required as tours may include occasional short walks on unpaved or uneven paths.

To learn more, visit www.cvwd.org/tours or email publicinfo@cvwd.org for additional information.



Domestic water reservoir



Groundwater replenishment facility



Purple pipes for recycled water



Coachella Canal

Drought-Tolerant Spotlight: Brittlebush

With the high summer heat around the corner, it may be time to think about replacing water-needy plants with drought-tolerant greenery like Brittlebush, a popular medium-sized shrub.

Brittlebush is low maintenance and plays a versatile role in home gardens, particularly in natural designs with other native plants. Pictured below, the plant features bright yellow, daisy-like flowers and silver-gray to light green leaves that are soft and velvety.

Overall, the shrub reaches two to three feet high and spreads to about four feet wide. Fertilizer is not needed and little is required to grow them successfully: well-drained soil, low water, and full sun exposure.

The flowering season for Brittlebush is November to May, making summertime the ideal time to plant this shrub, in preparation for its blooming period.

To learn about more plants to use within your garden this summer, see CVWD's **Lush and Efficient: Desert-Friendly Landscaping in the Coachella Valley**, available online at www.cvwd.org/LushEfficient. The publication includes tips on watering, soil types, and more.



Brittlebush shrub

Questions about your water bill?

We are here to provide assistance, including on-site conservation visits. Contact us if you have questions or concerns about your water bill.

In addition, be sure to keep your contact information up-to-date with CVWD.

Give us a call at (760) 391-9600.

CVWD Customer Assistance Program Helps Pay Water Bills

CVWD's customer assistance program offers eligible residential customers a \$150 credit on their water bill, available once in a 12-month period. Customers may reapply each year for assistance.

Residential customers who need help paying their water bill can apply through **Inland SoCal United Way** by visiting inlandsocaluw.org/help2others or by calling (760) 323-2731, ext. 1200. United Way screens eligible customers and provides them with assistance in paying a past due water bill.

Charitable donations are also accepted through United Way. Donations must be made directly to Inland SoCal United Way. All donations are tax-deductible.



Board Meetings

Board meetings are open to the public and are generally held at 8 a.m. the second and fourth Tuesday of each month.

Meetings alternate between the Steve Robbins Administration Building in Palm Desert and the Coachella Office.

Visit our website to watch meetings online and to view the agenda.

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