



## Fall Into Savings

Fall is here! The weather is cooling down, leaves are changing colors, and the aroma of freshly baked pie fills the air. But fall can bring us more than that, it can bring us SAVINGS! And here's how...

With shorter days during the fall, we should also shorten our watering times. Fall brings cooler weather, rainfall, and lower evaporation rates, hence our plants and lawns require less watering. Your irrigation timer is probably still programmed to water your lawn based on the summer's heat. But now that it's fall, you should reduce your watering times because less watering means lower water bills. Act now and program your timers to gradually reduce your watering time until the winter rains arrive.



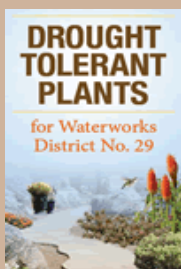
Fall is also a great time for planting. The cooler temperature and warm soil provide ideal conditions for root growth. During the fall, plants need less water to be established. As an added bonus, you may find that nurseries have good sales on plants during this time of the year. Also, consider drought-tolerant or California native plants. Turn your yard into a water efficient landscape haven and you will be sure to see savings in your water bills!

Have you considered planting your own vegetables? Some of the most nutritious greens and vegetables grow very well in the fall, such as broccoli, swiss chard, lettuce, kale, spinach, collard and arugula. Planting your own vegetables can guarantee the quality of your vegetables at a lower cost.



So, get your gear on, start planting, and adjust your timers. Maybe you can plant some vegetables in time for your Thanksgiving meal to go well with those freshly baked pies. Happy fall savings!

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\*Send pictures of your water-efficient or vegetable garden to [rjoseph@dpw.lacounty.gov](mailto:rjoseph@dpw.lacounty.gov) if you would like to be featured in our next Splash newsletter.  
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To request a District 29 drought tolerant booklet to be mailed to you, call

(626) 300-3338

### Paying your bill made easy!



You can now access your account and pay your bill by calling **877-637-3661**. Our new Interactive Voice Response System will guide you through the process.



## Take **CONTROL** of your controller

If you have an automatic irrigation controller, make sure to change your watering schedule as the season changes. Cutting back on watering during the fall and winter season will help you save water, reduce runoff, and save money.

Remember to check your irrigation system for leaks and excess runoff into the street. Repair broken nozzles and adjust your sprinklers to ensure maximum coverage for your lawn and plants, while minimizing overflow onto sidewalks and driveways and into storm drains.



Use the weekly water index at [www.BeWaterWise.com](http://www.BeWaterWise.com) to help you provide your plants with the right amount of water. Some controllers have a weather feature that automatically adjusts the schedule in response to changing weather conditions. Familiarize yourself with your controller and read the owner's manual. Program your controller according to the types of grass, plants, shrubs, or trees you have.

Remember to check the back-up battery of your controller and replace it if needed. In the event of a power outage, your back-up battery retains the watering schedule and settings that you programmed into the controller. If your back-up battery does not work anymore, replace it with a new one and reprogram your controller.

### For District 36 (Val Verde) customers only

#### Free Residential Landscape Program:

Attend a weather-based irrigation controller training and receive a free controller. Call Rene Emeterio at (877) 242-2262.

#### Free Large Landscape Program:

Get a free water-use check-up and qualify for water-saving devices. Call Kriss Keogh at (661) 510-1238.

### Mark Your Calendars

- October 8, 2011 - Lowe's Energy Awareness Event  
Palmdale and Lancaster, 10 am-2 pm
- October 9, 2011 - Discover Marina Del Rey  
Burton Chase Park, 11 am-4 pm
- October 22, 2011 - Free Ocean Friendly Garden Workshop  
South Coast Botanical Garden, Palos Verdes  
10 am-1 pm

For more information, visit [www.lacwaterworks.org](http://www.lacwaterworks.org).

## REBATES



LACWD continues to offer customers the following rebates:

- High-efficiency clothes washers
- High-efficiency & dual flush toilets
- Rotating sprinkler nozzles
- Weather-based irrigation controllers
- Synthetic turf
- Drip Irrigation
- Waterless urinals
- Cash for Grass - Funds only available for District 29

For more information and lists of qualified products, visit

[www.lacwaterworks.org](http://www.lacwaterworks.org)



#### Let Us Know

To report water leaks or nuisance water running into the street, call 1 (800) 675-HELP. Please provide an address for our crews to investigate.

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#### Mission

To provide reliable, high-quality water and responsive customer care in a cost-effective, sustainable, and environmentally responsible manner.

