

CVWD Recognizes Landscape Contest Winners

Many Southern California communities have grown accustomed to green lush lawns. Although these "emerald blankets" can be beautiful they are also the biggest culprit of high water use at a residence. CVWD customers are taking the initiative to change their landscapes and install low-water use plant material. As a result, water savvy landscapes have been sprouting up across our community. These model landscapes are beautiful, eye-catching, and save water.

CVWD congratulates the winners of the 2013 Water Savvy Landscape Contest, which promotes water efficiency by recognizing residents who have beautiful, water saving landscapes. The Grand Prize Winners are Vikki Gerdes, John and Alison Gillison, and Charles and Trish Myers. Honorable Mention is awarded to Robert Jacobson and Virgie Jha. Since 2007, CVWD has recognized 34 homeowners for their beautiful, water-friendly landscapes which feature low water using plants, rock pathways, and efficient irrigation systems.

See these landscapes and more on the Water Savvy Garden Tour on Saturday, April 26th!

Grand Prize Winners



John & Alison Gillison



Charles & Trish Myers



Vikki Gerdes

Honorable Mention

Robert Jacobson • Virgie Jha

"Educating the community about the importance of water efficiency is a District priority, and we are grateful to these residents for setting the example through their beautiful water saving landscapes," stated Martin E. Zvirbulis, General Manager/CEO. "We commend all customers who are doing their part to protect our precious water resource."

The 8th annual Water Savvy Landscape Contest is now open and will run through April 30, 2014. For more information and contest application, visit www.cvwwater.com.

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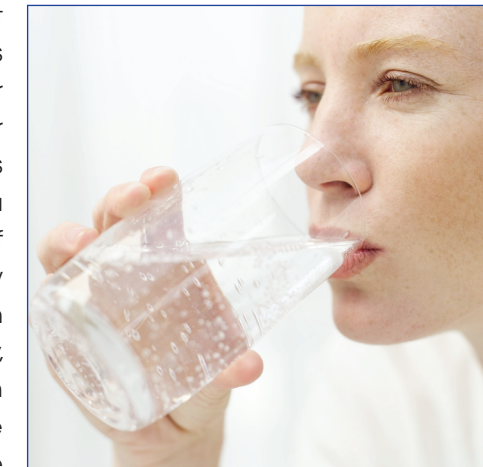
CVWD Responds to Drought Declaration

The Cucamonga Valley Water District (CVWD), like most water agencies throughout the state, is on high alert after the Governor's Drought Declaration earlier this year. CVWD receives 40-50% of its water supply from northern California via the State Water Project. With the lack of snowfall and minimal rain over the last few months, CVWD is paying close attention to the Governor's message. Fortunately, CVWD is in a much better position than many water agencies throughout the state. Since 2009, CVWD customers have reduced their water use by 18.5%, a significant savings considering the CVWD community continues to grow.

"CVWD customers are conscientious about water use," commented Martin E. Zvirbulis, General Manager/CEO. "Over the last few years, customers have participated in programs and received nearly \$800,000 in rebate funding that have helped them be better water stewards. I would like to personally thank all CVWD customers for their hard work in helping us manage our water supply."

CVWD continues to maximize water supply storage and the use of local resources such as groundwater. CVWD's Bridge Plant which collects water from the Cucamonga

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Mark Your Calendar

- **California Native Plant Week**
April 12-20
- **CVWD Admin Offices Close at Noon**
Fri., April 18
- **Water Savvy Garden Tour***
Sat., April 26, 9am-4pm
Starts at CVWD; Cost: \$10
- **Water Savvy Landscape Contest**
Application Deadline- April 30
- **May - Water Awareness Month**
- **Inland Empire Garden Friendly Plant Sale**
Sat., May 3, 8am-12pm
@ The RC Home Depot
- **Landscape Workshop: Water Wise Plants***
Wed., May 7, 5:30-8:30pm
- **Lloyd W. Michael Water Treatment Plant Tour***
Wed., May 21, 5:30pm
5815 Etiwanda Ave., RC

*Registration Required. Call 909.483.7465 or visit www.cvwdwater.com.

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A Water Plan for All of California

CVWD receives 40-50% of our water supply from northern California. This water travels through the Sacramento-San Joaquin Bay Delta which is home to hundreds of aquatic and terrestrial species, a thriving agricultural economy and a distinctive recreational resource. Water traveling through the Delta provides for the water supply needs of 25 million Californians as well as an agricultural industry that feeds millions.



In order to ensure the viability and sustainability of this water supply system, a Bay Delta Conservation Plan (BDCP) has been developed as a strategy that is sensitive to the environment, while addressing the water needs of urban and agricultural users. The Plan identifies ways to protect water supplies from catastrophic failure that could occur due to earthquakes or levee failures, and ways to boost the state's ability to respond to drought and climate change. Additionally, the Plan will improve the overall ecological health of the Delta, implement an accelerated habitat restoration program in the next 15 years, improve water quality, and control invasive species.

All of these steps are important for water supply and water quality throughout the state. The Plan lays out long-term solutions that will impact CVWD customers for years to come. For more information about the BDCP visit www.socalwater.org.

100th Customer Connects to Recycled Water!

Recycled water is a valuable water source that can be used on landscaping and in some commercial business processes. CVWD has worked closely with a number of businesses to connect them to recycled water. We are pleased to announce that our 100th Recycled Water customer came online in March. CostCo Wholesale and Jerome's Furniture, along with several other commercial businesses along 4th Street in Rancho Cucamonga, are now receiving recycled water to support all of their landscape needs. This water source is local, renewable, and drought proof. If you own a business and would like more information about recycled water, call the District at (909) 987-2591.

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Canyon is slated to come back online this May and will be another valuable water resource. Additionally, CVWD is proud to announce we are reaching our 100th recycled water customer (for business and landscape), which frees up potable drinking water for other critical customer needs.

All customers are asked to continue using water efficiently as we head into our warm summer months. For more water saving tips, visit www.cvwdwater.com.



Water Wise Reminder

CVWD is asking all customers to be good water stewards by utilizing the Best Management Practices laid out in the District's Water Use Efficiency Ordinance. Consider the following water saving tips:

- ✓ Use a shutoff nozzle on all hoses.
- ✓ Repair all leaks immediately.
- ✓ Eliminate sprinkler overspray or runoff and fix broken or misaligned sprinklers.
- ✓ Water lawn and plants in the early morning hours to avoid water loss to evaporation, and turn off sprinklers on windy and rainy days.
- ✓ Reduce your weekly watering schedule by one or two days (your landscape's needs may vary).
- ✓ Replace high water using grass and plants with low water using plants.
- ✓ Only run full loads in the dishwasher and clothes washer.
- ✓ Do not hand wash vehicles; instead take your car to a commercial car wash that reuses the water onsite.

Are You Overwatering Your Yard?

Attention CVWD customers: You may be overwatering your yard. Most landscapes can only handle a little water at a time. Your yard should be watered for just a few minutes, two to three times a day. The best time to water is in the morning, before the sun rises. Consider doing a Sprinkler Tune-Up by checking sprinkler heads for leaks. Get to know your sprinkler timer: run all stations and pay attention to coverage area and run times. Make adjustments based on how your plants respond. You could end up with the same beautiful yard, with half the amount of water. Visit SaveOurH2O.org for more tips on outdoor water savings.