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Gardening at the click of a button

California friendly gardening class online

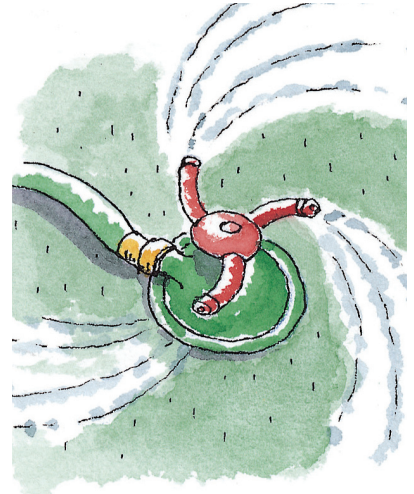
A free course on *California Friendly Gardening for the Water Wise* is available online for aspiring gardeners at bewaterwise.com.

The course offers four, 15-minute segments on how to design and irrigate a California friendly garden, select the right plants, and keep your garden healthy and happy.

In addition to the online course, bewaterwise.com offers many resources for home and professional

gardeners, including a searchable database of thousands of California friendly plants, water-saving tips, and detailed information on rebate and water-saving incentive programs.

California friendly landscaping is about using only as much water as your garden needs. With up to 70 percent of household water used outdoors, there are plenty of ways you can cut back on water use and still enjoy beautiful gardens.



Set back your sprinklers

As the days get shorter and the temperatures get cooler, it's time to cut back on outdoor watering by reducing the frequency and amount of water used by your irrigation system.

Set your water irrigation timer to water two to three days a week, for a period of five minutes. In addition, watering in the early morning is the best. Be sure to check your sprinkler heads to ensure they are working properly.

Get a custom watering schedule that is tailored to your landscape and our Laguna Beach climate at bewaterwise.com.



District customers can take an online gardening course by visiting bewaterwise.com.

Water bill breakdown

Understanding the fees on your bi-monthly water bill

Understanding your water bill shouldn't be like reading hieroglyphics. Below is an explanation of water charges that appear on a typical bi-monthly bill.

Water & Delivery Charge

Water costs \$2.82 per unit

(one unit equals 748 gallons or 100 cubic feet) and reflects the amount of water you use during a 60-day period. The water and delivery charge reflects the cost of purchasing imported water from the Colorado River, which the District relies upon 100 percent.

Service Charge

The service charge is based on the size of your water meter at your property. The service charge covers up-keep of water meters, valves, and the District's water distribution system.

Revenue Recovery

The revenue recovery fee is based on the size of your water meter and replaces revenue that was taken by the State of California to balance the state budget. This fee will be on your bill until March 2007.

Fire Service Charge

The fire service charge is assessed to customers who have a fire suppression service. This charge is based on the size of the fire service.

If you have additional questions about your water bill please contact customer service at 494-1041.



Students from Susie Clapp's third grade class visit the District's water-wise and fire-safe garden.

A Water world of education

Local third graders visit district headquarters

As part of the District's Water Education Program, local third grade students from Top of the World Elementary School and El Morro Elementary School visited District Headquarters for an informative and fun-filled day.

Students toured the District's historic headquarters, built in 1927, learned about the history of water resources in Laguna Beach, discovered where

their drinking water comes from, and saw first-hand the many varieties of water-wise plants in the District's Water-Wise and Fire-Safe Demonstration Garden.

The District also offers free water education materials for local teachers, classroom presentations, and school assembly programs. If you would like more information, please contact Andrea Watkins, community relations coordinator, at 464-3104.

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Information in this publication is provided to keep customers informed about water related issues and events. Your comments and suggestions are always welcome.

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