

## FALL'S THE TIME TO DIAL BACK YOUR IRRIGATION

When cooler temperatures arrive and the rainy season moves in, it's the perfect time to dial back your outdoor water use

Analyze your yard's slope and drainage pattern and remember these tips:

- **Water your lawn in shorter intervals** to prevent water runoff.
- **Place plants that require the most water at the base of any slopes** in your yard so they take advantage of natural drainage.
- **Regularly check your irrigation system** for leaks.

## RETHINK YOUR PLANTS WITH LOW WATER USE IN MIND

Consider changing your plants to low water use, native California plants or add in fruit and veggie plants that thrive with less water.

**TOMATOES** – Tomato plants grow deep roots in just one week and can survive our region's heat.

**OLIVES** – Olive trees can last for generations if watered properly. They are drought resistant and well suited for our Mediterranean climate.

**HERBS** – Rosemary, oregano and lavender are just a few herbs that thrive and need minimal care and irrigation.



**DID YOU KNOW?** One large tomato plant requires the same amount of water as one square foot of lawn per week.

## RETHINK YOUR LANDSCAPING ON A SLOPE



If your lawn or landscape is on a slope, there are several easy ways to improve its health and appearance and use less water, too.

- 1. Build a retaining wall** to stabilize and visually enhance your landscape and improve plant health. Terracing creates spaces for landscape themes on different levels and is easier to maintain.
- 2. Watch to see if there is water runoff** when you irrigate and cut back your watering time, if so.
- 3. Place plants that require the most water** at the base of any slopes in your yard to take advantage of natural drainage.



## **SOLVE THE WATER CRISIS** **ACT NOW TO SECURE CALIFORNIA'S FUTURE.**

### GOVERNOR NEWSOM'S **WATER INVESTMENT**

Governor Newsom announced a new strategy for investing in California's water supply that focuses on accelerating infrastructure projects to help our state better prepare for years of drought conditions and address the water supply crisis. The plan is outlined in *California's Water Supply Strategy: Adapting to a Hotter, Drier, Future*, which outlines water supply strategies and fast tracks the review and permitting process.

San Juan Water Direct is part of Solve the Water Crisis, a coalition of 80 water agencies who support the Governor's sweeping measures to invest in surface and groundwater storage, water recycling facilities, desalination and water conveyance.

Read more about how the Coalition will work with the Governor and California Legislature to improve the state's water supply system at **[solvethewatercrisis.com](http://solvethewatercrisis.com)**.

### **SIGN UP FOR A WATER EFFICIENCY WORKSHOP**

San Juan has workshops planned for September, October and November. Sign up for email alerts and more details at **[sjwd.org](http://sjwd.org)**.

### **OFFICE CLOSURES**

Our office will be closed on Monday, Sept. 5 in observance of Labor Day and Monday, Oct. 10 for Columbus Day. For any water related emergencies, please call 916-791-0115.

### **CHECK SOMETHING OFF YOUR LIST**

Don't worry about adjusting your irrigation controller with every season. Let a smart irrigation controller do the work for you. It will adjust the watering schedule based on the weather conditions. Go to **[sjwd.org/rebate-applications](http://sjwd.org/rebate-applications)** to get an instant rebate on a smart irrigation controller and other rebates.

