

# 5 IRRIGATION TIPS WITH BIG SAVINGS



- 1** Give your irrigation system some love. Check for and fix water-wasting leaks. Saves 20 gallons per day per leak.
- 2** Apply 3-4 inches of bark or organic mulch around plants to reduce evaporation. Save hundreds of gallons of water a year.
- 3** Adjust sprinkler systems to avoid water runoff onto sidewalks and driveways. Save 20 gallons of water daily.
- 4** Install a WaterSense irrigation controller and save 40 gallons or more each day.
- 5** When walking on your lawn, if grass blades spring back quickly, watering isn't necessary.



## **KEEP METER BOX ACCESSIBLE**

Plants and grass grow quickly this time of year. Remember to watch for and prevent overgrowth around your meter box to keep it visible. This helps us with leak detection, meter reading and routine meter maintenance.



## UPCOMING WORKSHOPS: MARK YOUR CALENDAR

### The Plant Lady Returns

*Back by Popular Demand*

**Saturday, July 23 at 9 a.m. – Noon**

**San Juan Water District**

Join Marlene Simon, The Plant Lady, at this interactive presentation on all things for water-wise gardening. Leave with tips to help your garden thrive!



### The Water Efficient Pond

**Saturday, August 6 at 9 a.m.**

**San Juan Water District**

Do you know that a well-maintained pond uses less water than a lawn of the same size? Here, learn about pond maintenance and new technologies and techniques to make your pond more water efficient.

Please call (916) 791-2663 to reserve your spot. Capacity is limited.

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## STATEWIDE CONSERVATION UPDATE

“Drought conditions are far from over, but have improved enough that we can step back from our unprecedented top-down target setting,” said State Water Resources Control Board Chair Felicia Marcus.

“We’ve moved to a ‘show us the water’ approach, that allows local agencies to demonstrate that they are prepared for three more lousy water years. This reporting will show us what agencies plan to do and how they do, throughout the year. In the meantime, we’ll be watching and prepared to come back with the 25 percent state mandate early next year if necessary, which we hope it won’t be.”

This approach allowed San Juan Water District to remove the 33 percent reduction requirement previously mandated by the State Board and move from a Stage 4 to a Stage 2 drought condition. We are still asking for a voluntary 10 percent water use reduction and continued efficient use of water. Day of week watering restrictions have been removed.



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