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### Change your irrigation timer when temperatures cool

Coachella Valley Water District wants to remind area residents that with the cooling fall temperatures, anyone with a manual irrigation timer should re-set the clock to avoid wasting water.

All landscape irrigation – including grass, trees and shrubs – requires less water now that temperatures are out of the triple digits. For optimum water conservation, the water district encourages residents and landscape professionals to change irrigation timers on a monthly basis to avoid using more water than necessary. To determine the amount of water your landscape needs, without going over, check the irrigation guide on the back of your water bill or visit our Web site at [www.cvwd.org/conservation.htm](http://www.cvwd.org/conservation.htm).

An even easier way to ensure proper irrigation is with the use of a self-adjusting, weather-based controller, also called a “smart controller.” These controllers determine how much water is needed based on historical and, in more advanced models, current weather conditions. CVWD has a pilot program to offer these controllers for a significantly reduced rate to homeowners living within participating cities (Palm Desert, Cathedral City, Indian Wells, Rancho Mirage, La Quinta and unincorporated Riverside County). For a complete list of program rules and an application, visit our Web site at [www.cvwd.org/conservation.htm](http://www.cvwd.org/conservation.htm).

For the average Coachella Valley family, 70 to 80 percent of the water is used outside the home, making water conservation techniques associated with landscaping the most significant steps you can take to reduce water use. People who maintain a summer watering schedule all year can waste thousands of gallons of water per year. Taking a few moments at the beginning of each month to adjust your irrigation timer is a quick and simple way to do your part to preserve our precious water supply.

Proper irrigation not only saves water, but it results in healthier plants, reduced run-off flowing down streets and sidewalks and lower water bills.

CVWD is a public agency, governed by a five-member board of directors, that provides domestic and irrigation water, agricultural drainage, wastewater treatment and reclamation services, regional stormwater protection, groundwater management and water conservation across 1,000 square miles, primarily in Riverside County but also in portions of Imperial and San Diego counties.

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