

**Chino Basin Water Conservation District's**  
**Landscape Irrigation Evaluation Program Saves Millions of Gallons**  
**For Commercial, Institutional and Industrial Property Owners**

The Chino Basin Water Conservation District (CBWCD) in Montclair, working with local water agencies, provides a no cost landscape irrigation system evaluation and audit to commercial, industrial, institutional and large multifamily property owners and homeowners associations receiving water service from: the cities of Chino, Chino Hills, Ontario, Upland, Cucamonga Valley Water District, Monte Vista Water District, Fontana Water Company, and the San Antonio Water Company.

Governor Schwarzenegger has declared that the state of California is in an emergency drought condition. Metropolitan Water District, the provider of imported water from northern California, has declared a Water Supply Alert. The Chino Basin Water Conservation District, local water agencies of the Chino Basin, and the Inland Empire Utilities Agency have asked for the cooperation of the general public to reduce water use. To support water users' efforts to reduce their consumption there are a number of available rebates and service available.

With outdoor irrigation consuming approximately 65-70% of residential water use and more in many commercial properties, the Chino Basin Water Conservation District's Landscape Evaluation and Audit Program (LEAP) focuses on helping businesses with large landscaped areas reduce their water usage.

LEAP program participants receive an evaluation of their current practices and irrigation systems by a certified auditor. The audit report will show past use, correct future use levels, and potential savings. A staged series of improvements are offered, from basic and very affordable to total drought tolerant renovations. The report also includes an irrigation water budget, identification of onsite concerns along with photographs of the issue, and recommendations for future practices to reduce water use yet maintain the landscaped area. Information on watering times by sprinkler head types and available rebates related to irrigation equipment including new, smart controller technology that take into account how much water a plant (or landscape) needs to survive, day by day is also provided.

CBWCD owns and maintains a demonstration garden of drought tolerant plants that is open to the public seven days each week. Visitors to the garden are able to view the scenic beauty of drought tolerant and native species in a relaxing setting. For more information on the LEAP program or CBWCD please visit our website, [www.cbwcd.org](http://www.cbwcd.org) or contact Juan Zamora, 909-267-3224.