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Inland Empire Utilities Agency Urges Reduction in Fall Landscape Watering

Inland Empire –Now is the time to adjust your outdoor watering schedule. Fall’s cooler temperatures and shorter daylight hours means your lawns and gardens require less water.

As part of its ongoing *Water Supply Alert* campaign to reduce water use in the Chino Basin, IEUA and its local retail water agencies are urging residents and businesses to reduce the frequency and duration of water times for residential and commercial irrigation systems.

“The region’s water supplies have been impacted by extremely dry conditions and coupled with court-ordered pumping restrictions in the Bay-Delta has significantly reduced our water supply in the Chino Basin,” said IEUA Board President Wyatt Troxel. “Since more than 60 percent of all residential water use in IEUA’s service area is used outdoors, reducing your outdoor irrigation is essential to reducing our region’s water use,” added Troxel.

IEUA and its local water agencies recommend these easy tips:

- Only water lawns in the pre-dawn or early morning hours.
- Stop runoff and overspray from outdoor watering. Any cycle over 5 minutes may result in runoff. Re-adjust water schedules to allow for two shorter cycles with 30 to 45 minutes in between.
- Adjust sprinklers so water only falls on vegetation – not your driveways, streets or sidewalks.
- Give your automatic watering system a “tune up” by checking for broken and misaligned sprinkler heads and leaks.

IEUA’s service area covers the cities of Chino, Chino Hills, Ontario, Fontana, Upland and Montclair, as well as the Cucamonga Valley Water District and Monte Vista Water District with a combined total of 850,000 residents. For more information on how you can save water or apply for money saving rebates contact Sondra Elrod at 909 993-1747 or visit IEUA’s website at www.ieua.org.