

# The Fall Wind-Down

**W**hen Mother Nature dazzles us with her brilliant display of fall colors, she offers us key reminders of changing seasons. Here are some bookmarks to flag to keep you in tune with the natural water cycle:

## September 1 - Going au naturel

### *Start your garden plan*

By now, your summer garden has yielded all that it will, your trees and shrubs have outlasted the hottest months and your mulched

ground is ready for new life. It's time to start planning your Mediterranean garden! EBMUD has partnered with nurseries throughout the East Bay to make it easy for you to identify plants that thrive in the East Bay's winter-wet/summer-dry climate, plants that require little to no water

and plants that are resilient to disease and pests. Look for a Water Smart plant tag when deciding the new look and feel of your now gone lawn.

## September 23 - First day of fall

### *Dial down your watering*

Drought or not, the sun crosses the celestial equator for the second time this year. Temperatures drop and days are shorter than nights. Your plants, trees and shrubs, whose water needs are influenced more by the number of hours they are exposed to sunlight rather than temperatures outside, will need even less water than the already conservative amount you have been giving them. Taper-down your outdoor watering from twice to once a week.

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## October 1 - First day of water year

### *Watch the weather*

It may not appear on your store-bought calendar, but this date marks the start of the EBMUD water year. The fall and winter



seasons are when we look to the skies to replenish our reservoirs for the coming year. By keeping track of how much precipitation we get, you will be better informed about how much water your garden needs. Tired of guessing? Smart controllers do the work for you by matching watering times to real-time weather information. Sign up for an irrigation

upgrade rebate, install a smart controller, and get a rebate from EBMUD. Visit [ebmud.com/rebates](http://ebmud.com/rebates).

## November 1 - Daylight saving

### *Recharge your supply*

While rain in the East Bay helps to fill our local reservoirs, what we really need is significant snowpack for a spring melt to fill our main



Pardee and Camanche reservoirs at the foothills of the Sierra Nevada Mountains. Remember: don't water your landscape for at least two days after any significant rainfall! Once winter rains (hopefully) arrive, it will be time to stop outdoor watering and focus on fixing indoor leaks and using no more than 35 gallons per person per day indoors.

And don't forget that when you turn back your clock for daylight saving time it is also the perfect opportunity to swap out your emergency water storage for a fresh supply.

# Thunderous applause!

During this historic California drought, EBMUD customers really stepped up. This summer, we surpassed our goal of reducing water use by 20 percent District-wide! Thank you for the phenomenal effort. To our super-savers who are meeting the goal of using 35 gallons per person inside the home each day, thank you! You are setting the example for the rest of us to follow. To everyone who is adhering to the outdoor watering restrictions, you are helping us achieve the necessary water conservation to get us through this drought and maintain needed water supplies for next year. Please keep up the

EBMUD is proud to be part of the communities we serve, and offers programs to help qualified low-income customers with the cost of water service.

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# Thank You for Saving Water!

fantastic work. With your efforts, and EBMUD's efforts to purchase emergency water supplies and recycle our wastewater, we will get through this drought with as few impacts as possible. We applaud your conscientious effort to conserve water, rain or shine.

**Irrigated with recycled water**

**Do not drink**  **No tomar** 

**East Bay Municipal Utility District**



## Plan for purple

As the drought continues, EBMUD customers have increasingly been asking about recycled water in the East Bay. EBMUD already provides more than 8 million gallons a day of recycled water. EBMUD is proud to announce an expansion of existing recycled water pipelines to Bishop Ranch in San Ramon and Shellmound Avenue in Emeryville. These projects, which will connect scores of new commercial irrigation customers to purple recycled water pipelines, will free up millions of gallons of drinking water each year for EBMUD customers.

While construction on these two projects is underway, EBMUD is tapping a recycled water alternative for commercial customers that steers away from the more expensive commitment of building new pipelines: commercial water trucks. EBMUD now offers free fill-ups of recycled water for commercial water trucks at our wastewater treatment plant in Oakland. Licensed commercial trucks can load up and transport thousands of gallons of recycled water for construction and outdoor landscaping. By allowing 24/7 access to the recycled water, EBMUD provides flexibility for commercial users to embrace a new way of meeting their water needs while freeing up precious drinking water.

Find construction updates and more information about what EBMUD is doing to expand the use of recycled water at [ebmud.com/recycledwater](http://ebmud.com/recycledwater)



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