

# FRESNO WATER SAVER



Friant-Kern Canal

A Publication of the City of Fresno Water Conservation Program



## The City of Fresno Offers Tips to Help You Save Water

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**Free Plant Brochure** - Planning a new landscape project? Want to know which plants help to conserve water and still look beautiful? Attractive gardens and landscape add to the value of your home and will bring years of beauty and enjoyment. With a water-efficient design, you'll be able to curb plant disease, minimize the use of chemical fertilizers and save water, money, labor and time! Call the City of Fresno Water Conservation Program for your free brochure on **“Creating A Fresno-Friendly Garden.”** The brochure includes a large list of beautiful flowers, shrubs, trees, groundcovers and vines that grow well in our climate and use very little water.

A second brochure, **“What You Should Know Before You Mow”** has useful tips for all landscapers and gardeners, and is written in Hmong, Spanish, and English.

# IDEAS TO SAVE WATER IN THE FALL!



## **Yank Out Those Weeds!**

Weeds compete with plants for moisture and nutrients

## **Plant in the Fall!**

As weather cools, begin landscape planting using water-wise and native plants which require little maintenance. Group plants according to water needs.

## **Water Less!**

Change timers to water less during cooler weather. Call us if you need help setting your timer.

## **Aeration Helps Flow!**

Aerate lawn to improve water and nutrient percolation and movement into the soil. A deeper rooted lawn will require less frequent irrigations, thus saving water.

## **Mulch for Moisture!**

Mulches reduce soil moisture losses and discourage weeds.

## **Grass cycle!**

Mowed lawn clippings act as a mulch surface, helping reduce moisture loss. Remove no more than 1/3 of the length of the grass blade per mowing.

## **Evaluate Lawn Areas!**

Save time and money spent mowing, fertilizing, watering and weeding by replacing some unused lawn areas with attractive water-wise landscape.

## **Manually Check Irrigation!**

Is water spraying the lawn or the street? Call us for a Free leak or landscape survey. Fall is a great time to get your sprinkler system in shape.

- Check sprinkler spray patterns so you are not watering sidewalks or streets.
- Remove obstructions which prevent water from reaching full irrigation potential.
- Look for leaks or breaks in pipes.
- Check for missing, broken or clogged sprinkler heads.

# FREE SERVICES FOR OUR CUSTOMERS!

## Free Landscape Surveys and Consultations

As a courtesy to our customers a landscape specialist will come out to your location and provide advice about your landscape and irrigation system for free.



## Free Water Leak Surveys

Save Money by Saving Water! Undetected water leaks are water-wasters, so find those leaks before water meters are installed! We'll help you find that leak before you have to start paying for the wasted water! The best way is to schedule a leak detection audit of your home. Call for an appointment today.



## \$Rebates

Now's the time for our residential water customers to cash in on a \$75 Rebate for replacing their inefficient toilet with a new Ultra Low Flush or High Efficiency Toilet, or a \$100 Rebate when you purchase a high-efficiency clothes washer. Saving water saves you money. Contact us today.

# WATER-WISE PLANTS IN THE SPOTLIGHT!

PLANT OF THE MONTH

*CHILOPSIS LINEARIS*  
**DESERT WILLOW**  
Bignoniaceae Family



**GROWTH HABIT:** Small-medium tree with fast growth (3' a year for the first few years), ultimately reaching 15-30' tall and 10-20' wide. Deciduous tree with showy trumpet-shaped flowers that range in color from almost white to burgundy pink with distinctive yellow throat and venation. Blooms profusely in late spring, then on and off into the fall. Flowers turn into long, brown, cigar-like pods 4-10 inches long. Small leaves create an open canopy and not a lot of litter.

**HARDINESS:** It is native to northern Mexico and southwest U.S., so it tolerates heat and little water, but it prefers good drainage.

LANDSCAPE USE: Attracts hummingbirds and bees. Useful as an accent tree. Can be multiple trunk with branches almost to the ground or it can be trained into a single trunk with a canopy that provides filtered shade that doesn't inhibit flowering of understory plantings. Thin growth to enhance picturesque shape.

PROBLEMS: Holds a heavy crop of catalpa-like seedpods through winter and can look messy. Too much nitrogen will promote rank, uncharacteristic growth attractive only to insects like aphids.



## SPRING/SUMMER WATERING SCHEDULE

SPRING/SUMMER WATERING SCHEDULE March 2 - November 30	
<b>ODD</b> Numbered Addresses: (Ending in 1, 3, 5, 7, 9) Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday	<b>EVEN</b> Numbered Addresses: (Ending in 0, 2, 4, 6, 8) Wednesday, Friday, Sunday
<b>NO WATERING MONDAYS.</b>	
<b>NO WATERING 6 AM TO 7 PM</b>	

