



Our Water Supply

Helping Redwood City to be a WaterWise Community

FREE Redwood City Gardening CD-ROM!

Get Ready for Fall Planting

Are you planning to re-design or make improvement to your garden? A world of ideas is just a mouse click away!

Redwood City has produced a **WaterWise Gardening CD-ROM just for You.**

The Water Wise CD Features:

- **Garden Tours:** Features many examples of water efficient gardens right here in the Redwood City area.
- **Garden Gallery:** Offers great examples of ornamental garden features, such as decks, patios, trellises, gates, gazebos, fences, walkways, and more ways to enhance your garden.
- **Plant Database:** Look up plants by type, size color or name, and view plant photos, and plant characteristics.
- **Gardening Guide:** A virtual encyclopedia of WaterWise gardening design, maintenance and irrigation to maximize your water use efficiency.

Your free CD is waiting for you!

Call **780-7436** or go online to: redwoodcity.org/conservation to request your copy of Redwood City's new **Water-Wise Gardening CD-ROM.**



www.redwoodcity.org/conservation

Is Your Home WaterWise? It's Easy to Find Out!

Just call Redwood City's Water Conservation staff at **780-7436** to schedule a **FREE "Smart Home" Water Use House Call!**

Our technician will visit your home at a convenient time, for an outdoor and indoor inspection.

The indoor inspection includes:

- Leak detection: check toilets, showers, and faucets for leaks.
- Evaluation of water fixtures: Measures showerhead and faucet flow rates.
- Installing high-efficiency showerheads and faucet aerators, if needed, for free.
- Demonstration of "How to Read Your Water Meter."
- Smart Water-Use recommendations and water saving tips.

The outdoor inspection includes:

- Evaluation of your irrigation system.
- Measurement of the landscaped areas.
- A recommended watering schedule.
- Smart Water-Use recommendations and water saving tips.

And for a limited time, when you participate in our free Water Use House Call, you'll **get a free water moisture meter for your plants**, so you'll always know when they're thirsty!



650-780-7436

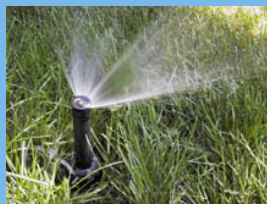
Fall is for Planting,



and Reducing Your Watering Schedule!

The fall months of September, October and November, means shorter days, the approach of our rainy season, and a continuous drop in the average daily temperature from a high of about 80° gradually lowering to an average of about 65°.

As fall progresses, you don't need to water as much as during the summer months. The chart below is a good way to determine how much you should be watering your lawn. With just a little effort, you can save hundreds of gallons of water, or more!



Don't forget to check for clogged or broken sprinkler heads once a month!

FALL SCHEDULE	FOR YOUR TURF OR LAWN
NUMBER OF MINUTES PER STATION	5 minutes
NUMBER OF START TIMES PER DAY	3 start times (Cycling) *
NUMBER OF WATER DAYS PER WEEK	2 days
TOTAL MINUTES PER WEEK FOR EACH STATION	30 minutes

* **Water Saving Strategy: Cycling!** To save water, run a sprinkler station for no more than 5 minutes, wait one hour or so for the water to soak in - then run the sprinklers again for another 5 minutes. Such repeated start times allow for the water to be absorbed into the soil and avoid wasteful run-off. And remember, shrubs only need 15 minutes per week in the Fall season.

For more helpful hints call the conservation hotline at **650-780-7436** to request your **FREE** copy of the new Redwood City WATER WISE GARDENING CD ROM. These guidelines will help you save water every time your sprinkler is on! Visit www.redwoodcity.org/conservation for suggested watering schedules for other types of landscape.

Your service club, neighborhood association, community organization, or other group can learn more about water conservation — Redwood City offers a **Water Conservation Speakers Bureau** that provides an informative and interesting presentation for your gathering. Call 780-7436 to schedule a speaker for your group.