

INLAND EMPIRE UTILITIES AGENCY ENCOURAGES WATER WISE GARDENING

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Chino – In an effort to familiarize local residents with climate appropriate landscaping practices, the Inland Empire Utilities, and its local water providers, encourage the use of Inland Empire Garden Friendly landscaping.

On Saturday, May 14th the Chino Home Depot, located at 14549 Ramona Avenue, is supporting the effort by hosting a parking lot sale with special offers on "Inland Empire Garden Friendly" plants.

"We are grateful that The Home Depot is willing to partner with us to help Inland Empire residents increase their knowledge and use of trees, shrubs and groundcovers that use significantly less water and are just as attractive as the more 'thirsty' alternatives," said IEUA Board President Terry Catlin.

"Replacing water intensive landscaping with Inland Empire Garden Friendly plants is a great way to support local water conservation efforts, since landscaping accounts for nearly 70 percent of local water consumption in the arid Inland Empire area," commented Chino Basin Water Conservation Board President Kati Parker.

"The Home Depot is committed to serving our local communities and adjusting the product mix based on local needs," said Brian Parker, Lawn and Garden Merchant for The Home Depot, adding, "We are responsible corporate citizens and we are proud to partner with the local water districts in the effort to help Inland Empire residents and businesses adopt sustainable landscaping practices that make better use of our limited water supplies."

Information about upcoming workshops, sales events and landscaping tips is available at www.iegardenfriendly.org.