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Inland Empire Utilities Agency Recognizes July as Smart Irrigation Month

Agency Celebrates 75 Years of Partnership and Progress with Local Water Providers by Promoting Water-wise Habits with Giveaway

Inland Empire, CA – In partnership with local water providers, the Inland Empire Utilities Agency (IEUA/Agency) is again hosting its free automatic shut-off hose nozzle giveaway to celebrate Smart Irrigation Month and encourage water-wise habits.

The Irrigation Association® launched the Smart Irrigation Month campaign twenty years ago to raise awareness about the benefits of efficient irrigation technologies and practices. The campaign encourages residents to use water wisely, highlighting the social, economic, and environmental advantages of smart irrigation.

"As we celebrate 75 years of Partnership and Progress, we remain committed to supporting long-term water reliability through sustainable practices like smart irrigation," said Marco Tule, IEUA Board President. "The Inland Empire historically faces hot summers, with July being one of the hottest months of the year resulting in increased residential water use. Advocating for smart irrigation practices can help reduce water use and demands on infrastructure."

IEUA recommends following these important tips:

- Use automatic shut-off hose nozzles to save five to seven gallons of water per minute.
- Water when the sun is down, winds are calm, and temperatures are cool to reduce the chance of water loss due to evaporation or inclement weather.
- Regularly check for and repair all leaks.
- Watering 2-3 times a week.
- Adjust sprinkler systems to prevent runoff onto the sidewalk or street.
- Install high efficiency sprinkler nozzles, drip irrigation, or a weather-based Smart Controller that can provide the appropriate watering schedule and adjust for changes in the weather. Rebates for sprinkler nozzles, irrigation controllers, and more can be found at SoCalWaterSmart.com.

"IEUA is proud to collaborate with our local water providers to promote simple, water-wise solutions that protect public health and strengthen long-term water reliability," continued Tule. "By working together and making these small changes, we help safeguard our water future and support a healthier, more resilient community."

IEUA will be facilitating the automatic shut-off hose nozzle giveaway at the Agency's Chino Headquarters Building A located at 6075 Kimball Avenue, Chino, California from July 1 – July 31 from 8AM – 5PM Monday - Thursday, limit four per household, while supplies last. Giveaway presented in partnership with Cucamonga Valley Water District, Monte Vista Water District, West Valley Water District, and the Cities of Chino, Montclair, and Upland. Contact your local participating water agency for respective giveaway details.

For rebates, resources, and more tips to help conserve and use water efficiently visit www.ieua.org.

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The Inland Empire Utilities Agency (IEUA/Agency) is an innovative, forward-thinking Agency serving over 950,000 residents across 242-square miles in western San Bernardino County. The Agency is committed to supporting the needs of its service area and safeguarding public health through its significant investments in developing a diversified water supply portfolio, developing reliable municipal/industrial wastewater collection and treatment services, and other related utility services in a regionally planned and cost-effective manner. IEUA's mission ensures long-term success for the region and its customer agencies which include Chino, Chino Hills, Cucamonga Valley Water District, Fontana, Fontana Water Company, Montclair, Monte Vista Water District, Ontario, San Antonio Water Company, Upland, and West Valley Water District.