



OMWD Offering Free California-Friendly Landscape Design Workshop

Encinitas, CA—Olivenhain Municipal Water District is offering a free landscape workshop to assist residents in transforming their yards into attractive, water-saving landscapes. The workshop will be held on Saturday, March 8, from 10:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m., at OMWD's offices, located at 1966 Olivenhain Road in Encinitas.

Instructor Steve Sherman of California Landscape Technologies will provide attendees with simple, step-by-step approaches for creating landscapes that use less water than traditional lawns, have curb appeal, and are easy to maintain. Topics to be covered at the free workshop include identifying and amending soil, removing turf, and methods to reduce outdoor water use and increase irrigation efficiencies. Attendees will also gain the knowledge to select plants that will thrive in San Diego's climate.

Since landscape irrigation accounts for over half of a typical household's water consumption, water-wise landscape transformations can reduce monthly water bills.

Attendees will also learn about OMWD's My Water Use alert system that allows its customers to monitor their water use and get bill estimates throughout the month. OMWD customers can also set thresholds to be alerted by e-mail, text, or telephone to abnormal usage. Constant water flow or large spikes in water use can indicate a leak, and alerts can help prevent costly property damage.

For more information and to register, visit www.olivenhain.com/events.

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Olivenhain Municipal Water District is a public agency providing water, wastewater services, recycled water, hydroelectricity, and operation of Elfin Forest Recreational Reserve. Organized in 1959, OMWD currently serves approximately 87,000 customers over 48 square miles in northern San Diego County.

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