



Mallory Valley Utility District Supports Smart Irrigation Month

More water is used in July than any other month in most areas of the United States, and much of that water goes toward keeping lawns and landscaping green. For this reason, Mallory Valley Utility District supports July as Smart Irrigation Month in conjunction with the Irrigation Association and the Environmental Protection Agency's WaterSense program. Smart Irrigation Month is an initiative developed by the Irrigation Association designed to educate the public about the benefits of water-saving practices, products, and services. Nationwide, landscape irrigation is estimated to account for roughly one-third of all residential water use. Smart irrigation practices use less water and can promote healthy lawns and reduced water bills.

To guide your water usage, Mallory Valley Utility District recommends following these important tips: water only as needed; detect and repair all leaks in irrigation systems; use soaker hoses and drip irrigation systems; install moisture sensors on sprinkler systems; and hire a certified professional to install and maintain any irrigation systems.

The Irrigation Association designated July as Smart Irrigation Month because it is a peak water use month in the majority of states across the country. It presents a great opportunity for you to update irrigation systems, learn more about the importance of water conservation, and to consider hiring a WaterSense irrigation partner in your area to properly install or maintain an irrigation system. These certified professionals can be found on EPA's WaterSense Web site at www.epa.gov/watersense/pp/irrprof.htm (Mallory Valley Utility District cannot endorse or recommend any professional.)

EPA launched WaterSense in 2006 to promote water efficiency and enhance the market for water-efficient technologies by helping customers easily identify products and services that meet EPA's criteria for performance and efficiency. WaterSense promotes water-efficient irrigation practices by partnering with irrigation professionals who have been certified through a WaterSense labeled certification program, thereby demonstrating knowledge of plant/water relationships, appropriate landscape design and scheduling for water efficiency, and other issues related to water budget and use.

For additional smart tips on water efficient practices, visit the Irrigation Association's Smart Irrigation Month Web page at www.smartirrigationmonth.org

Smart Irrigation Resources

EPA GreenScapes Program <http://www.epa.gov/epawaste/consERVE/rrr/greenscapes/index.htm>

Promotes environmentally beneficial landscaping practices that preserve natural resources

H2OUSE Water Saver Home <http://www.h2ouse.net/tour/landscaping.cfm>

Provides tips to homeowners on saving water in the landscape

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