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Riverside Public Utilities Popular FREE Tree and Sprinkler Nozzles Programs Are Back!

Riverside, Calif. – Attention Riversiders! Grab your mulch, your shovel, and your March 2014 Riverside Public Utilities (RPU) bill and prepare to plant your FREE shade trees!

RPU customers will find the 2014 FREE Shade Tree Coupon on the back of their March 2014 billing statements. Now in its 13th year, this popular conservation program, allows customers to turn in their March bills at one of three authorized nurseries in Riverside to receive one free shade tree (up to \$25 in value) to plant around their properties that can help cut summer cooling costs.

To date, more than 130,000 shade trees have been planted by residential and commercial customers that beautify the city and offset greenhouse gas emissions. RPU electric customers can also receive a rebate of \$25 per qualifying tree (up to \$125 maximum) on purchases of up to five additional trees each calendar year when they participate in RPU's "Tree Power" shade tree rebate program.

Customers will have until June 30 to redeem this year's tree coupon at one of the following retailers only: Louie's Nursery, 16310 Porter Ave.; Parkview Nursery, 4377 Chicago Ave.; or Parkview Nursery, 3841 Jackson St. The Utility's E-bill (paperless) customers may request a Free Shade Tree coupon be sent to them by logging in at www.RiversidePublicUtilities.com/ebilltree

March also begins the city-wide water conservation program at www.FreeSprinklerNozzles.com Riverside water customers (either those served by RPU or Western Municipal Water District) can log on to the website through June 30, 2014 to receive a voucher good for a free set of Toro Precision Series sprinkler nozzles that can reduce outdoor water use by up to 20% per nozzle.

To date, more than 215,000 of these water-efficient sprinkler nozzles have been supplied to Riverside customers that provide annual water savings of more than 200 million gallons. Vouchers will be redeemable at participating irrigation supply stores only, and customers must redeem their vouchers within 30 days of receipt.

Commercial customers with large landscape areas or multiple accounts may request a "master coupon" for all of their properties to make it easier for them to redeem their nozzles. These lists must be verified by RPU's Customer Relations staff prior to issuing. For complete details on these and other energy and water conservation rebate programs offered by Riverside Public Utilities, visit www.GreenRiverside.com or call (951) 826-5311.