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It Rained, So Give Your Irrigation System the Week Off

Riverside, Calif. – Rain finally came to a parched Riverside on Saturday and Riverside Public Utilities (RPU) is asking customers to give their irrigation systems the week off.

“As our customer-owners know, we’ve got to take proactive steps now to conserve water resources,” said RPU General Manager Girish Balachandran. “Shutting off irrigation systems is the easiest thing we can do that can save thousands or even millions of gallons cumulatively each day when it is done citywide.”

One of the newest mandates coming from the State Water Resources Control Board this spring was the rule that all irrigation must be shut off during, and 48-hours after measurable rainfall.

According to the Riverside County Flood Control and Water Conservation District, Riverside received just over half an inch of rain with Saturday’s storm. That’s a good enough soak, Balachandran said, to give those sprinkler systems the week off.

“We’re all in this together,” Balachandran said, “so we all have to make the efforts to eliminate water waste and increase conservation. Turning off irrigation after a good rainstorm can really help us in achieving those goals.”

For more information on ways to make your home or business more efficient, and for programs offered by RPU that help pay you to conserve, visit **BlueRiverside.com**

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Established in 1895, Riverside Public Utilities is a consumer-owned water and electric utility governed by a board of nine community volunteers that provides high quality, reliable services to over 107,000 metered electric customers and up to 65,000 metered water customers throughout the City of Riverside. The Utility is committed to increased use of renewable energy resources and sustainable living practices that help reduce environmental impacts within the City of Riverside and the state of California.

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