

# Overwatering is so Out

It's time for Orange County residents to take back their sidewalks! Broken, misdirected or "overenthusiastic" sprinklers sometimes spray sidewalks or the street instead of lawns and gardens. Not only does overspray waste water, it also carries litter and pollutants into our waterways. It's also an annoying inconvenience for dads pushing strollers, moms walking dogs, grandparents out for a stroll or kids going to school.

H2OC from the Orange County Stormwater Program has developed a new program called **Overwatering Is Out** to help residents curb runoff, reduce water use and maintain beautiful gardens of climate appropriate plants. Visit

[www.OverwateringIsOut.org](http://www.OverwateringIsOut.org) where you can get tips with easy-to-follow steps to a drier sidewalk and a healthier yard from Gnorman the spokesgnome and sign up to receive a monthly email.



OC residents are also looking for ways to combat the historic drought. That's why H2OC is partnering with the Municipal Water District of Orange County, Irvine Ranch Water District and the UC Cooperative Extension to launch [Orange County Garden Friendly](#), a program to encourage residents to install climate-appropriate and low-water-use plants in outdoor spaces and gardens.

H2OC is holding weekend OC Garden Friendly festivals throughout the county in home improvement store parking lots to encourage customers to buy California Friendly plants. You can see a short video of a recent OC Garden Friendly event by [clicking here](#).



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Low-water-use plants save water and reduce runoff at the same time! [Click here](#) for a short two-minute video gardening tip to test your soil for overwatering from UC Cooperative

Give your yard a fresh new look, save water, and protect our beaches and creeks from harmful pollution caused by overwatering – it's out!

*--Sponsored by the Orange County Stormwater Program*