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Get ready for MULCH MAYHEM!

Free Water-Conserving Mulch Available Saturdays May 14 and 21

SACRAMENTO— Free water-conserving mulch will be available to local residents during Mulch Mayhem events throughout the Sacramento region on Saturdays May 14 and 21.

These free events are designed to help local residents get their landscapes and yards ready for the hot days of summer. Mulch slows evaporation, moderates soil temperature and even controls weeds. As it breaks down, mulch also adds helpful nutrients to the soil.

"Mulch might be one of the most under-appreciated water conservation tools at our disposal," said Amy Talbot, Regional Water Authority Water Efficiency Program Manager. "Mulch is like icing on a cake, because it keeps the soil moist the way icing keeps a cake moist."

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Water managers estimate that residents can save 30 gallons of water for every 1,000 square feet just by adding two to three inches of organic mulch (e.g., leaves and wood chips) around trees and plants.

Sponsored by the Regional Water Authority and local water providers, Mulch Mayhem will take place at the following locations, days and times (until supplies last):

Saturday, May 14

West Sacramento Public Works,

8 a.m. to 12 p.m.

1951 S. River Rd. in West Sacramento

Hosted by the City of West Sacramento

San Juan Water District Corporation

Yard, 9 a.m. to 12 p.m.

9935 Auburn Folsom Rd. in Granite Bay

Hosted by the San Juan Water District

Antelope Gardens, 9 a.m. to 12 p.m.

7800 Antelope North Rd. in Antelope

Hosted by Sacramento Suburban Water District

Saturday, May 21

Sierra College, Overflow Lot,

9 a.m. to 12 p.m.

Corner of Rocklin Rd. and El Don

Dr. (opposite the campus)

Hosted by Placer County Water Agency

Placer County Fair Grounds, Lot B,

9 a.m. to 12 p.m.

800 All American City Blvd. in Roseville

Hosted by the City of Roseville

Carmichael Water District,

9 a.m. to 12 p.m.

7837 Fair Oaks Blvd. in Carmichael

Hosted by Carmichael Water District

Sacramento Marina, 9 a.m. to 12 p.m.

2 Broadway, Sacramento

Hosted by the City of Sacramento

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Street teams from JACK-FM (KQJK-FM), B92.5 (KBEB-FM) and V101 (KHYL-FM) will also be at the locations giving away t-shirts, hats and other prizes.

Free mulch is limited to one yard per customer (enough to fill a pickup truck), must be for personal use only (not for resale or commercial use) and will be offered on a first-come, first-served basis until supplies are gone. Customers are encouraged to bring their own shovels, containers, tarps or other items to cover the mulch and must provide their own way to haul it away.

For more information about Much Mayhem, as well as tips for using less water, visit BeWaterSmart.info.

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About the Regional Water Authority: *RWA is a joint powers authority representing two dozen water providers and affiliates in the greater Sacramento area. Its primary mission is to help its members protect and enhance the reliability, availability, affordability and quality of water resources.*

MULCH MAYHEM

FREE MULCH Available for pick-up
Limit 1 yard per customer
(enough to fill a pick up truck)

MULCH AVAILABLE FOR CUSTOMERS OF HOSTING AGENCIES

- ▶ Bring your own shovels, containers, tarp to cover and a method to haul away the mulch
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Mulch Conserves Water!

**Save 30 gallons for
every 1,000 square feet
each time you water**

Mulch slows evaporation, allowing water to sink into the soil, moderates soil temperature and breaks down into nutrients for plants. Be sure to add three to four inches of organic mulch (e.g., leaves and wood chips) around trees and plants for maximum benefit.

More information at BeWaterSmart.info