

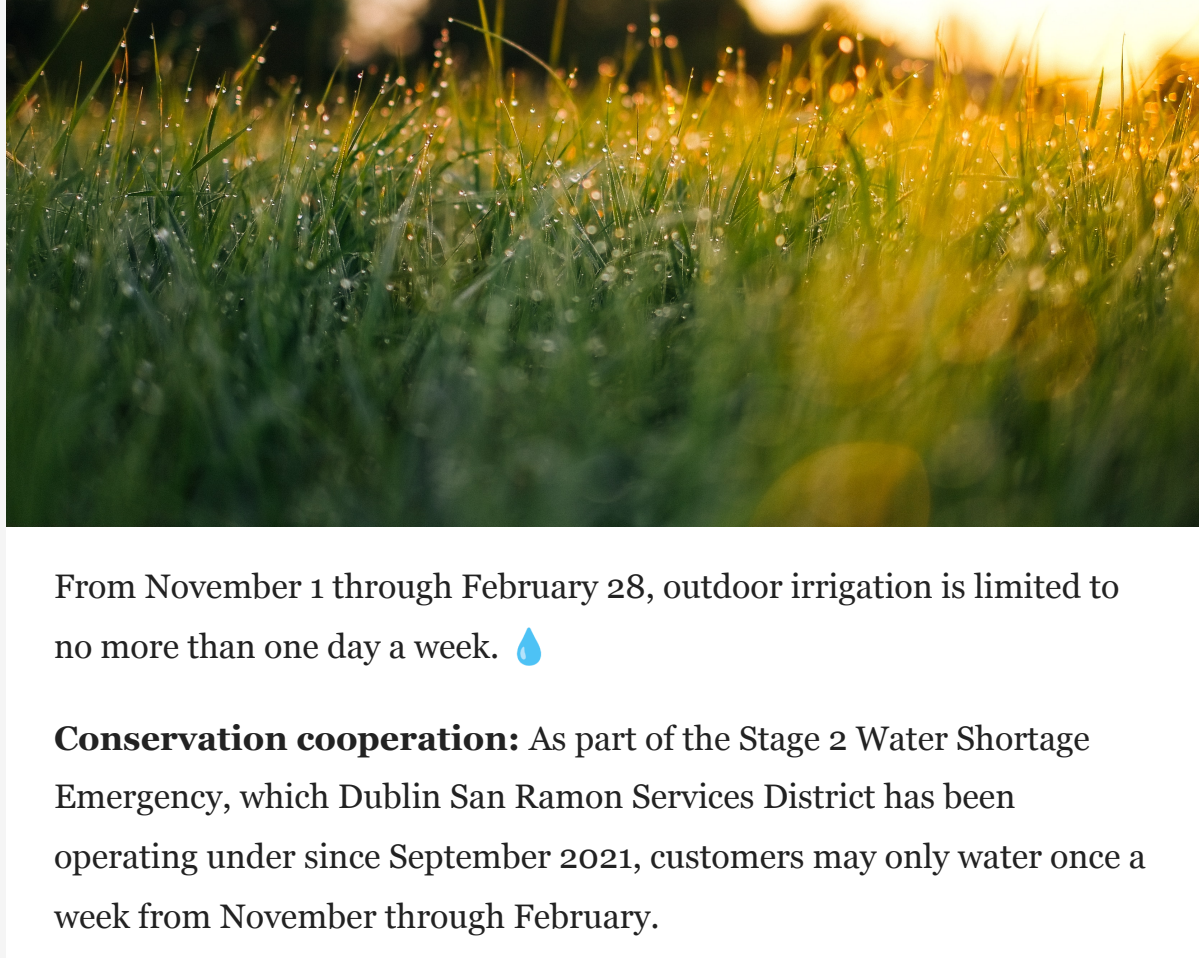


# DSRSD Pipeline

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With cooler days ahead (and hopefully some rain!), now is the time to reduce lawn irrigation to one time a week or less.

## Irrigate once a week starting Nov. 1



From November 1 through February 28, outdoor irrigation is limited to no more than one day a week. 💧

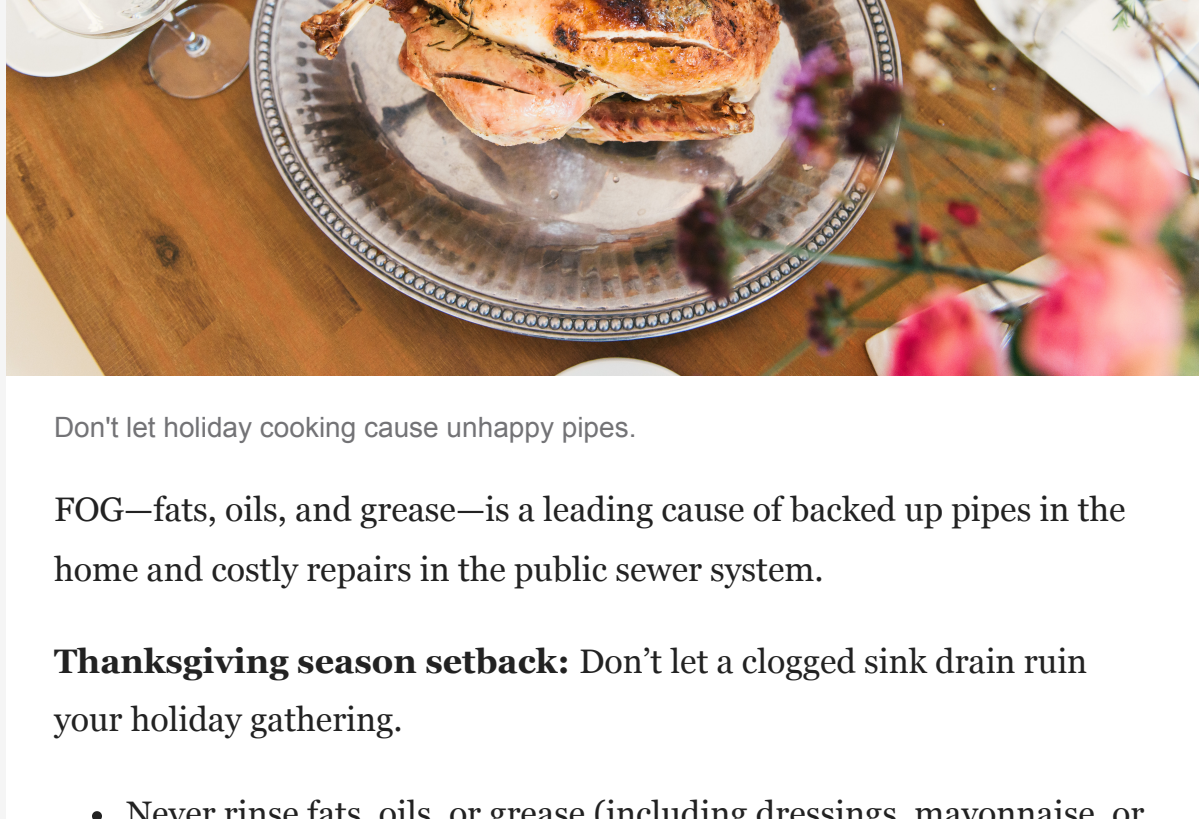
**Conservation cooperation:** As part of the Stage 2 Water Shortage Emergency, which Dublin San Ramon Services District has been operating under since September 2021, customers may only water once a week from November through February.

**Additional drought water use rules** to remember:

- Irrigate between 9 p.m. and 6 a.m. to reduce evaporation
- Turn off irrigation during and within 48 hours after measurable rainfall

**Go deeper:** Read all of [DSRSD's water use regulations](#) and learn about water-efficient resources on our website.

## Thankful for sewer systems



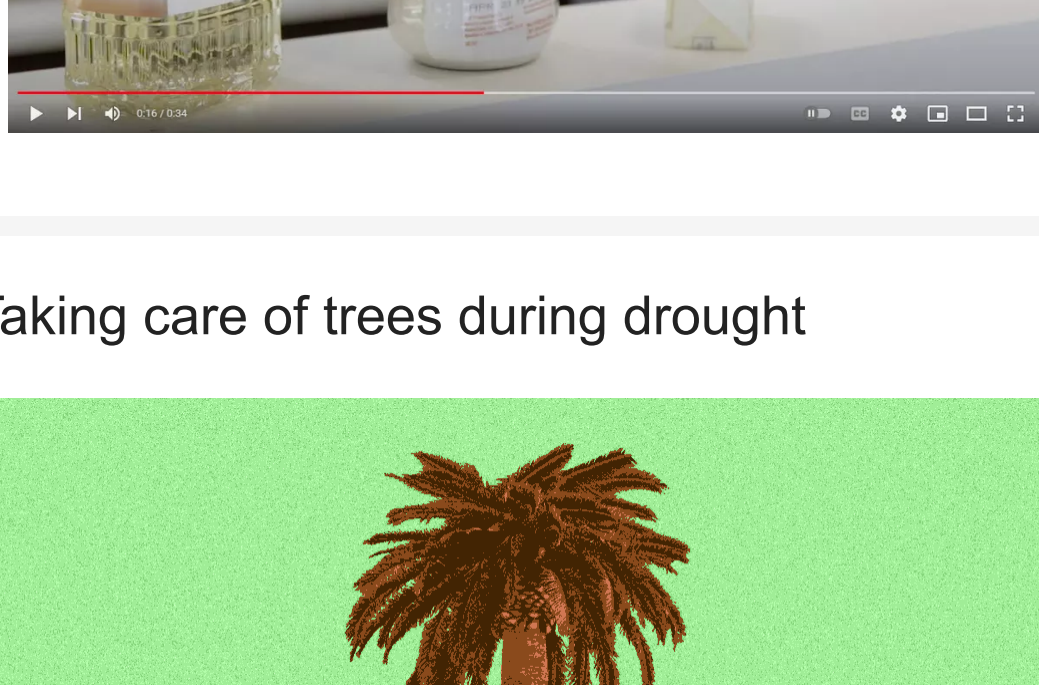
Don't let holiday cooking cause unhappy pipes.

FOG—fats, oils, and grease—is a leading cause of backed up pipes in the home and costly repairs in the public sewer system.

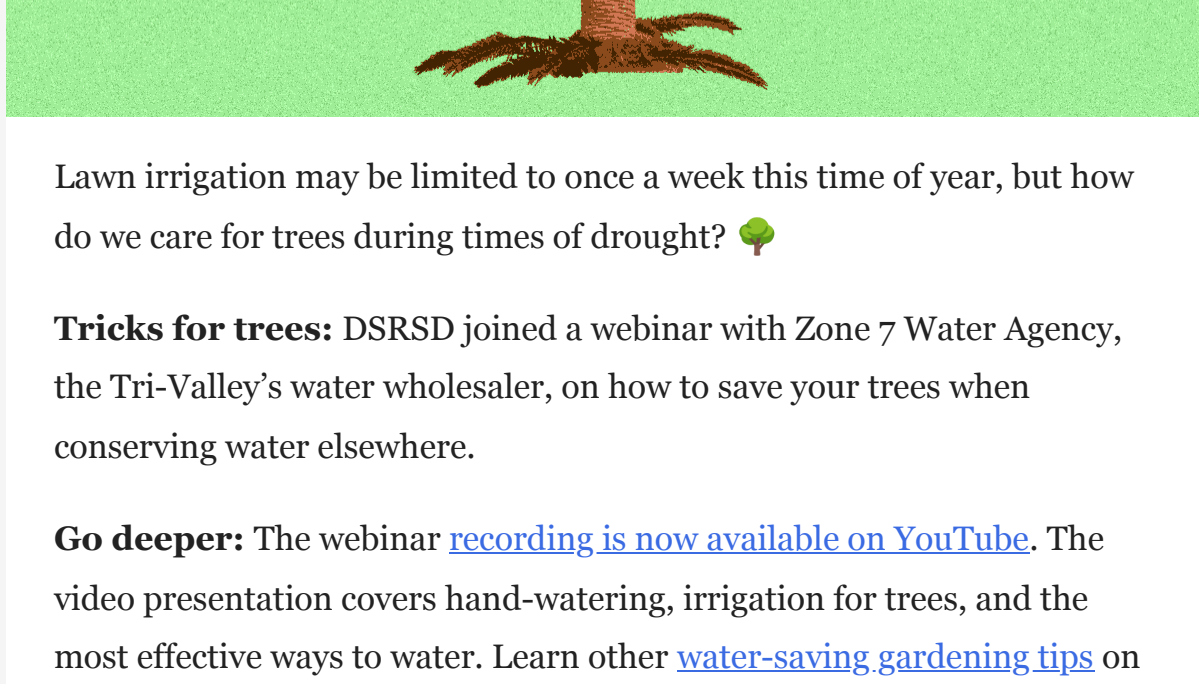
**Thanksgiving season setback:** Don't let a clogged sink drain ruin your holiday gathering.

- Never rinse fats, oils, or grease (including dressings, mayonnaise, or gravy) down the drain. Scrape or wipe oil into the green waste or trash (this saves water on extra rinsing too!).
- Large amounts of cooking oil (such as for deep-frying) can be poured in a container with a tight-fitting lid and brought to a collection facility.
- Find a household hazardous waste drop-off location near you at [search.earth911.com](http://search.earth911.com).

**Avoid a pain in the drain:** Check out our [30-second video on FOG](#).



## Taking care of trees during drought

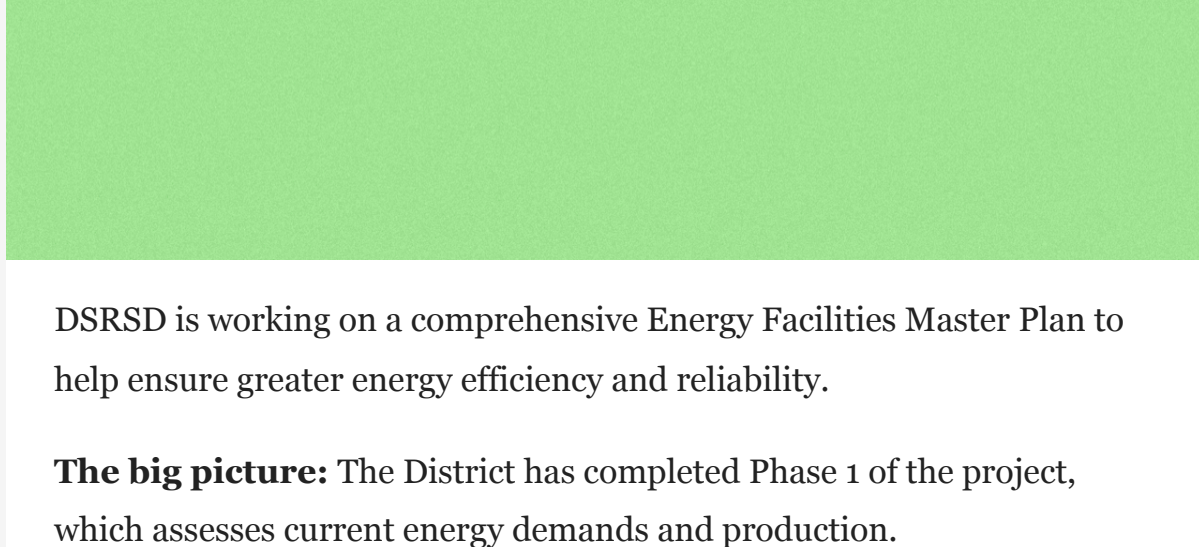


Lawn irrigation may be limited to once a week this time of year, but how do we care for trees during times of drought? 🌳

**Tricks for trees:** DSRSD joined a webinar with Zone 7 Water Agency, the Tri-Valley's water wholesaler, on how to save your trees when conserving water elsewhere.

**Go deeper:** The webinar [recording is now available on YouTube](#). The video presentation covers hand-watering, irrigation for trees, and the most effective ways to water. Learn other [water-saving gardening tips](#) on our website.

## Improving energy efficiency



DSRSD is working on a comprehensive Energy Facilities Master Plan to help ensure greater energy efficiency and reliability.

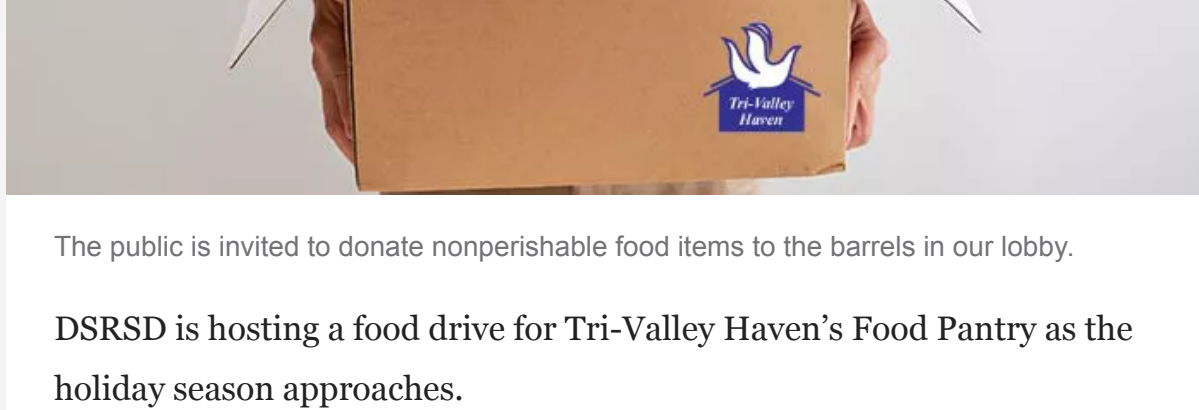
**The big picture:** The District has completed Phase 1 of the project, which assesses current energy demands and production.

**By the numbers:** DSRSD's total electrical energy demands for all facilities are equivalent to that of about 2,500 homes.

**Using biogas** (a renewable fuel created in the wastewater treatment process) combined with natural gas as fuel sources, the Regional Wastewater Treatment Facility's cogeneration engines produce enough electricity to meet about 90% to 95% of the treatment plant's electrical demands, and nearly all the thermal energy requirements for the plant. This provides an estimated cost savings of \$1.4 million a year compared to purchasing the same energy entirely through PG&E.

**Why it matters:** The aim of the Energy Master Plan process is to develop an adaptable, financially sustainable framework of strategies to enhance energy resiliency and reliability, reduce energy demands, increase energy production, stabilize or reduce greenhouse gas emissions, and meet current and long-term environmental mandates.

## Give a 🥫, grab a 🪣 bucket



The public is invited to donate nonperishable food items to the barrels in our lobby.

DSRSD is hosting a food drive for Tri-Valley Haven's Food Pantry as the holiday season approaches.

**Good giving:** Swing by the DSRSD District Office at [7051 Dublin Blvd., Dublin](#), to donate nonperishable food items in our lobby. Estimated pickup date is by Friday, November 18, so come by before then! Our office is open 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday.

**Suggested items include:** canned soup, tuna, mixed vegetables, canned corn, pasta, and Spam.



**Goodies to go:** While you're popping by the lobby, grab a water conservation bucket. The buckets are in partnership with water wholesaler [Zone 7 Water Agency](#).

**Use them** to collect warm-up water in the shower or other places in the home where the water can then be used for plants indoors or outdoors.

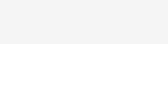
**Supplies are limited**, and the first batch of buckets comes with a sponge for wiping dishes and pans (instead of rinsing grease down the drain!) and a water-saver sticker.

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