

# IRRIGATION

NEWS FOR SRP AGRICULTURAL & OTHER URBAN SHAREHOLDERS | FALL 2023

## Coming Soon: 2024 Bills

In November, keep an eye out for your 2024 irrigation bill in the mail. Water charges are due by Dec. 6. Late fees of 1% of any unpaid charge will start to accrue on Jan. 7. If you use online banking to pay your irrigation bill, please be sure to update the payee address to SRP, P.O. Box 2952, Phoenix, AZ 85062-2952. Looking for an easy way to pay? Log in to SRP My Account™. To learn more or view a complete list of payment options, visit [srp.net/waterpayments](http://srp.net/waterpayments).

## Canal Convergence

Each fall, SRP proudly partners with the City of Scottsdale for a celebration of community, sustainability, art, education and history. Visitors to Canal Convergence, a free event, will enjoy large-scale public art, interactive artworks by local and international artists, hands-on activities, live music and more! Experience this year's event from Friday, Nov. 3, through Sunday, Nov. 12. For more information, please visit [canalconvergence.com](http://canalconvergence.com).



## Customer Feature: John Augustine, Desert Tree Farm

John Augustine has been an SRP irrigation customer for more than 30 years. He's experienced all types of weather conditions in the Valley and has built the Desert Tree Farm, which focuses on growing trees and shrubs that are good for southern climates. Among some of John's top recommendations are the creosote bush, desert milkweed and, one of John's favorites, the eucalyptus microtheca, also known as "blue ghost."

John's farm functions best using his top three systems of irrigation: overhead spray, drip system and individual spray. Using a pump to direct his irrigation water to these systems is the most efficient way to make the best use of water. The type of system used depends on the type of plant; each plant has a method that works best, considering southern drought and sunny weather conditions. John credits planning ahead as the key to his farm's success in the Valley.

## Preparing Your Lawn and Garden

After summer's high temperatures and monsoon events, October will bring cooler weather to the Valley, making it a great time to prepare your lawn and garden. Create a checklist to get ahead of planning. Consider plants that can withstand Arizona's heat and that are low maintenance during Phoenix's fall and

winter seasons along with overseeding with perennial ryegrass during winter. When planning ahead, you can also help SRP conserve and reduce water waste by reducing or canceling any unneeded water deliveries. Doing so prior to the order deadline helps ensure water is saved and stored for future use.

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Reservoirs at  
**90%**

As of Aug. 15, 2023, the SRP reservoir system was **90%** full at **2,054,352** acre-feet in storage. A year ago, the total system was **63%** full. On the Salt River system, we have four reservoirs: Roosevelt, Apache, Canyon and Saguaro lakes. On the Verde River system, we have two reservoirs: Horseshoe and Bartlett.

Stay up to date on reservoir levels daily at [watershedconnection.com](http://watershedconnection.com).

Source: [watershedconnection.com](http://watershedconnection.com)  
Data is accurate as of Aug. 15, 2023.

## Annual Canal Maintenance

Dry-ups are part of our commitment to manage the Valley's water supply responsibly. Our crews work to keep the canals in good shape and to maintain a special cement lining that helps prevent water loss. By taking care of our canals, SRP is working to protect our waterways, prevent the loss of precious water and provide more community recreation spaces. For more information, visit [srp.net/dryup](http://srp.net/dryup).

**Southside dry-up:**  
Nov. 20–Dec. 20

**Northside dry-up:**  
Jan. 8–Feb. 7



## Enjoy the Canal Banks Safely

If you are looking for a place to enjoy the Valley's cooler temperatures, check out SRP's canal banks! With over 80 miles of multiuse trails, they're the perfect place for jogging, walking and bicycling. As a reminder, canals can also present safety hazards, so be sure to follow these safety tips:

- No camping or fires are allowed along the canal banks.
- Swimming and other water activities are not allowed in the canals.
- Use leashes on your pets and a safety strap to secure your child's stroller to your person while recreating near canals.

For more safety tips, visit [srp.net/canalsafety](https://srp.net/canalsafety).



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## Monthly Irrigation Term

**Irrigation Valve:** A valve that rotates open to allow irrigation water to run onto a property.

Visit [srp.net/irrigationvalves](https://srp.net/irrigationvalves) for more information.



Scan QR code to view **Yard Valves** video.

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