

## **For Property Managers: Working with Landscape Contractors**

- Instruct your landscape contractor that you want them to create a landscape water budget for your property.
- Instruct your landscape contractor to read your water meters and report landscape water use to you weekly. There will be a cost in doing so but it probably will not take them more than 15 minutes per week. Remember you are property managers and you cannot manage what you do not measure.
- Have your landscape contractor conduct an irrigation system audit to assure that you do not have leaks, spray heads are properly aligned and make prioritized recommendations.
- California Landscape Contractors Association (CLCA) EPA Water Sense approved Water Management Certification Program (WMCP) which provides training and software for your landscaper for gardener how to be an effective and certified water manager and as well as Certified Landscape Irrigation Auditor (CLIA) certification. More information is available here: <http://www.clca.us/water-pro/about-the-program-for-professionals.html>