

## California Department of Water Resources NEWS

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### **Water Users From A-Z Can Save Money By Using State's Computerized Service**

Large urban water users, from apartment owners to zoos, can save money and conserve water by using the State of California's computerized weather-data service to determine the right amounts and times to water.

The Department of Water Resources is offering copies of the "CIMIS Urban Resource Book," which shows how large landscaped areas like golf courses, cemeteries, nurseries and schools can improve watering efficiency. For example, Forest Lawn Memorial Parks in Los Angeles, reduced water consumption by 15 percent.

The key is connecting to the California Irrigation Management Information System (known as CIMIS), a service provided by DWR and used primarily until now by agriculture to stretch water supplies. CIMIS provides daily weather information, including evapotranspiration (plant water use) rates, from more than 85 computerized stations throughout the state. Free data can be obtained from a central computer in Sacramento but you must be registered with the service.

In addition to help in establishing an irrigation management system for government agencies and businesses, the booklet includes CIMIS assistance numbers and a list of news media and other sources that provide daily CIMIS information for their area.

For a copy of the booklet and information about CIMIS, contact Simon Eching at DWR, (916) 327-1836 or e-mail him at [seching@water.ca.gov](mailto:seching@water.ca.gov).

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