How Water Budgets Can Increase Flexibility for Irrigation Professionals


Water budgets have been a water management tool for golf courses, parks, and large commercial properties for some time now, particularly in the drought-stressed western regions. As the tools and information needed to manage residential irrigation are becoming readily available, some utilities are beginning to adopt residential water budgets as a viable conservation measure. The authors of this paper will discuss:

• What is a water budget • How a water budget works • The necessary tools and information needed to develop a water budget • The benefits to the irrigation industry of using water budgets • How a water budget will help your clients • Ways in which a water budget provides you with more flexibility

As more utilities adopt water budgets it is incumbent upon irrigation professionals to develop a thorough understanding of this excellent water management tool.