## Purissima Hills Pipeline

## Fall is here!

If you have not done it already, now is the perfect time to significantly reduce the times on your irrigation controller. As the days get shorter and the weather cools, plants reduce their activities and settle down for winter just like humans do! During these cool months, plants do not have the intense heat beating down upon them so they work less to grow leaves and flowers. In the fall and winter, plants can concentrate on growing their root system while some plants go dormant all together. A good indicator of when plants are slowing down and when to cut back on irrigation times is when tree leaves begin to change their color.

If you would like assistance, please contact Alexsis Shields, our water conservation specialist at ashields@purissimawater.org or call the office at (650) 948-1217.

## Now is a good time to plant new landscapes

Installing a new landscape during the cooler months allows plants to acclimate to their new home with the least amount of stress. The winter rains aid in getting your plants accustomed to your soil without the use of irrigation systems. Purissima Hills Water District has many free booklets with how-to information on plants, soils, irrigation and mulching to assist you in making your water-wise landscape decisions. Please contact the office if you are interested. Would you like to see a water wise demonstration garden? Contact the water conservation specialist Alexsis Shields at: ashields@purissimawater.org or call (650) 948-1217 for a detailed list of

gardens near you.

