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**SPECIALIZED IRRIGATION SYSTEM INSTALLED AT FOUNTAIN VALLEY CITY HALL**  
*SurfaceFlow™ technology will dramatically reduce water use and runoff.*

*FOUNTAIN VALLEY, Calif.* – A water-saving irrigation system being installed at Fountain Valley City Hall will save the city up to 33 percent in water use and significantly reduce runoff that can contaminate area waterways, officials announced Thursday.

The 2,365-square-foot demonstration project, being installed this week in the back courtyard at City Hall, will save about 35,000 gallons of water per year, representing the equivalent of what the average homeowner could save by installing such a system.

The project uses Jardinier Corporation's SurfaceFlow™ technology, a subsurface irrigation system that is ideally suited for turf irrigation where runoff is an issue. The system takes advantage of the "wicking" action inherent in straw, sponges and other porous materials, and is based on the idea that a single point of watering spreads out across the connected porous material.

"We're very excited to participate in this pilot project," said Fountain Valley Mayor Gus Ayer. "Fountain Valley is a frugal, high-service city, and we stay that way by finding the best values. This system promises reductions in water and energy costs, while eliminating wasteful runoff. Whenever water from sprinklers runs down the street, we might as well float a few boats made out of folded dollar bills to show our contempt for prudence."

Water conservation and runoff are growing concerns in Southern California, where limited sources are being increasingly challenged to meet the demands of a growing population. A U.S. District Court ruling last week restricting exports from the Sacramento-San Joaquin River Delta prompted Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger to declare the state's water system as "broken, unreliable and in crisis."

Water runoff pollutes area waterways with fertilizers, pesticides, animals waste and other hazardous elements that make their way downstream to the ocean.

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Jardinier Corporation is donating the materials for the project, valued at about \$1,200. The Municipal Water District of Orange County is underwriting the estimated \$3,200 installation costs as an investment to explore the water savings and runoff reduction potential of this new technology. Installation of the system is being performed by Harvest Landscape Enterprises, Inc., of Orange.

“The whole key to the SurfaceFlow™ technology is reducing water use with zero runoff,” said Gene Nalbandian, president and CEO of Fountain Valley-based Jardinier Corporation. “It’s the model of how we’re going to have to address landscaping in the future.”

Jardinier is a leading brand of energy-saving water conservation and irrigation products and services. The corporation works directly with landscape professionals and property owners to create sustainable environments that add beauty, while conserving water and virtually eliminating water runoff. Jardinier products are ideal for new installations and can be easily retrofitted into existing systems and designs.

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