

Inland Empire Utilities Agency

Education Programs

WEATHER POLICY

The Inland Empire Utilities Agency's (IEUA/Agency) External Affairs Department conducts regularly scheduled tours for educational purposes. Tours are made available to the public and consist of treatment plant tours as well as park tours. Tours are conducted in an outdoor environment.

Safety is the Agency's top priority. When tours are required to be cancelled due to weather, the External Affairs Department will make every attempt to reschedule and/or accommodate the participants based on indoor availability.

Treatment Plant Tours:

- Most toured facility: Regional Water Recycling Plant No. 5.
- No shade
- structures present.
- More than a 2 ½ minute walk to shade from treatment plant.

Park Tours:

- Facility: Chino Creek Wetlands and Educational Park.
- Some shade depending on location and time of day.

Due to the nature and environmental description of the toured facilities, the Agency places limitations on tour availability based on weather; including, temperature, rain and wind.

Temperature

Temperature restrictions are determined by forecast as well as current temperature (CT) at time of activity. If the forecast and/or CT reaches 80 degrees Fahrenheit or higher, no treatment plant tours will be given. If the forecast and/or CT reaches 88 degrees Fahrenheit or higher, no park tours (including outdoor activities) will be given.

Rain

If rain occurs, no treatment plant tours will be given. If rain occurs that is considered mist or light sprinkles, park tours may still be given; however, this is left to the discretion of the tour facilitators. Typically, a park tour can continue to operate during light mist or sprinkles. When rain is so heavy people lose vision or some other unsafe condition exists due to rain, a weather-related delay must be initiated until rain eases enough to continue.

Wind

Wind can increase the risk of injury to tour participants. A general guideline for wind speed is a sustained wind of approximately ten (10) miles per hour (MPH) or less. However, gusty wind can be a problem in a less sustained wind speed. Wind direction and building location can also affect how wind affects a tour. A building can sometimes block the wind all together or direct the wind toward another direction. The appropriateness to conduct tours under even minimal wind developments is left up to the discretion of the tour facilitator.

