



# on the WaterFront

March/April 2020

## FABULOUS GARDEN TIPS

Spring is just around the corner. Is your garden ready? We have some helpful tips for your garden this season.

Marin Water is part of the Sonoma-Marín Saving Water Partnership—a coalition of 12 water agencies in Sonoma and Marin counties with a regional focus on water efficiency. Together, we can help you gear up for spring with helpful tips to keep you water wise, and in full bloom.

You can browse through eight scalable landscape design templates that will help you create a garden that is drought resistant, green, and gorgeous. And with your garden design in place, you can save water, time and money by hiring a Qualified

Water Efficient Landscaper (QWEL). QWEL pros have been trained in water-efficient and sustainable landscaping practices, which help reduce runoff and overspray. They can also help you select and install water-efficient systems, and create an irrigation program that's water wise. Learn more about the partnership, landscapers, and local rebates at [savingwaterpartnership.org](http://savingwaterpartnership.org).

### Schedule your Garden Walk

Marin Water and Marin Master Gardeners are partnering to

### Eco-Friendly Garden Tour

**Saturday • 10 a.m. – 4 p.m.**  
**May 2, 2020**  
**FREE**

Join us for our annual Eco-Friendly Garden Tour. The self-guided tour promotes sustainable garden practices by showcasing inspiring gardens throughout Sonoma and Marin counties. The tour is free, but registration is required.

Visit [savingwaterpartnership.org](http://savingwaterpartnership.org) to save your spot today.

provide free garden evaluations for homeowners with advice on water-efficient irrigation, and tips on creating a beautiful, water-wise garden. Schedule your free consultation with a Marin Master Gardener by calling 415.473.4204, or visit [marinmg.ucanr.edu](http://marinmg.ucanr.edu).

### OUR MISSION

*Our mission is to manage our natural resources in a sustainable manner and to provide our customers with reliable, high-quality water at a reasonable price.*

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# WATER SUPPLY UPDATE

With winter rainfall lower than expected, conservation remains key to keeping our reservoirs ready for the next dry season.

After a wet season last year, we were hoping for another wet winter. But rainfall so far has been below average. Through early February, we received 27.7 inches of rain at Lake Lagunitas, which is about 85% of the average for this date.

During that period, Marin Water's seven reservoirs reached 94.4% of capacity; on average, our reservoirs are about 84% full this time of year. We rely on rainfall captured in our

reservoirs as the primary source of our water. Though we are always glad to see the reservoirs filled, as we move into the spring and summer months, we are asking customers to use water wisely. Conservation is key to having an ample supply of water during drier years.

Thank you for making conservation a way of life! Find current reservoir and rainfall totals at [MarinWater.org/waterwatch](http://MarinWater.org/waterwatch).

## ROSS RESERVOIR LANDSLIDE REPAIR

Scheduled repair work will result in temporary road closures and traffic delays near Ross Reservoir and Phoenix Lake.

Marin Water will soon begin work to stabilize a landslide near Ross Reservoir. Work is slated to begin in mid-April and continue through November, and will occur Monday through Friday. While work is underway, access to some of our watershed trails will be impacted on weekdays, but will remain open on the weekends.

Temporary closures will occur on the fire road from Natalie Coffin Greene Park to Worn Springs Road. Worn Springs Road from Phoenix Lake to Ross Reservoir will be closed during construction. There will be flaggers

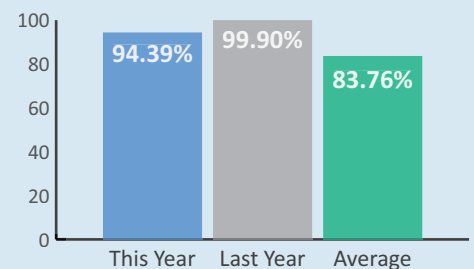
at key points along the fire road from Natalie Coffin Greene to Worn Springs Road assisting trail users during the intervals between the truck trips. The alternative hiking trail from Natalie Coffin Green to Phoenix Lake will remain open and will not be affected.

Ross Reservoir is a one million-gallon concrete tank that supplies water to 20 percent of Marin Water's customers throughout the greater Ross Valley. To learn more, visit [MarinWater.org](http://MarinWater.org) or for questions about trails near Phoenix Lake, contact our watershed office at 415.945.1180.



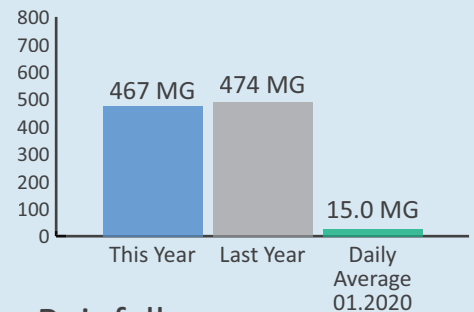
### Storage

% of total storage capacity as of Feb 7



### Usage

Total January water usage (MG = millions of gallons)



### Rainfall

Total inches of rainfall, July 1 to Feb 7

