

# on the WaterFront

September/October 2020

## WATER-WISE IRRIGATION TIPS FOR FALL

This fall is the perfect time to prepare for the cooler, rainy season ahead. Making a few simple adjustments to your irrigation system, and adding some new landscaping options to your game plan can save water and save you money.



Be sure to reduce your irrigation system's run time as the weather cools, and turn it off when the rainy season begins. Most plants are in their slow-growth or dormant phase during the winter and seasonal rains often provide all the water they need.

Smart irrigation controllers are great for helping you manage irrigation scheduling throughout the year. With proper installation, programming, and maintenance, these self-adjusting controllers can reduce overwatering by delivering just the right amount of water your plants need.

Now is also the time to think about rain barrels—a water-smart option that provides reusable irrigation water for your landscaping needs. Rain

barrels capture and store rainwater runoff from your rain gutters, and provide water for landscaping. Capturing and reusing rainwater reduces the flow of storm runoff, minimizing runoff pollutants and benefiting the environment.

Marin Water offers some excellent rebates to help you get started. Install a qualifying WaterSense smart irrigation controller at your home or business and receive a rebate of up to \$100. Purchase and install a rain barrel, and receive a rebate of up to 50 cents per gallon of storage—that's \$25 for a 50-gallon barrel.

For more information about all of our rebates, visit [MarinWater.org/rebates](https://MarinWater.org/rebates).

## PREPARING FOR POWER SHUTOFFS

The fall wildfire season also means preparing for PG&E's Public Safety Power Shutoffs (PSPS). Marin Water uses electricity to power treatment plants and pump stations. To prepare for PSPS events, we have emergency plans ready and portable generators set, to keep your water flowing.

Conserving water during a power shutoff reduces demand on our generators and our system, and

ensures we have an ample water supply for firefighting and other essential needs.

To learn more about our preparations and what you can do to navigate a power shutoff, check out our PSPS Fact Sheet at [MarinWater.org/PSPSFactsheet](https://MarinWater.org/PSPSFactsheet).

Together, we can power through PSPS events.



During a PG&E power shutoff, turn off your irrigation system and restrict your water consumption to indoor usage.



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### 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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Board of Directors meetings are on the first and third Tuesdays of the month, at 7:30 p.m. Learn more at [MarinWater.org](https://MarinWater.org).

## REGISTER FOR ONE OF OUR FREE GRAYWATER WEBINARS

Marin Water and the Urban Farmer Store of Mill Valley are offering three free webinars to learn about using graywater for your irrigation needs. The webinar will be hosted by industry expert Laura Allen, a founding member of Greywater Action.

Marin Water also offers qualified webinar participants a \$100 discount off the purchase of a new laundry-to-landscape graywater kit. Learn more at [MarinWater.org/rebates](http://MarinWater.org/rebates).

**September 24, 2020**

Thursday | 6:30 p.m. – 8 p.m.

**October 22, 2020**

Thursday | 6:30 p.m. – 8 p.m.

**November 10, 2020**

Tuesday | 6:30 p.m. – 8 p.m.

## ANNUAL REPORT 2019

Our annual Report is now available online. Read about how our team is working each day to deliver your high-quality drinking water, and learn more about our plans for sustainably managing our watershed by visiting our website [MarinWater.org/AnnualReport2019](http://MarinWater.org/AnnualReport2019). If you have any questions, or to request a copy of our 2019 Annual Report, contact our Communications Department at 415.945.1438 or email us at [Info@MarinWater.org](mailto:Info@MarinWater.org).



## CLIMATE: CHANGE AND RESILIENCE

A changing climate means new challenges. One Tam—a coalition of agencies working to preserve and protect Mt. Tamalpais that includes Marin Water, the National Park Service, California State Parks, Marin County Parks, and Golden Gate

National Parks Conservancy—is sponsoring a virtual science summit. This year's virtual summit, Climate: Change and Resilience, includes five 3-hour sessions on Thursdays in October, from 9 a.m. to noon. Learn more at [OneTam.org/summit](http://OneTam.org/summit).

## LET'S CONNECT ON SOCIAL MEDIA



Have you visited us on social media lately?

We've been sharing photos and stories about our work, your water and our

Mt. Tam watershed. Our social media

followers and friends have been sharing their watershed photos and stories as well.

Let's connect! Follow us on Facebook, Instagram, Twitter, and YouTube. Check out our social media platforms to see the latest Marin Water news and say hello. We enjoy hearing from you. [#MarinWater](https://twitter.com/MarinWater)



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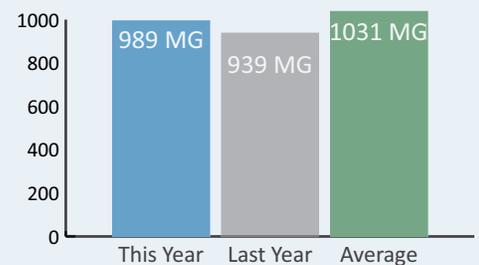
### Storage

% of total storage capacity as of 8/12/20



### Usage

Total July water usage (MG = millions of gallons)



### Rainfall

Total inches of rainfall, 7/1/20 to 8/12/20

