



MARIN WATER

# on the WaterFront

March/April 2021

## EARLY STAGES OF DROUGHT: IT'S TIME TO CONSERVE

We have entered into the early stages of drought, and we are asking all of our customers to conserve water. Only 20 inches of rain fell at Lake Lagunitas during all of 2020; that's less than half of the average. In fact, 2020 was the second-driest year in 90 years.

As of mid-February, our reservoirs were at 57 percent storage capacity, compared with the historical average for this time of 86 percent.

In response to our low water supply, Marin Water's board of directors has adopted a resolution declaring Initial Drought Water Conservation Actions. We are asking all customers to voluntarily reduce their water usage. You can help conserve our limited water supply by making some simple changes.



Turn off your irrigation system. If necessary, water only by hand, no more than three times a week.



Consider replacing your lawn with low water use plants.



Only run your dishwasher or washing machine when you have a full load.

Other ways to save water include: turning off the water when brushing your teeth, taking shorter showers, and fixing any leaky toilets or faucets promptly. We also offer rebates to help with the cost of installing high-efficiency washing machines, replacing your lawn, and switching to smart irrigation controllers that automatically adjust based on weather conditions.

Visit [MarinWater.org/Rebates](https://MarinWater.org/Rebates) for program details and applications. For a full list of Initial Drought Water Conservation Actions and more information about our water supply, please visit [MarinWater.org/Conserve](https://MarinWater.org/Conserve).

Marin Water is making changes to our daily operations to ensure we are delivering water to your tap as efficiently as possible. For example, we have suspended our annual water main flushing program. We are assigning additional work crews to find and repair leaks faster than ever. We also increased the amount of water we purchase from Sonoma Water to help supplement our supply.

For the latest information on our water supply levels, rainfall totals, visit [MarinWater.org/Water-Watch](https://MarinWater.org/Water-Watch).

## JOIN US IN PLANNING FOR OUR FUTURE

### 10-Year Financial Plan Workshop Series

We're planning for our future by developing a 10-Year Financial Plan. It's our job is to deliver safe, high-quality water to your tap 24/7. That means making sure our water system—pipes, storage tanks, pump stations, treatment plants, equipment, our watershed, and our overall operations—are up to the challenge.

In order to provide information about the district's capital investments and

operational needs, and gather feedback from the community, Marin Water will host a series of virtual workshops. Our next workshop is on March 23 from 9:30 a.m. to noon. You can find the Zoom meeting link on our website at [MarinWater.org/Workshops](https://MarinWater.org/Workshops).

Visit [MarinWater.org/Financial-Planning](https://MarinWater.org/Financial-Planning) to learn more, and sign-up to receive information about upcoming workshops.



## VOLUNTEER ON MT. TAM

It's more important than ever to find activities to help you recharge. If enjoying time outdoors while giving back to your community sounds like a day well spent, look no further. Marin Water's

Volunteer Program offers a number of ways to help care for Mt. Tam through self-guided, socially distanced outdoor activities.

From picking up litter, to restoring sensitive habitat, we have something for everyone.

Learn more about our program offerings, and sign-up to volunteer today at [MarinWater.org/Volunteer](https://MarinWater.org/Volunteer).



## FREE GRAYWATER WORKSHOPS

### Save water + save money

Using graywater for irrigation can help reduce your water consumption and save you money on your water bill. Marin Water also offers qualified webinar attendees a rebate of \$100 off the purchase of a new graywater kit.

### Join US

Laura Allen, lead author of "The San Francisco Graywater Design Guidelines for Outdoor Irrigation", will host a webinar on using graywater to irrigate your landscape.

Laura is also the author of "The Water-Wise Home: How to Conserve and Reuse Water in Your Home and Landscape" and "Graywater, Green Landscape."

### Register

[MarinWater.org/Rebates](https://MarinWater.org/Rebates)

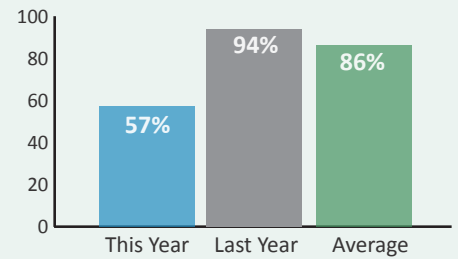
### Dates

May 12  
5-6 P.M.

June 9  
5-6 P.M.

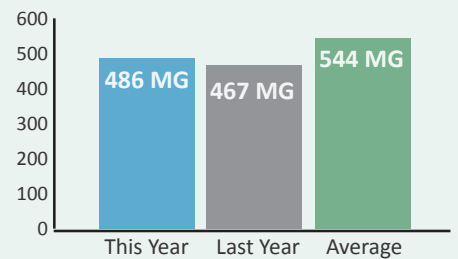
### Reservoir Storage

% of total storage capacity as of 02/15/21



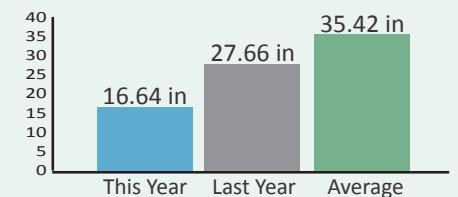
### Water Usage

Total November water usage (MG = millions of gallons)



### Rainfall Information

Total inches of rainfall, 07/01/20 to 02/15/21



## 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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