

onthe WaterFront

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SEVERE DROUGHT: SAVING WATER IS CRUCIAL

Marin is in a historic drought. These are the driest conditions we have faced in more than 140 years. Reservoir storage levels are the lowest we have seen in more than 40 years—saving as much water as you can is essential to preserve our limited supply.

During the summer months, we typically see demand double, largely due to irrigation. The water district has mandatory water use restrictions for all customers that include limits on irrigation and other outdoor uses during the drought.

Watering by hand, only if necessary, saves water. Having a water-smart routine also helps: take shorter showers; turn off the water while brushing your teeth; don't flush the toilet as often; and do laundry and dishes only when you have full loads.

In response to the severe drought, Marin Water's board of directors adopted mandatory water use restrictions for all customers. We are monitoring drought conditions carefully and additional restrictions will be added as needed. For the latest information and a full list of the district's water use restrictions, visit MarinWater.org/WaterRules.

Key Water Use Restrictions Include:

- Spray irrigation is limited to no more than two days per week.
- Drip irrigation is limited to no more than three days per week.
- No outdoor irrigation between 9 a.m. and 7 p.m.
- Covers are required for all pools and spas.
- Do not wash vehicles at home. Use a carwash that uses recycled water or reuses water instead.
- Do not power wash homes or businesses.
- Do not wash driveways or sidewalks.
- Do not waste water. Flooding gutters is prohibited.
- Leaks must be fixed within 48 hours of being discovered.
- Garden hoses must have a shutoff nozzle.
- Do not refill or top off decorative fountains.

NEW REBATES TO HELP YOU SAVE MORE WATER

Saving water is a partnership. Marin Water expanded its water-efficiency programs and incentives to help you save more water.

- Schedule a free water-efficiency phone consultation. Call 415.945.1520.
- Receive \$3 per square-foot of lawn replaced through October 2021.
- Mulch Madness: We'll deliver free materials and cap your sprinklers.
- Get real-time water use data with a Flume flow meter. It's easy to install and straps on to your existing water meter. Order at FlumeWater.com/ Marin and get your Marin Water discounted price.



- . Email Conservation@MarinWater.org to have free water-efficient hose shutoff nozzles, leak detection dye tablets, faucet aerators and showerheads mailed to you.
- Install a smart irrigation controller that automatically adjusts to local weather conditions to save water.
- Purchase a pool or spa cover to redeem a \$100 rebate.
- Install a hot water recirculating device. We offer a \$50 rebate. .
- Reuse water from your laundry for irrigation with a graywater system. We offer a \$100 discount on graywater kits.
- Replace your washer with a new high-efficiency model and apply for a . \$100 rebate.
- . Install a rain barrel or cistern and receive 50 cents per gallon of storage, up to \$1,000.

For details and applications, visit MarinWater.org/Rebates, email us at Conservation@MarinWater.org or call 415.945.1520.



VOLUNTEER IN THE BEE LAB

Reconnect with the One Tam community, and learn about wild bees and other pollinators of Mt. Tamalpais. The Tamalpais Bee Lab will be kicking off this summer with several Saturday volunteer events at Marin Water's Sky Oaks Headquarters. Community science volunteers play a critical role in the pinning, sorting, and labeling of bees collected in Marin.

Dates: Saturdays | July 3, 17, 24 Aug 21, 28 Contact: SLeonGuerrero@OneTam.org



CORTE MADERA OFFICE IS OPEN

We're excited to welcome customers back into our Corte Madera office. If you decide to visit, we require that you wear a mask when in the building. We are limiting our lobby to four customers at a time.

Hours: Monday - Friday | 8 a.m. - 4:15 p.m. **Contact:** CustomerService@MarinWater.org

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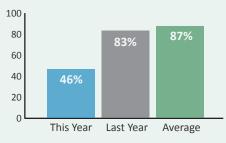




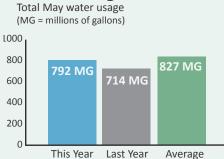


Reservoir Storage

% of total storage capacity as of 06/09/21



Water Usage



Rainfall Information

Total inches of rainfall, 07/01/20 to 06/09/21



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.

Board of Directors General Manager Larry Bragman Ben Horenstein Jack Gibson Cynthia Koehler Larry Russell Monty Schmitt

Board of Directors meetings are on the first and third Tuesdays of the month, at 7:30 p.m. Learn more at MarinWater.org.



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