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Marin Water Board of Directors Adopt Tighter Irrigation Restrictions

With reservoir levels at historic lows and as drought conditions worsen, Marin Water's board of directors unanimously adopted stricter irrigation restrictions Tuesday to preserve its water supply. Under the new ordinance, spray irrigation is limited to one day a week and each community will have a designated watering day. Designated watering days are:

- **Monday:** Ross, Tiburon, Belvedere, San Geronimo, Forest Knolls, Lagunitas
- **Tuesday:** San Rafael, Unincorporated Marin County
- **Wednesday:** San Quentin, Sausalito, Corte Madera, San Anselmo
- **Thursday:** Mill Valley
- **Friday:** Woodacre, Larkspur, Fairfax, Greenbrae, Kentfield
- **Saturday & Sunday:** No irrigation

The new water use rules, which take effect immediately, also limit drip irrigation to two days a week, with those customers allowed to choose their watering days.

"We typically see residential water demand double during the summer months, which is primarily due to lawn irrigation," said Larry Russell, Ph.D., vice president of the district's board of directors. "This drought is unprecedented and we're asking all of our customers to use as little water as they can. These new irrigation restrictions are designed to enable us reach our collective districtwide goal of reducing water use by 40 percent. The district strongly encourages everyone to apply for your water-saving rebates now."

The new water rules add to the list of restrictions adopted earlier by the water district. Current restrictions prohibit washing vehicles at home, power washing homes and businesses, washing driveways and sidewalks, and flooding gutters. Restrictions also prohibit watering between 9 a.m. and 7 p.m. to minimize evaporation, and require shutoff nozzles for hoses to prevent water waste. For a list of restrictions, visit MarinWater.org/WaterRules.

Saving water is a partnership. Marin Water offers programs and incentives to help customers save water, including rebates for lawn replacements and graywater systems. The district also offers customers free water-efficient hose nozzles and fixtures. Visit MarinWater.org/Rebates to learn more or email us at Conservation@MarinWater.org. Learn more about the drought, water conservation tips and water-saving programs at MarinWater.org/Conserve.

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