

# Water Rules

The County of Marin is facing an exceptional drought. 2020 and 2021 were the driest two successive winters in the 100-year hydrologic record. To preserve our precious water supply Marin Water's board of directors approved the following water use restrictions:

## Water Use Limits and Penalties Effective December 1st

- Beginning December 1, residential water use above Tier 1 will be subject to penalties. If your single-family household has more than 4 full-time residents you may qualify for an Occupancy Adjustment. For more information visit [Marinwater.org/waterrules](https://marinwater.org/waterrules).

## Water Use Restrictions

- Outdoor irrigation is prohibited until May 31, 2022. Spot watering by hand is exempt.
- The refilling of a completely drained swimming pool and the initial filling of any swimming pool for which application for a building permit was made after December 1, 2021, will not be allowed.
- Covers are required for all pools and spas. Liquid pool covers are acceptable.
- Do not wash vehicles at home. Use a carwash that recycles 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.
- Golf course irrigation is restricted to greens and tees.
- Do not water grass on public medians.
- Do not use potable water for dust control, compaction, sewer flushing or street cleaning.
- Do not refill or top off decorative fountains.

## Variances and Occupancy Adjustments

The district may grant exemptions or variances due to hardship, emergency conditions affecting health and safety, or to pursue an alternative means of compliance. For more information, call [415.945.1520](tel:415.945.1520). To request a variance, email [Variance@marinwater.org](mailto:Variance@marinwater.org).

### Questions?

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