

SPRING WATER-SAVING GARDENING RESOURCES

Heavy early winter rains improved local drought conditions and boosted the District's severely low reservoir levels at the end of last year. The variable rainfall is yet another reminder of the importance of adapting to a changing climate by making smart water-use choices, especially outside where some of the most impactful ways to reduce water waste can be achieved.

With District reservoirs above 90 percent of total storage capacity as of March, now is the time to establish new drought-tolerant plants to ultimately save water in your yard in the dry periods ahead. To help get you started, the District developed a curated information hub for all things garden-related, and with water efficiency in mind! The resource site includes guidance on: irrigation, ground cover, plant selection, fire-safe and water-efficient landscape design. Plus, you will find information on the District's outdoor landscape-related incentive programs, such as irrigation controller rebates and more.

Access the
WaterSmart Gardening Resource Center

Scan the QR code or visit the URL below.



marinwater.org/WaterSmartGardening

Spring Checklist For A Watersmart Garden or Landscape

Tackle items on this checklist to help maximize water savings in your yard. For guidance on the below actions, visit the WaterSmart Gardening Resource Center at marinwater.org/WaterSmartGardening.

- Participate in free Master Gardener webinars scheduled all spring and through July and led by garden experts to increase your knowledge of WaterSmart plant selection and more.
- Receive our free weekly watering schedule in your email inbox for recommendations on plant irrigation tailored to current weather and soil moisture conditions in Marin County.
- Complete a spring irrigation system checkup by performing a visual and auditory inspection while your system is running so you can see and hear any leaks or overspray.
- Install a WaterSense Irrigation controller that will respond to local weather conditions – we have rebates for those!
- Install a Laundry-to-Landscape graywater system to divert water from your washing machine to your garden. We've partnered with The Urban Farmer Store to offer laundry-to-landscape graywater webinars plus a \$125 discount on your purchase of a graywater kit!
- Prepare now to capture future rains! Install a rain barrel or cistern to collect rainwater from your roof and use it in your yard and receive a rebate of up to \$0.50 per gallon of storage, not to exceed \$1,000.

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Subscribe to the Weekly Watering Schedule

Marin Water distributes a Weekly Watering Schedule to subscribing customers every Friday during the outdoor irrigation season providing a recommended irrigation schedule for different types of plants and irrigation systems. The Weekly Watering Schedule is a guide calculated to replenish the soil moisture lost during the previous week. Keep your plants happy, hydrated, and healthy by signing up to have the scheduled emailed to you. Learn more and subscribe to the mailing list by visiting marinwater.org/WeeklyWateringSchedule.

Learn from the Experts this Spring!

Master Gardener Talks: Marin Water is co-hosting a series of virtual garden talks beginning this spring through July with the Marin Master Gardeners. Among the topics to be covered are the best methods for lawn replacement; creating a garden that attracts birds, bees and butterflies; an introduction to Californian native plants; and fire-safe landscaping.

Graywater Webinars: The District continues its partnership with The Urban Farmer Store to offer free Laundry-to-Landscape graywater webinars. Attend one to learn how to utilize water from your laundry machine for your garden. Webinars are held every 1st Tuesday of the month, beginning in May.

For dates and information on either series, visit the WaterSmart Gardening Resource Center at marinwater.org/WaterSmartGardening.

BUILDING WATER SUPPLY RESILIENCY

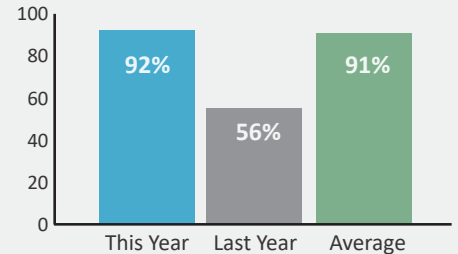
Marin Water continues its efforts to find viable new water supply sources and strengthen existing systems to increase storage capacity in the event of future water shortages. In late February, Marin Water initiated an accelerated five-month strategic water supply assessment to evaluate various water supply projects that could supplement the district's water needs during future shortages. The district is holding a series of virtual community workshops throughout the assessment to encourage public interest, questions, and input. Learn more about this effort, view upcoming meeting dates, and explore previous workshop materials at marinwater.org/WaterSupplyResiliency.

About Our Water Supply

75% of the District's water supply comes from local reservoirs located on Mt. Tamalpais and in west Marin. Here's a look at storage, usage, and rainfall data:

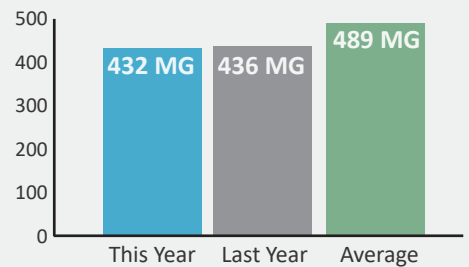
Reservoir Storage

% of total storage capacity as of 3/15/22



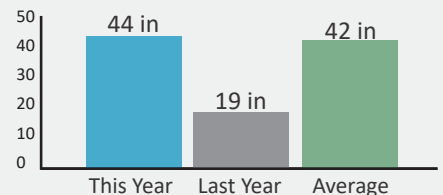
Water Usage

Total February water usage (MG = millions of gallons)



Rainfall Information

Total inches of rainfall, 10/01/21 to 3/17/22



Find more data at marinwater.org/water-watch.

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 7:00 p.m. Learn more at marinwater.org.

Sign up for our E-News



Scan the QR code or visit marinwater.org/e-News

Receive monthly emails with the latest District news about the drought, critical projects, water-saving tips, watershed updates, volunteer events, and job opportunities.

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