

on the WaterFront



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CAN YOU FIX ONE LEAK DURING FIX-A-LEAK WEEK?

“Spring has sprung,” is a saying with a perfectly positive connotation – but not if you’ve sprung a leak. As part of the EPA’s WaterSense Fix-A-Leak Week, which runs from March 20-26, water agencies like ours across the country are drawing attention to minor leaks that cause major problems.

Whether from faucets or showerheads, toilets or irrigation systems, minor leaks account for 1 trillion gallons of wasted water in the United States each year, according to the EPA.

Marin Water aims to curb that troubling trend with a host of water efficient tips and programs. Not only does the District provide free fixtures and leak detection dye tablets, Marin Water also provides free practical plumbing guides, offers rebates on smart home water monitors and even schedules home and office visits through our Customer Assistance Program. Find out more at marinwater.org/NoWaterWasted.

PARTNERING FOR YOUR GARDEN

A partnership between Marin Water and UC Marin Master Gardeners brings the best of the worlds of garden ecology and water conservation to Marin residents’ gardens through the Marin Friendly Garden Walks program.

Just schedule an hour-long garden walk, and get free access to advice on improving irrigation practices, maintaining soil health and detecting leaks. For more information, review the “technical assistance” portion of our webpage at marinwater.org/WaterSmartGardening.

Back to School

Register for a Watershed Approach to Landscaping Course with the College of Marin at marinwater.org/WALClasses.



FAST FACTS FOR FIX-A-LEAK WEEK

→ Minor leaks account for more than 1 trillion gallons of wasted water each year. That’s equal to the annual household water use of 11 million homes.

→ Did you know that 10% of homes have leaks that waste 90 gallons or more per day?

→ Toilets are the largest indoor source of leaks. Check if your toilets are leaking by placing a dye tablet in the toilet tank and waiting to see if the dye makes its way to the bowl. If it does, you likely have a leak. Marin Water has free dye tablets available at our Administration Office at 220 Nellen Ave., Corte Madera.

→ A leaky faucet losing just one drop of water per second can cost you 3,000 gallons of wasted water per year – enough for 180 showers!

**Information from the EPA WaterSense Fact Sheet*

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2023 WATER RATE SETTING PROCESS

Since December, Marin Water has been working through a water rate setting process to develop a rate increase proposal that will help to:

- Keep pace with the rising costs of operating and capital expenses
- Replace and modernize aging infrastructure
- Accelerate mitigation work to reduce wildfire risk and enhance forest health restoration efforts on the Mt. Tam Watershed
- Strengthen water supply resiliency in the face of climate change
- Replenish reserves to prepare for future emergencies

View the rate proposal and access FAQs at marinwater.org/2023RateSetting.

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BOARD SELECTS ROADMAP TOWARD WATER SUPPLY RESILIENCY

In late February, the Marin Water Board of Directors approved a water supply roadmap, marking an important milestone for the District's ongoing work to ensure water supply resiliency now and for generations to come.

The roadmap outlines Marin Water's plans to implement near-term capital projects to increase its water supply availability as well as investment in the latest technologies and expansion of its industry-leading conservation programs to continue to collaborate with customers to maximize efficient water use. These actions will ensure effective water demand management and further increase the resiliency of the District's water supply despite fluctuating weather patterns. Concurrently, the plan also calls for Marin Water to continue its efforts toward longer-term water supply options, including building up funds for future water supply projects.

Read more about Marin Water's adopted roadmap for maximizing water supply at marinwater.org/WaterSupplyResiliency.

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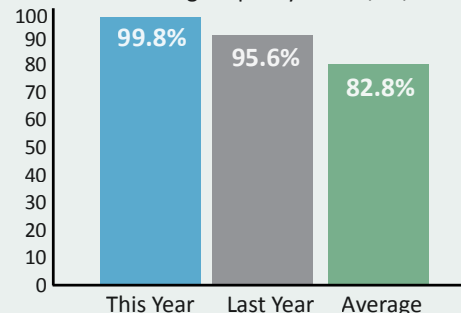


About Our Water Supply

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:

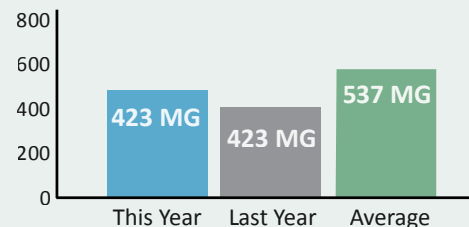
Reservoir Storage

% of total storage capacity as of 2/01/23



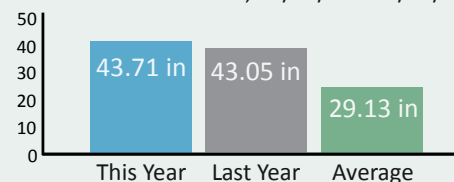
Water Usage

Total January water usage (MG = millions of gallons)



Rainfall Information

Total inches of rainfall, 10/01/22 to 2/01/23



Find more data at marinwater.org/WaterWatch.

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 6:30 p.m. Learn more at marinwater.org.