

on the WaterFront



Summer 2023

TRADE YOUR WATER-GUZZLING LAWN FOR SUSTAINABLE, COST-SAVING LANDSCAPING

Outdoor irrigation can be a major drain on local water resources – and on ratepayers' wallets. That problem is compounded when it comes to the watering needs of lawns, which typically use four times as much water as climate-appropriate shrubs and perennials.

That's why Marin Water customers have combined to convert 480,000 square feet of thirsty grass lawns to sustainable landscapes.

Not only do these lawn conversions save customers money, they also pay off in the form of cash rebates that are exempt from state taxes. Marin Water offers \$1.50 to \$3 per square foot of grass replaced to help ease the financial burden of installing new landscaping.

To qualify for the largest rebate, customers are required to follow best management practices as detailed on Marin Water's website, and all customers looking to take advantage of the program are required to seek pre-approval with Marin Water via an online application. Find out more about this money-saving, sustainability-fostering opportunity at marinwater.org/rebates.



Find cost savings that's right for you at marinwater.org/rebates.

- Graywater Systems
\$125 discount
- Flume Smart Home Water Monitors
67% discount
- High-Efficiency Toilets
\$150 rebate
- High-Efficiency Clothes Washers
\$100 rebate
- Hot Water Recirculating Systems
\$50 rebate
- Pool and Spa Covers
\$100 rebate
- Irrigation Controllers
\$100 rebate, discounts up to 70%
- Rain Barrels and Cisterns
rebate up to \$1,000

HAVE YOU SIGNED UP YET?

Scan the qr code to subscribe today
or visit marinwater.org/rebates.

Delivered directly to your email
inbox, Marin Water's Weekly
Watering Schedule can help you
fine tune your home irrigation
system for your specific
landscape needs.





NEW WATER RATES TAKING EFFECT

Marin Water adopted a new rate and fee structure in mid-May that will help the District recover from the recent drought and ensure crucial investments in water supply alternatives, aging infrastructure as well as wildfire mitigation efforts on the Mount Tamalpais Watershed – the District’s primary source of water supply.

The new rate schedule includes a series of increases that will be implemented during the next four fiscal years, starting July 1, 2023. The changes within the approved rate schedule include three main components:

- An adjustment to the current tiered rate structure to reflect reduced customer demand trends and align cost recovery. The change adjusts volumetric unit rates for all customers and reduces Tier 1 and Tier 2 allotments for duplex and single-family residential customers.
- A modification to Marin Water’s fixed fees, which includes converting the Watershed Management Fee to a uniform volumetric rate and incorporating recent customer demand metrics into the fixed fee calculation methodology. This change will help to promote customer water conservation and allow customers greater control over their monthly bills.
- The rate changes include drought surcharges that would go into effect only during declared water shortages and will ensure Marin Water can recover lost revenue and offset increased costs during future droughts.

Customers may access more information on the rate changes, including a rate calculator to determine what the new total amount of their water bill will be at marinwater.org/2023RateSetting.

Discounts for Customers

Marin Water offers a variety of discounts to eligible ratepayers to help reduce water bills. Learn more at marinwater.org/discounts.

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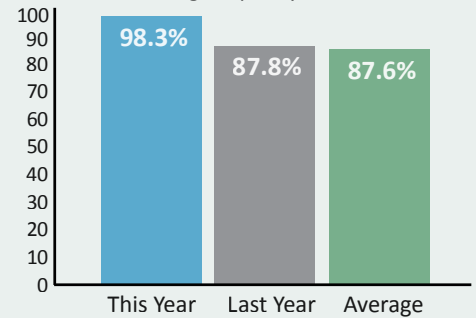


About Our Water Supply

About 75% of the District’s water supply comes from local reservoirs located on Mt. Tamalpais and in west Marin. The following chart displays storage, usage and rainfall data as of June 1, 2023. For real-time data, visit marinwater.org/WaterWatch.

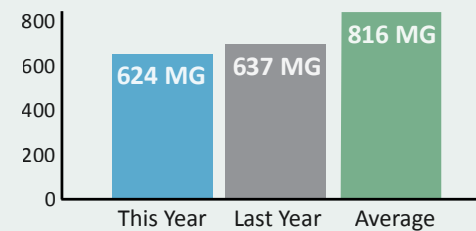
Reservoir Storage

% of total storage capacity as of 6/01/23



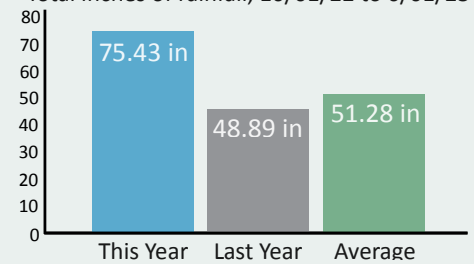
Water Usage

Total May water usage (MG = millions of gallons)



Rainfall Information

Total inches of rainfall, 10/01/22 to 6/01/23



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.