

on the WaterFront



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OUTDOOR GROWING SEASON IS AROUND THE CORNER

We Have Discounts and Resources to Help You Tend to a Water Efficient Garden or Landscape

Did you know that up to 50% of residential water use occurs outdoors? With so much of our local water going to sustain landscaping and other outdoor uses, taking steps to reduce outdoor usage can make a big impact for homeowners.

Marin Water offers discounts, rebates and incentives on a growing list of programs and products that support efficient outdoor water use.



Consider these water efficiency opportunities for your property:

- **Flume Smart Home Water Monitor:** This easy-to-install device attaches to your water meter and uses a WiFi connection to send information about water usage – and potential leaks – directly to customers' smartphones. These devices are available for \$69 after discounts and rebates.
- **Cash for Grass:** Replace your thirsty lawn with sustainable, climate appropriate landscaping - and earn money! We're offering \$1.50 to \$3 per square foot of lawn removed.
- **Irrigation Controllers:** Take the guesswork out of landscape irrigation with discounted irrigation controllers that monitor or predict weather, or even measure soil moisture levels to make sure plants are healthy and no water is wasted. Find big discounts and rebates up to \$100 on select systems.
- **Rain barrels and cisterns:** Rainwater harvesting is the practice of collecting rainwater from rooftops and storing it for later use. We are offering up to 50 cents per gallon of storage. Up to \$1,000 per site.
- **Pool and hot tub covers:** An uncovered pool will lose water due to evaporation. Marin Water offers a rebate of up to \$100 for customers who purchase and install pool or spa covers.

Learn more about these programs and product discounts online at marinwater.org/rebates.

Not sure where to start? Our staff provide free consultations to review your water use history, offer water efficiency advice, recommend watering schedules and suggest rebate programs that may best suit your needs. Schedule your appointment online at marinwater.org/CAP or call us at **415.945.1523**.



Explore more online The WaterSmart Gardening Resource Center is an online, one-stop shop for a plethora of curated resources for community members looking to up their gardening or landscaping game and their outdoor water efficiency. Explore more at marinwater.org/WaterSmartGardening.

MAJOR WATER INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECT COMING THIS SUMMER

When school lets out for the summer at Archie Williams High School, Marin Water crews will start their own summer session, working to replace 4,510 feet of aging water pipeline beneath a portion of Sir Francis Drake Boulevard and adjacent streets while minimizing impacts to school and neighborhood traffic.

This portion of water pipeline is nearing 100 years old, and it has a history of frequent main breaks and costly pavement repairs. The new, 12-inch, welded steel pipe will provide a seismically stable alternative that will also boost flows to fire hydrants, enhancing emergency water capacity in the area.

Construction will begin once school lets out. Marin Water is working with the Town of San Anselmo to help ensure construction plans limit traffic impacts to the Archie Williams High School neighborhood where possible. Learn more about this project at marinwater.org/SirFrancisDrakeButterfieldPipeline.

Stay up to date with this project



LEVERAGING OUTSIDE FUNDS TO FULFILL ENVIRONMENTAL DUTY

As part of our stewardship of the Mount Tamalpais Watershed, and in compliance with state water rules, Marin Water works to protect the ecological health of our watersheds and maintain biodiversity by improving habitat conditions for protected and endangered aquatic species within Lagunitas Creek.



This stunning waterway is bisected by reservoirs that provide the majority of local drinking water – but which also eliminated important aquatic habitats for coho salmon, steelhead trout and California freshwater shrimp. Through its commitment to improving critical habitats, Marin Water developed the Lagunitas Creek Habitat Restoration Program. And, as part of its commitment to reducing impacts on local ratepayers, the District has worked hard to secure outside funding for this critical work.

Late last year, Marin Water accepted a \$4.6 million California Department of Fish and Wildlife grant that will help support these efforts. When combined with previous aid, Marin Water has received more than \$7.2 million in state and federal funding for this project. Learn more about our fisheries work at marinwater.org/fisheries.

CREEK NOTES

Interested in keeping up with the work of Marin Water's fisheries team? Sign up to receive email updates at marinwater.org/creeknotes.

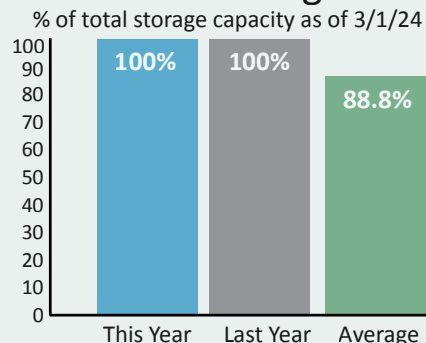
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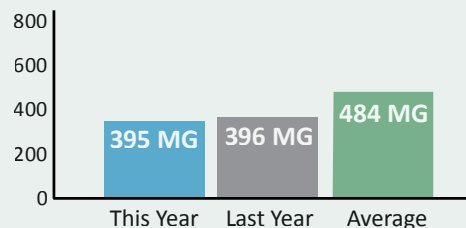
About 75% of the District's water supply comes from local reservoirs located on Mt. Tamalpais and in west Marin. The following chart displays storage, usage and rainfall data as of March 1, 2024.

Reservoir Storage



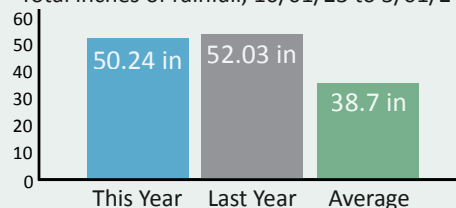
Water Usage

Total February water usage (MG = millions of gallons)



Rainfall Information

Total inches of rainfall, 10/01/23 to 3/01/24



Find more data at marinwater.org/WaterWatch.

OUR MISSION

Marin Water manages the lands, water, and facilities in our trust to provide reliable, high-quality water and adapt and sustain these precious resources for the future.

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