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California Drought Continues

Normal Year Conditions on Lagunitas Creek State Removes Two Days Per Week Irrigation Limit

NMWD water supply for West Marin customers is diverted from shallow wells adjacent to Lagunitas Creek near the U.S. Coast Guard Housing Facility in Point Reyes Station and on the Gallagher Ranch.

This year's rainfall levels again reached normal year status (a normal year is declared when total precipitation from October 1 to April 1 exceeds 28 inches measured at the Marin Municipal's Kent Lake).

However, the statewide drought still continues and the State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB) has continued Emergency Water Conservation Regulations for all California water suppliers

through January 2017. The West Marin Service Area falls into the category of a "smaller water supplier", serving fewer than 3,000 connections. The SWRCB requires smaller water suppliers to prohibit waste of water and to report water use monthly. Last year, the NMWD Board of Directors approved a resolution restricting outdoor irrigation in the West Marin service area to no more than two days per week. This restriction will no longer be in effect beginning June 1, 2016.

We appreciate your help conserving water and preserving West Marin water supply! Please identify and fix leaks immediately, pay attention to water use, especially outside, and limit outdoor irrigation.



Important information regarding the water meter

The water meter, meter box and the shut-off valve and fittings within the meter box are the property and responsibility of NMWD to maintain. The meter shut-off valve can be damaged if improperly operated. We receive 2-3 calls per week from customers who inadvertently damage their water meter shut-off valve. If you need your water turned off, use the house valve, which is usually located near the hose-bib at the front of your home. If you need your water turned off at

the meter, call 415.897.4133 at any time, day or night, and a service rep will be dispatched at no charge. If you or your agent damage the meter box components, it will be repaired at your expense. Save the grief – call NMWD.



**Thank You For Using Water
Efficiently During the Drought**

Water Smart Savings Program

Call (415) 761-8944 for program details or visit www.nmwd.com

North Marin Water District wants to help customers use water efficiently. That's why we've put all of our water saving promotions under one umbrella. The *Water Smart Savings Program* encompasses all you need to get started on saving water and saving money. Call (415) 761-8944 for program details or visit www.nmwd.com.



High-Efficiency Toilet Rebate

Don't flush money away. Now you can get a rebate when you replace your non-water-conserving toilets with a High-Efficiency Toilet (HET). HETs use 20% less water than standard ultra-low flush toilets, so not only will you save water, but you'll save money, too. HETs eligible for rebate must be EPA WaterSense models. Call for rebate values and participation details or visit www.nmwd.com.



High-Efficiency Clothes Washer Rebate Program

High Efficiency clothes washers can save up to 50% of the water used and 65% of the energy used compared to conventional top-loading clothes washers. NMWD currently offers a rebate to customers when they purchase a qualifying high-efficiency clothes washer. Call for rebate value and participation details, or visit www.nmwd.com.



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Water Smart Landscape Efficiency Rebate

Water efficient landscapes can be achieved through a number of strategies including efficient irrigation devices and equipment, and soil maintenance.

You may be eligible for rebates (call for rebate amounts and participation details or visit www.nmwd.com) when you install District-qualified water-efficient landscape equipment including:

- Spray to drip irrigation conversions
- Weather Based Irrigation Controllers
- Multi-stream rotating sprinkler nozzles (for lawn areas only)
- Rain shut-off devices
- Mulch



Cash for Grass

As part of the Water Smart Savings Program, you can get cash back when you remove your regularly mowed and irrigated lawn and re-landscape with California native low-water use plants. Pre-inspection and re-landscaping plan approval required. Call for rebate values and complete program participation details or visit www.nmwd.com.



Rainwater Harvesting and Graywater Rebate



Install a rainwater harvesting system, and District rebates may be available. Rainwater harvesting is the collection and storage of rainwater for reuse in landscape irrigation. Systems can range from simple catchment devices, such as rain barrels, to more complex systems, such as cisterns or storage tanks. Rebates are also available for greywater system installations. Pre-inspection and plan approval required. Call for participation details and rebate values.