



THE WATER LINE

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The California Drought Is Still On

Update on Revised State Water Conservation Regulations for 2016

Novato water customers did a great job conserving during the State imposed mandatory water use restrictions. **Thank You!** In 2015, Novato water production was down 33% community wide compared to the same period in 2013. This year, the State has allowed water utilities to self-certify the adequacy of supply and determine if reduction is needed. Through the self-certification analysis, NMWD determined that no water use reduction is needed for 2016. However, the State regulations still include "common sense" water use prohibitions (see back page). So far, in Summer 2016, Novato customers have continued to respond with water use reductions of 11% compared to June, July and August 2013. **Thanks again for doing your part!** NMWD asks that you remain diligent in conserving water, as the State will reconsider prohibitions in January 2017. As we move forward into 2017 and beyond, we can likely expect further State mandates to reduce water use.

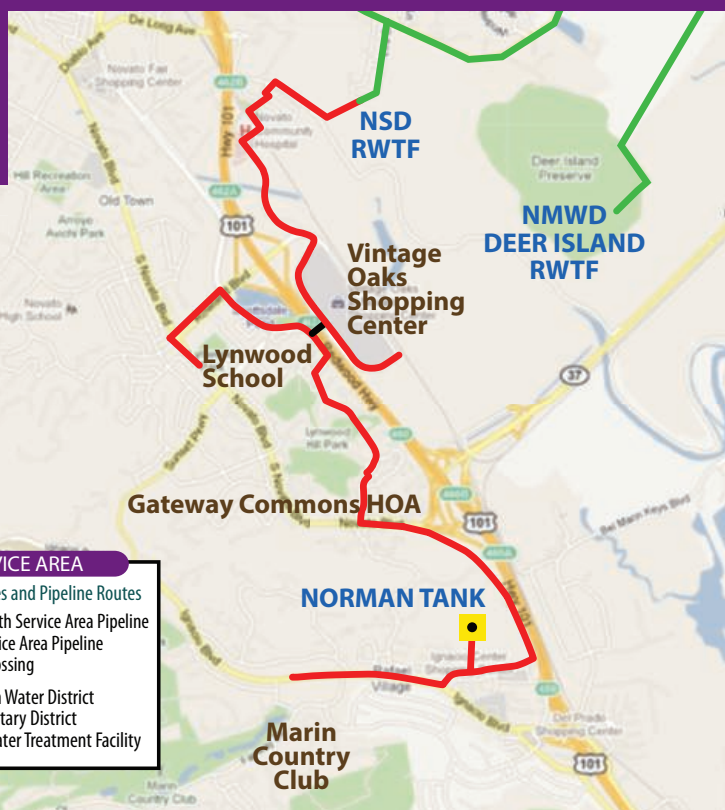
To improve water use efficiency NMWD is now pursuing an Advanced Meter Information (AMI) pilot project which will also improve meter reading frequency, efficiency and customer service. With the AMI system, digital meter data will be sent securely to NMWD headquarters by radio and provide early leak detection plus enable customers to view near real-time water use information gaining a better understanding of water use patterns. Upon successful completion of the pilot project, full implementation is expected within two years. Currently, you can still view your individual water use history (six billing periods per year) at www.nmwd.com. Select the "Your Account" tab and click on "Account Balance & Consumption".

We appreciate your help in preserving our water supply! Please pay attention to water use, especially outside and participate in available NMWD water conservation programs.

Recycled Water is Expanding in the Central Area

NMWD is expanding the recycled water system into the Central Service Area of Novato. This expansion will extend from Novato Sanitary District's treatment plant, serving approximately 40 large landscape customers and 3 car washes along the way. The project has been designed to reach the maximum number of large landscape users and will offset approximately 65 million gallons of potable water per year. Refer to the map for a general diagram of the pipeline route. Construction is expected to begin in November 2016 and should be completed by the end of 2017. The project is partially funded by Federal and State Grant Funds with the remainder funded by low interest loans to be repaid with new development connection fees.

For more information on the Recycled Water Expansion Project, please visit www.nmwd.com.



CENTRAL SERVICE AREA

- Proposed Recycled Water Sites and Pipeline Routes
- Existing North Service Area Pipeline
- Central Service Area Pipeline
- Hwy 101 Crossing

NMWD: North Marin Water District
 NSD: Novato Sanitary District
 RWTF: Recycled Water Treatment Facility

Water Smart Savings Program

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

Water Waste and Essential Prohibitions

- Overhead sprinkler irrigation used within 48 hours of measured rainfall. **Now is a good time to turn off your irrigation system.**
- Failure to repair a controllable leak of water within a reasonable time.
- Using water for non-recycling decorative fountains or single-pass cooling systems.
- Washing privately-owned motor vehicles, trailers and boats except from a bucket and hose equipped with an automatic shut-off nozzle for a quick rinse.

- Washing down exterior paved areas.
- Gutter flooding (unreasonable irrigation overspray or irrigation run-off onto pavement, down a gutter, ditch or other drain).
- Serving of drinking water other than upon request in eating or drinking establishments, including but not limited to restaurants, hotels, cafes, cafeterias, bars, or other public places where food or drink are served and/or purchased.
- Hotels and motels must provide guests the option not to have towels and linens laundered daily.

For questions on the water use prohibitions call 415-761-8944 or email waterconserve@nmwd.com

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Thank you for doing your part. There's never enough to waste.

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Cash for Grass

NMWD offers a cash incentive for removing regularly maintained and automatically irrigated lawn areas and replacing them with District qualified low water use plantings on drip irrigation. The incentive will pay you up to \$50 per 100 square feet of lawn area (maximum \$400 per single family dwelling). Pre-qualification site visit and landscape plan approval required prior to participation.



See www.nmwd.com for program rules and application form, and then call 415-761-8944 to schedule an appointment.