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WATER DISTRICT**

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California Drought Emergency Has Ended

Normal Year Conditions on Lagunitas Creek

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 was well above 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). While there will not be any reduction mandates this year, some common-sense prohibitions against water waste and non-essential use remain in effect. See below for more details.

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

Notice of Paradise Ranch Estates Tank 4A Replacement

NMWD's PRE Tank #4A Replacement Project (near 420 Drakes View Drive) proposes to construct a new 82,000 gallon capacity above grade concrete potable water storage tank next to the existing 50,000 gallon capacity PRE Tank #4B redwood tank. The proposed tank will replace the 25,000 gallon redwood water tank that was destroyed by the Mount Vision Fire in 1995. The District's 2001 West Marin Long Range Plan

identified that upsizing the replacement tank to 82,000 gallons will improve fire protection storage for the Paradise Ranch Estates area.

Please note that NMWD is beginning its' preliminary design and preparation of environmental review. Property owners in the vicinity will be apprised of the project developments.

Summary of Water Use Prohibitions for 2017

Water Waste and Non-Essential Use Prohibitions

- ◆ Overhead sprinkler irrigation used within 48 hours of measured rainfall.
- ◆ 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.

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 when 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 graywater system installations. Pre-inspection and plan approval required. Call for participation details and rebate values or visit www.nmwd.com.

