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The California Drought Is Still On

State Water Resources Control Board enacts Emergency Water Conservation Regulations

To date, Novato water customers have done a good job conserving water. Water production fiscal year to date in 2015 is down 13%. Thanks for doing your part. Now NMWD asks that you remain diligent in conserving water.

In early May the State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB) adopted Emergency Water Conservation Regulations requiring water waste prohibitions to be applied statewide and requiring mandatory restrictions on outdoor irrigation. Beginning June 1st, watering of any lawn, garden, landscaped area, tree, shrub or other plant is prohibited except when using a handheld hose equipped with an automatic shut-off nozzle, a container or drip irrigation system. **Overhead sprinkler irrigation can be used if you maintain an overall 24% reduction in your water use compared to the same billing period in 2013. Additionally, irrigation systems must operate between the hours of 7 p.m. and 9 a.m. and only 3 days per week (M, W, F for odd numbered addresses and T, TH, Sa for even numbered addresses).** If irrigation with a sprinkler system results in waste of water, the irrigation system must be repaired to eliminate such waste or the customer will be prohibited from using the overhead sprinkler system.

You can see your water use history and the water use reduction target for your account at www.nmwd.com. Select the "Your Account" tab and click on "Account Balance & Consumption". Once you determine your water use reduction target, visit www.wateroff.org and access the Water Savings Calculator link under the "Tips" button to explore water saving measures that you can undertake to reach your target. This water use reduction target is for your information and individual customer rationing is not projected at this time.

We appreciate your help in preserving our water supply! Please pay attention to water use especially outside. Any possible reduction in water use is appreciated. There's not a drop to waste!

Summary of Water Use Prohibitions for 2015

Water Waste Prohibitions

- ◆ Gutter flooding (unreasonable irrigation overspray or irrigation run-off onto pavement, down a gutter, ditch or other drain).
- ◆ 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 down exterior paved areas.
- ◆ Refilling a swimming pool drained after July 1, 2014.
- ◆ 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.

Landscape Irrigation Requirements

- ◆ Watering of any lawn, garden or landscape area is permitted only with drip irrigation or by hand with a container or hose with automatic shut off nozzle.
- ◆ Overhead sprinkler irrigation can be used no more than 3 days per week, if the customer maintains an overall 24% reduction in water use when compared to the same billing period in 2013.
- ◆ Overhead sprinkler irrigation permitted only between the hours of 7:00 PM and 9:00 AM of the next day, and only 3 days per week. (Monday, Wednesday and Friday for odd numbered street addresses and Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday for even numbered street addresses).

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

Brown is the
new green

**There's
Never
Enough
to waste.
Turn the
Water Off.**



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California's drought is still here and severe Participate in NMWD's Water Conservation Programs

Cash for Grass

NMWD offers a cash incentive for removing regularly maintained and automatically irrigated lawn areas and replacing them with low water use plantings on drip irrigation or with synthetic turf. 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 required prior to participation.



Lawn be Gone

OR

This program is for "do-it-yourselfers" who want to replace lawn areas by covering and composting in place - a process known as "sheet-mulching". NMWD offers delivery of free compost, cardboard and mulch for eligible sheet-mulching projects. Pre-qualification site visit and landscape plan approval required prior to participation. Delivery will be performed by NMWD's designated contractor.



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

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

Water Smart Home Survey:

This free service includes thorough indoor and outdoor water efficiency checks.

Water Conserving Fixtures:

Free showerheads, faucet aerators and self-closing hose nozzles are available upon request.

Rainwater Catchment Rebate:

Rebate for collection and storage of rainwater.

High Efficiency Clothes Washer Rebate:

NMWD offers a rebate to customers when they purchase a qualifying high efficiency clothes washer.

Cash for Grass Rebate:

Get Cash for removing irrigated and maintained lawn and replacing it with low water use plants or synthetic lawn: Pre-qualification required.

Water Smart Landscape Rebate:

Rebates available for water efficient landscape equipment, like a new drip irrigation system replacing a spray system or a rain shut off device

Smart Controller Rebate:

A Smart Controller uses weather data and site specific information to automatically adjust run times.

High Efficiency Toilet Rebate:

Customers who replace an old water-guzzling toilet with a high efficiency toilet may be eligible for a rebate.

Greywater Rebate:

Rebate for the reuse of water from washing machine, shower or bathroom sink to water landscape plants.

Other Programs:

Other programs include pool cover rebate, hot water recirculation system rebate and "Lawn Be Gone" sheet mulching program.



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There's a Drought On. Turn the Water Off.

Residential Recycled Water Fill Station Coming Soon!



Recycled water will be made available for residential customers for the first time this summer. A residential recycled water filling station will allow residential customers to visit a designated NMWD location and fill up containers (between 5 and 300 gallons) with recycled water during specified hours. Interested customers will need to submit an application and attend a brief training. If you are interested in being updated on the status of this program, please email waterconserve@nmwd.com to get on the email update list.