



NORTH MARIN
WATER DISTRICT

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The California Drought Is Still On

State Emergency Water Conservation Regulations

To date, Novato water customers have done a great job conserving during the State imposed mandatory water use restrictions. Water production to date since June 2015 is down 33% compared to the same period in 2013, while the State target for Novato is 24%. Thanks for doing your part. NMWD asks that you remain diligent in conserving water as the current State restrictions continue through February 2016.

If you have let your landscape go brown, now is a good time to give your trees a big drink as they ready for the winter dormant season. If you have not let your landscape brown, please check your irrigation system for leaks and fix them promptly, and scale back on irrigation run times as plants now need less water with shorter days and cooler temperatures.

The State Emergency Water Conservation Regulations include mandatory restrictions on outdoor irrigation. In Novato 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.

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 and landscape plan approval required prior to participation.



OR

Lawn be Gone

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



Recycled water available for residential customers this summer has been popular. The residential recycled water fill station allowed residential customers to fill up approved containers (between 5 and 300 gallons) with free recycled water during specified hours. Approximately 40-50 customers visited each open day. The fill station will close October 31 and will re-open late Spring or Summer 2016. If you are interested in receiving future updates send an email to waterconserve@nmwd.com.