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THE WATER LINE

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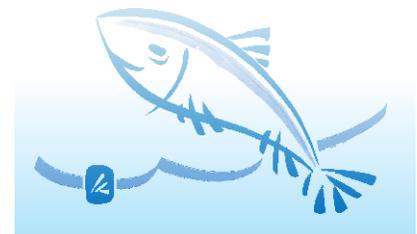
State Order Limits Irrigation to Two Days Per Week

NMWD's 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. Last summer flows in Lagunitas Creek were reduced 25% below normal and a mandatory 25% reduction in water use was in place from July 1st through October 31st.

This year's rainfall levels 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 in early May, the State

Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB) adopted Emergency Water Conservation Regulations for all California water suppliers. 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 choose between a water use cut back of 25% compared to same period in 2013 or to restrict outdoor irrigation to no more than two days per week. On May 19, 2015, the NMWD Board approved a resolution restricting outdoor irrigation in the West Marin service area to no more than two days per week effective June 1, 2015.

We appreciate your help in preserving West Marin water supply! Please pay attention to water use, especially outside and limit outdoor irrigation to no more than two days per week. Any possible reduction in water use is appreciated. There's not a drop to waste!



Gallagher Pipeline Project

North Marin Water District (NMWD) has completed the long planned Gallagher Well Pipeline project to improve water quality for West Marin customers. The NMWD West Marin Water Service Area wells are subject to periodic salinity intrusion from the adjacent Tomales Bay. NMWD developed an additional well, on the Gallagher Ranch, upstream of any tidal influence and potential salinity

intrusion. A \$1.4M State grant (equivalent to an amount of \$2,000 per customer) made it possible to move forward with this important project.

The Gallagher Well Pipeline Project is approximately 1-mile in length and connects the Gallagher Well to the existing Point Reyes water treatment plant.



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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 or District approved synthetic turf. 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.