



**NORTH MARIN
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THE WATER LINE



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West Marin Water Supply

Chris DeGabriele, General Manager

Water supplied by North Marin Water District (NMWD) to our West Marin customers is diverted from shallow wells adjacent to Lagunitas Creek near the U.S. Coast Guard Housing Facility in Point Reyes Station. The State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB) has determined that Lagunitas Creek is fully appropriated in summer months of dry years and has ordered NMWD to find an alternative source of water during July through October of dry years. (A dry year occurs when total precipitation from October 1 to April 1 is less than 28 inches measured at Marin Municipal Water District's Kent Lake). NMWD has complied by purchasing a portion of the more senior Giacomini Ranch water right to use during those periods.

Rainfall at Kent Lake through April 1, 2012 totals just under 36 inches. While this will not be a dry year, it has been a dry spring. NMWD has reconstructed one of the Point Reyes wells and it is planned to be on-line for the summer season. West Marin customers are encouraged to use water efficiently and participate in NMWD Water Use Efficiency Programs (See back page).



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Water Smart Savings Program

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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) 897-4133 ext. 8711 for program details or visit www.nmwd.com.

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.

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:

- Drip irrigation systems
- Weather Based Irrigation Controllers
- Check valves
- Multi-stream rotating sprinkler nozzles (for lawn areas only)
- Rain shut-off devices
- Mulch
- Water pressure-regulating device
- Soil conditioner/amendment



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.



NMWD is on Facebook

NMWD regularly updates its Facebook page with useful information on water use efficiency programs, water supply and other important NMWD information. Find North Marin Water District on Facebook and "Like" us, today.



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.

Other Water Smart Savings Programs

The District offers other rebates in our Water Smart Savings Program including rainwater harvesting, graywater and flapper rebates. In addition, you can receive free water smart sink aerators, showerheads and leak detection tablets at the NMWD headquarters. Visit www.nmwd.com for participation information on these and other Water Smart Savings Programs.



Rainwater Harvesting and Graywater Rebate

Now is the perfect time to 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.



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