



**NORTH MARIN  
WATER DISTRICT**

# THE WATER LINE

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## Normal Year Conditions on Lagunitas Creek

NMWD water supply for West Marin customers is diverted from shallow wells adjacent to Lagunitas Creek near the former U.S. Coast Guard Housing Facility in Point Reyes Station and on Gallagher Ranch. At 55-inches through April 1, this year's rainfall is classified as a normal year (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 this will not be a dry year, some common-sense prohibitions against water waste and non-essential use remain in effect.



We encourage you to use water efficiently, identify and fix leaks immediately, and participate in NMWD's water use efficiency programs. See reverse side for details.

## Salinity Intrusion Impacts on our Water Supply

The two NMWD West Marin service area wells near the former Coast Guard housing property are subject to ongoing salinity intrusion from Tomales Bay. This intrusion of salty water into the aquifer is most pronounced from mid summer to late fall and has been worsening. Bromide in the salty water can result in the increased concentration of disinfection by-products. To help address this issue, NMWD developed an additional well on the Gallagher Ranch, upstream of any tidal influence and potential salinity intrusion. However, the capacity of this well is limited and the District is working to increase this high quality water supply. In addition, NMWD is planning installation of a satellite water polishing system containing activated carbon in the Paradise Ranch Estates (PRE) service zone to address disinfection by-product formation resulting from increased salinity levels. This package water system could be installed at the PRE Tank 1 site before mid-summer.

## Transitioning to By-District (Division) Elections

The District has initiated the process to transition from at-large elections to by-district (zone) elections. Our new District Elections page contains up-to-date information regarding the process and can be found at [www.nmwd.com](http://www.nmwd.com)

## Transición a Elecciones por Distrito (División)

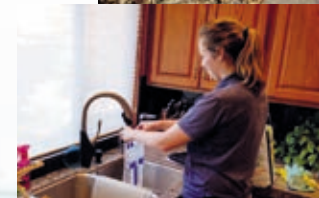
El Distrito ha iniciado el proceso de transición de elecciones generales a elecciones por distrito (zona). Nuestra nueva página de Elecciones de Distrito contiene información actualizada sobre el proceso y se puede encontrar a [www.nmwd.com](http://www.nmwd.com)

## Free Water Smart Home Survey Program

The Water Smart Home Survey Program offers customers a chance to have a NMWD representative complete a FREE water use efficiency survey. Our friendly and knowledgeable survey technicians can show you how to easily become more water use efficient and we will help you understand how to program your irrigation controller. You'll also get free low-flow showerheads and sink aerators as needed to achieve maximum water use efficiency.

### On the Survey we will inspect:

- **Sprinklers & irrigation systems**
- **Landscaping**
- **Water meter**
- **Faucets**
- **Showerheads**
- **Toilets**
- **Clothes washers**
- **Other water-using devices in the home**



Call today to schedule your **Free Water Smart Home Survey: 415-761-8944**

**Pay your bills online at: [www.onlinebiller.com/nmwd](http://www.onlinebiller.com/nmwd)**

# Water Smart Savings Program

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](http://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](http://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](http://www.nmwd.com).



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**See Special Notice  
Regarding NMWD's  
Transition To  
By-District Elections**

## 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](http://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](http://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](http://www.nmwd.com).

