



**MARIN
WATER**

Drought Is Here: Save Water

September 1, 2021



Overview

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- Water Use Restrictions
- Conservation Tips, Rebates and Resources

Marin Water Overview

- California's oldest municipal water district (Chartered in 1912)
- Marin County's largest drinking water provider, serving more than 191,000 people in central and southern Marin
- Protecting and preserving 22,000 acres of watershed land on Mt. Tamalapias and in west Marin



Water Supply

- Two consecutive dry years: 2020 was the second-driest year in 90 years
- Historic drought: The last 18 months of rainfall were the lowest on record in more than 140 years
- Current reservoir storage capacity:
 - 38% total storage capacity
 - We typically see an average of nearly 75% storage capacity this time of year

Current Water Supply

Reservoir Storage

Current total storage capacity

38%

Average total storage capacity:

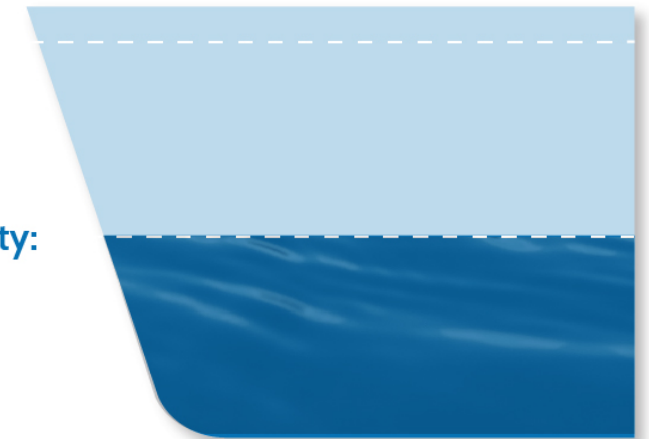
74%

59,269 acre-feet

Current total storage capacity:

38%

29,894 acre-feet



As of August 30th

(An acre-foot represents a depth of one foot of water covering one acre)

Water Use Restrictions

- **February 16:** Marin declares a drought and asks all customers to voluntarily conserve water
- **April 20:** Marin Water declares a water shortage emergency and adopts mandatory water use restrictions
- **May 04:** Marin Water requires additional irrigation restrictions
- **July 06:** Marin Water adopts tighter irrigation restrictions



Water Use Restrictions

- Goal: 40% reduction in overall water use districtwide
 - **Spray irrigation:** Limited to 1 day a week, on designated watering days

NEW WEEKLY WATERING SCHEDULE

Monday

- Ross
- Tiburon
- Belvedere
- San Geronimo
- Forest Knolls
- Lagunitas

Tuesday

- San Rafael
- Unincorporated Marin

Wednesday

- San Quentin
- San Anselmo
- Sausalito
- Corte Madera

Thursday

- Mill Valley

Friday

- Woodacre
- Larkspur
- Fairfax
- Greenbrae
- Kentfield

Weekends

- No irrigation

- **Drip irrigation:** Limited to 2 days a week; no assigned days

Learn More: MarinWater.org/WaterRules

Water Use Restrictions

- Do not wash vehicles at home
- No power washing homes or businesses
- Do not wash driveways or sidewalks
- Do not water between 9 a.m. and 7 p.m.
- Garden hoses must have shutoff nozzles
- Covers are required for pools and spas

It's
drive-it-dirty
time.

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Water Use Restrictions

- Gutter flooding is prohibited
- Fix leaks within 48 hours
- No watering grass on public medians
- No using potable water for dust control, sewer flushing projects or street cleaning
- No refilling or topping off decorative fountains

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It's fix-it-when-you-find-it time.

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Variations and Enforcement

- Approach focuses on education
- Ordinance includes a process for variations or exemptions due to hardship, or for health and safety reasons
- Questions or requests for variations should be sent to Variance@MarinWater.org
- Violations would first result in a written warning
 - Second violations receive a warning and a \$25 fine; subsequent violations receive a fine of \$250

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Conservation Tips, Rebates and Resources

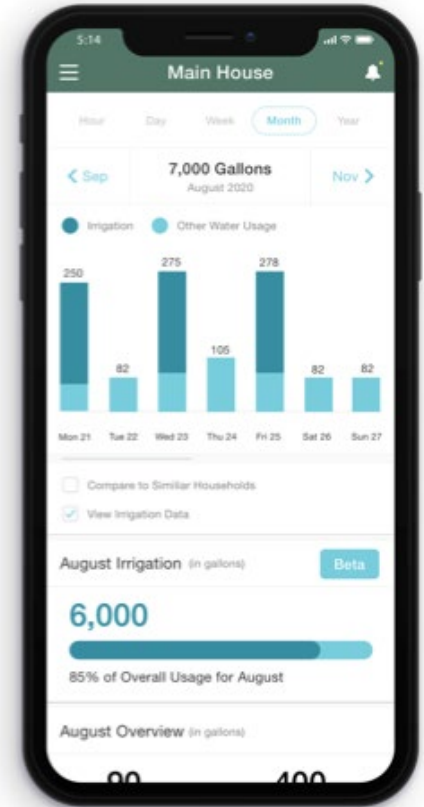
- Largest water savings can be found outdoors:
 - Turn off sprinkler systems and water plants by hand only when necessary
 - Replace your lawn with water-efficient landscaping. We are offering \$3/sq. ft. of lawn replaced through our Cash For Grass rebate.
- Marin Water provides free water saving kits (shutoff nozzles, low-flow showerheads/faucet aerators, leak detection dye tablets)



Conservation Tips, Rebates and Resources

■ Rebates

- Flume Smart Home Water Monitor: Provides real-time data on water directly to you phone or computer
- Hot Water Recirculating System (\$50)
- Pool or Spa Covers (\$100)
- High Efficiency Clothes Washers (\$100)
- High Efficiency Toilets (\$150)
- Smart Irrigation Controllers
- Graywater: Laundry-to-Landscape kits (\$100)
- Rain barrels and cisterns (.50/gallon, \$1k max)



Learn More: MarinWater.org/Rebates

Conservation Tips, Rebates and Resources

- Free phone consultations to help find the conservation programs and rebates that work best for you
- Contact us:
Conservation@MarinWater.org
415.945.1520



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Recycled Water Filling Station

- Recycled water filling station now open across from the Civic Center on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays from 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.
- Recycled water is free to all Marin residents
- Pick up between 10 – 300 gallons per trip
- Applications available on our website



Learn More: MarinWater.org/RecycledWater

Water Conservation Resources

- **Spread the Word:** Free conservation yard signs and brochures. Talk to your family, friends and neighbors about conserving water
- **Stay Connected:** Updated information about drought, conservation and rebates at: MarinWater.org/Conserve and follow us on social media
- **Report Water Waste:** Join our Water Watch Team and report water waste at: MarinWater.org/Forms/Water-Waste-Report, call 415.945.1520, or email us: Conservation@MarinWater.org

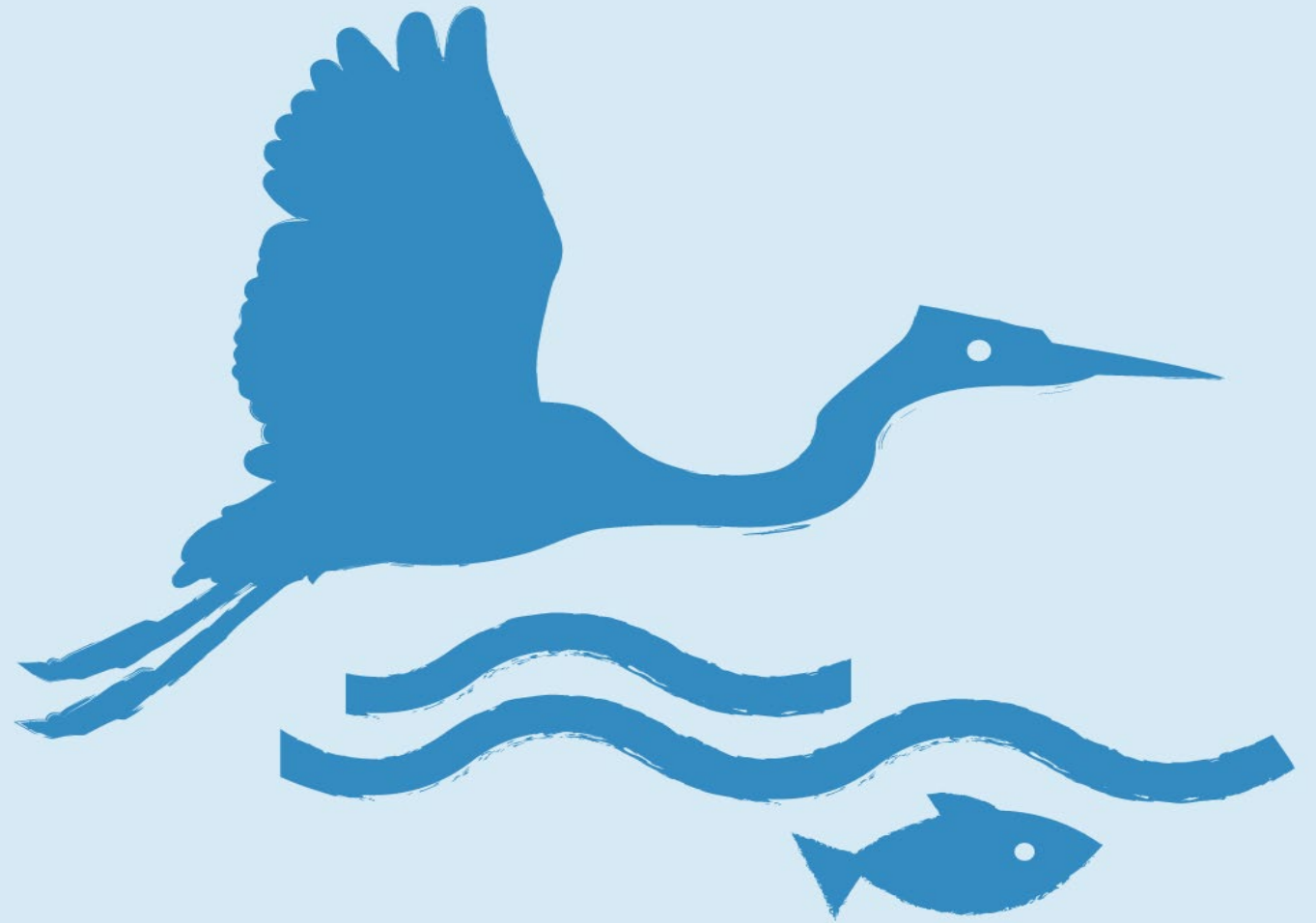


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