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MARTY'S STORY: LAWN REPLACEMENT SAVES WATER, STOKES CREATIVITY

In the spring of 2021, San Anselmo resident Marty B. was at a crossroads. Her backyard lawn and landscaping was aging and, in Marty's words, "Ugly!" She wanted to replace it, and Marin County, like much of California, was in the midst of a prolonged drought.

One option was to simply ditch the lawn. Marty knew about Marin Water's Cash for Grass program, which provides an incentive to customers who remove all or portions of their grass lawns. In place since May 2021, the program provides up to \$3 per square foot of lawn removed, with pre-approval required. Since its inception, the program has successfully helped remove more than nearly 500,000 square feet of thirsty grass.



So, after consulting with Marin Water staff members about the District's Cash for Grass incentive, Marty said she stopped watering her lawn.

"That first phone call was so encouraging," Marty said. "(The Marin Water staff member) really made me feel like I could do it. I'd been wanting to turn that ugly lawn into a garden for years, but didn't know how to start. (Marin Water) gave me the step-by-step process, and it was easy from there."

The first step was covering that "ugly" grass with cardboard. Next came mulch. Eventually, Marty added low water use plants, a list that continues to grow as the seasons pass. In all, Marty has spent less than \$1,000 on the conversion.

"I hadn't anticipated how much pleasure I would take from going through the process," she said, adding that she expects to see real water use reductions this growing season. "It's a great creative outlet, and at the end you have something beautiful. It feels like a California garden now and I love that."



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Get cash for your grass

Want help replacing your lawn to grow a vibrant oasis of drought-tolerant plants like Marty? Learn more about the District's Cash for Grass program at marinwater.org/Cash4Grass.

NEW PARTNERSHIP BOOSTS RAIN BARREL REBATES FOR CUSTOMERS

Thanks to funding provided by the Marin County Stormwater Pollution Prevention Program, Marin Water is now offering enhanced incentives for residential and commercial customers who install rain catchment systems at their properties. Harvesting and storing rainwater runoff not only prevents potential pollutants from entering stormwater systems, but it also provides a ready source of supplemental irrigation.

With rebates increasing to \$0.75 per gallon of storage added to a customer property – up to \$2,000 available for each customer – now is the perfect time to take advantage of catchment system rebates while the funding lasts. Learn



more about this opportunity by visiting marinwater.org/CatchTheRain.

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DISTRICT MAKING MAJOR INVESTMENTS IN WATER INFRASTRUCTURE

Marin Water this summer will kick off – or continue – several key construction projects that strengthen the overall resiliency of its water system. Here are just a few of the projects in process or soon to be underway:

- **Redwood Drive Pipeline Replacement:** 4,400 feet of 6-inch welded steel piping in various streets in the unincorporated community of Woodacre, in coordination with Marin County’s street repaving project.
- **Granada Pipeline Replacement:** Installation of approximately 10,230 feet of 12-inch, 10-inch, 8-inch, 6-inch and 4-inch welded steel piping in various streets in the Town of Corte Madera.
- **Tiburon Pipeline Replacement:** Replacement of approximately 3,000 feet of aging 6-inch, cast-iron pipe on Paradise Drive, in the Town of Tiburon.
- **Sir Francis Drake Pipeline Replacement:** Crews will work to replace 4,510 feet of aging water pipeline beneath a portion of Sir Francis Drake Boulevard and adjacent streets.
- **Pine Mountain Tanks:** After a pause during the rainy season, construction is set to resume to bring two, 2-million-gallon pre-stressed concrete tanks to the Mt. Tam Watershed.

Learn more about these and other Capital Improvement Program projects by visiting marinwater.org/CIP.



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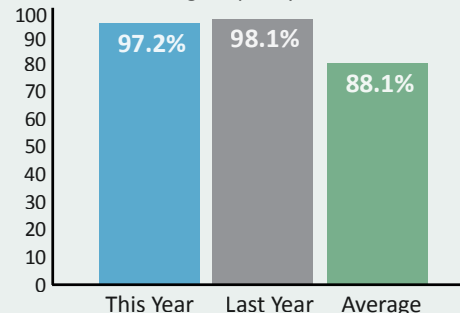


About Our Water Supply

About 75% of the District’s water supply comes from local reservoirs located on Mt. Tamalpais and in west Marin. The following chart displays storage, usage and rainfall data as of June 1, 2024.

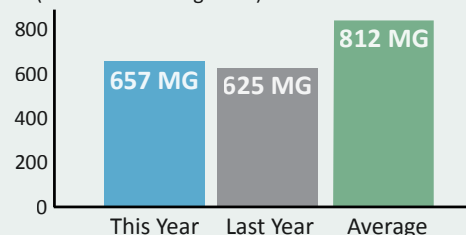
Reservoir Storage

% of total storage capacity as of 6/1/24



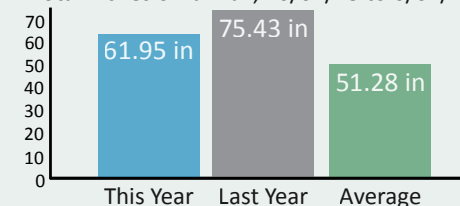
Water Usage

Total May water usage (MG = millions of gallons)



Rainfall Information

Total inches of rainfall, 10/01/23 to 6/01/24



Find more data at marinwater.org/WaterWatch.

OUR MISSION

Marin Water manages the lands, water, and facilities in our trust to provide reliable, high-quality water and adapt and sustain these precious resources for the future.

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