

# on the WaterFront



Fall 2026

## NOW IS THE PERFECT TIME TO LET YOUR GRASS GO AND REIMAGINE YOUR LANDSCAPE

An optimal time to implement your lawn replacement project is once cooler temperatures and light rain return—typically in the fall. Through our Cash for Grass rebate program, Marin Water can help you transform your lawn into a water-saving sustainable landscape. Get started:

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1. Review the Cash for Grass program requirements.
2. Envision your future space – think about function, style, plants and materials.
3. Submit your application to schedule a free pre-inspection site visit with us.

Join the hundreds of Marin Water customers who have made the switch. Since the Cash for Grass program began in the fall of 2020, nearly 800 customers have transformed all or parts of their lawns into water-wise landscapes—totaling more than 710,000 square feet of thirsty grass removed.

We're here to help. Get planning resources and program guidance at [marinwater.org/Cash4Grass](https://marinwater.org/Cash4Grass).



### Decorative lawn irrigation Compliance deadlines begin next year

If your commercial property or homeowners association (HOA) includes decorative lawn, now is the time to start planning. Under state law, the use of potable water to irrigate decorative lawn (also known as non-functional turf) will be phased out for commercial, institutional and industrial properties, as well as common areas managed by HOAs. Learn more about these rules, and resources that can help you transition, at [marinwater.org/NonFunctionalTurf](https://marinwater.org/NonFunctionalTurf).

## HELP STEWARD THE MT. TAM WATERSHED THROUGH DISTRICT'S VOLUNTEER PROGRAM

Marin Water welcomes the community to connect with their primary water source—the Mount Tamalpais Watershed. Through robust Volunteer Program offerings, we help build those connections while stewarding Mt. Tam's natural resources, from its 1,000-plus plant types to its 400 kinds of animals.

Join us to help preserve these watershed lands, maintain water quality, protect biodiversity, improve wildfire resiliency, and care for our shared natural resources. Whether you're interested in documenting native animals, attending a guided nature hike, or ready to tackle hands-on trail restoration work, there's a variety of opportunities to care for and connect with your water source through our Volunteer Program.

### Ready to get involved?

Sign up to receive our monthly volunteer opportunities update, view the event calendar and register to participate in our volunteer activities at [marinwater.org/Volunteer](https://marinwater.org/Volunteer).

## MARIN WATER HIGH SCHOOL VIDEO CONTEST

For the second year, Marin Water is inviting high school students to submit their own produced videos for a chance to win an individual cash prize and an additional cash prize to support their classroom.



This year's contest theme is **"Rooted in Place: Native Plants, Native Wisdom."** Students are asked to create 60-second videos that inspire their community by illustrating how California native plants are uniquely adapted to thrive in our local climate, helping to conserve water, strengthen biodiversity and build healthy, resilient landscapes.

**Contest entries are due by 5 p.m. March 25, 2027.** For more information about this year's contest, to view last year's winning entries and to access resources that can assist students in creating their submissions, scan the QR code or visit [marinwater.org/HighSchoolPrograms](https://marinwater.org/HighSchoolPrograms).



### When summer winds down, so should irrigation

In Marin, irrigation can typically be reduced by 50% in October. Apart from supplemental watering during dry spells, outdoor irrigation can be turned off completely after daylight savings. Get more irrigation tips at [marinwater.org/WaterSmartGardening](https://marinwater.org/WaterSmartGardening).

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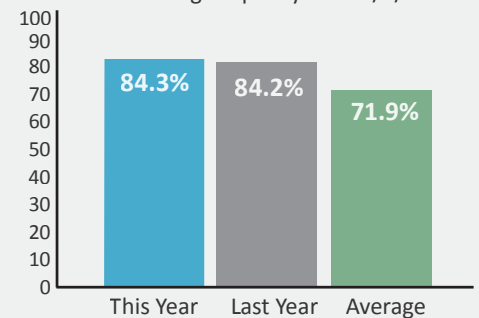
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### About Our Water Supply

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 Sept. 1, 2026. For real-time data, visit [marinwater.org/WaterWatch](https://marinwater.org/WaterWatch).

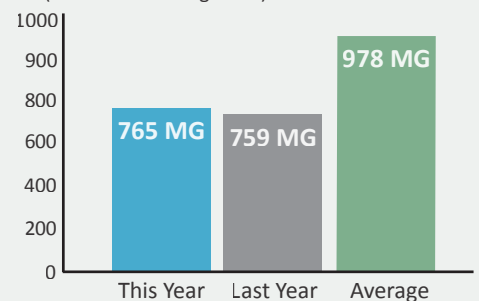
### Reservoir Storage

% of total storage capacity as of 9/1/26



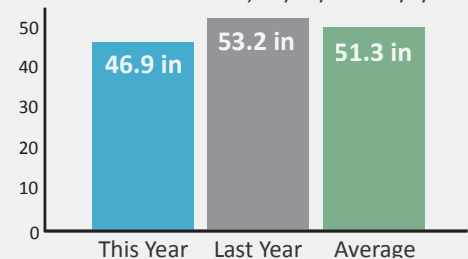
### Water Usage

Total August water usage (MG = millions of gallons)



### Rainfall Information

Total inches of rainfall, 10/01/25 to 9/1/26



### 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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