

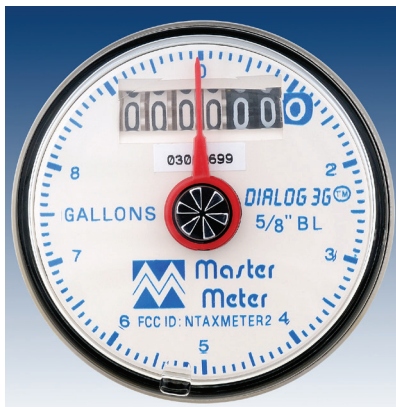
Water-Wise UPDATE

Checking for Water Leaks Could Mean Big Savings ... in Water and Money

Learn How to Read Your Meter

Just one leaking toilet can waste several hundred gallons of water per month. Even the smallest faucet drip or plumbing leak can significantly increase your monthly water bill!

A helpful brochure entitled "How



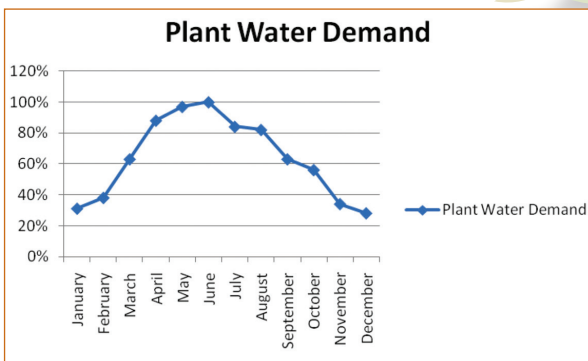
to Read Your Water Meter" is designed to assist you further in finding leaks and determining water usage. Pick up your copy at the District offices or download the document from the District website at www.mcwd.org.

The Irrigation Season Has Ended

Please Reduce Your Watering

Experienced gardeners know that as the days shorten, their landscapes water demand is greatly reduced. In our coastal region,

you should reduce your peak June watering duration by 37 percent for



September, 44 percent for October, and 66 percent for November. Seasonal rains from December through March often

provide all of the water our landscape plants require in those months.

If you use an automatic sprinkler system, water only as needed by using the semi-automatic or manual start feature on your irrigation controller. To eliminate unnecessary watering automatically, install a soil-moisture switch to your existing controller.

Call our staff at 883-5905 to learn more about incentives and assistance available to help you upgrade your existing irrigation system and reduce landscape water use.

Look for the EPA WaterSense Labels

More than half of our interior household water use flows through our bathroom fixtures. When replacing these fixtures with WaterSense labeled high efficiency toilets, showerheads, and faucets, you capture the maximum potential water and energy savings. It is not uncommon to find water and energy savings of \$50 to \$100 or more annually! You can pick up new low-flow showerheads and low-flow faucet aerators at our District offices free of charge. Complete WaterSense faucet assemblies are available at your local home retailer or go online and learn more about the available WaterSense products at www.epa.gov/WaterSense.

Water Saving Measures for Commercial and Multi-family Residential Sites

Business Owners and Property Managers of apartment complexes and large, multi-family housing sites know water waste can hurt their bottom line. What many may not know is how easy it is to improve water use efficiency and reduce the monthly water bill. Our Water Conservation Specialist is available for free site surveys to help determine where the water is going and how water use can be lowered. Call 883-5905 today to schedule an appointment.

Water Is Precious, Please Don't Waste It!

- ✓ Take short showers
- ✓ Wash full loads of laundry
- ✓ Fix leaking faucets and toilets
- ✓ Retrofit to low-flow fixtures
- ✓ Replace lawns and sprinklers
- ✓ Install low water use plants

Simple Switches and Sensors Save Money \$\$\$

Rain shut-off switches and soil moisture sensors will automatically turn off your irrigation system during periods of rain or when the soil moisture is adequate for plant growth. Once the weather clears,



your programmed watering events continue. These low cost devices save tremendous amounts of water and have a fast return on investment. Installation is relatively easy and most often can be done without professional help.

Rebates up to \$50 are provided by the District for the installation of these

devices on your existing irrigation controller. Please contact our Water Conservation Specialist at 883-5905 to learn more about landscape incentives available to you.

Photos courtesy of Rain Bird, www.rainbird.com

MCWD Rebate Center Residential Hot Water Recirculation System Retrofit Rebate

Rebates Up to \$250

Speed up hot water delivery to your faucets and reduce water waste by modifying your existing hot water lines into a recirculating hot water system. To determine your eligibility for this rebate, we must first meet with you to review the work to be done and to complete a Water Use Survey.

Upgrade to High-Efficiency Toilets

Rebates Up to \$125 per toilet

Replace your old toilets with new, single or dual-flush toilet having a flush volume of 1.28 gallons or less. Manufacturers are now offering a wide selection of these new water-efficient toilets at low cost.

High-Efficiency Clothes Washers

Rebates Up to \$125

Save water, save energy, and save time doing your laundry chores by upgrading to a new, high efficiency clothes washer. All customer categories qualify. Depending on the efficiency of the washer purchased, the District will provide you with a \$50, \$100 or \$125 rebate per machine.

Landscape Incentives

Rebates Up to \$2,000 combined

- Replace lawn with low water-use plantings — \$0.25 Cents/Sq. Ft.
- Convert sprinkler zones to drip irrigation — \$0.25 Cents/Sq. Ft.
- Retrofit to an approved irrigation timer — up to \$1,500
- Install a rain or soil moisture shut-off switch — up to \$50

Contact us for Details

Call our Water Conservation Specialist at 883-5905 to learn more about these great programs, learn water-saving smart practices, or to schedule a required site survey. You may also visit our website at www.mcwd.org for program details and application forms. Rebate and incentive offers are limited by program funding. Original material purchase receipts are required. Pre and post-project site surveys are required for some rebates and incentives.

Mission Statement: Providing high quality water, wastewater and recycled water services to the MCWD's expanding communities through management, conservation and development of future resources at reasonable costs.

Vision Statement: MCWD will be the leading public supplier of integrated water and wastewater services in the Monterey Bay Region.

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