

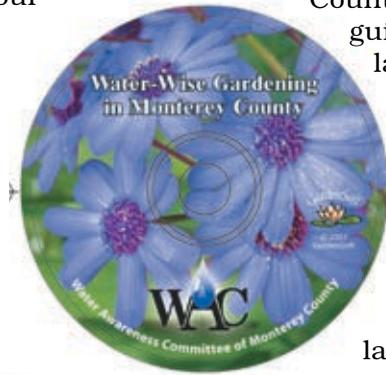
Water-Wise UPDATE



[Free Water Wise CD](#)

Garden Planning for the Spring

Before you start your spring garden projects, stop by the District office at 11 Reservation Road and pick up free Sunset garden booklets and the Water-wise Gardening CD produced by the Water Awareness Committee of Monterey



County. These helpful guides include landscape design ideas, plant selections that are suitable to our climate, and irrigation tips to help you create and manage a water-smart landscape.

Introducing a New Way to Save Money

Rebates for Hot Water Recirculation Systems

The District has introduced a rebate program to help homeowners save water. By installing a hot water recirculation device on your hot water heater, you will speed hot water delivery, reduce water waste and may be eligible for a rebate of up to \$250.

To get a recirculation system rebate call the District's Conservation Department at 883-5905 to complete a Water Use Survey and schedule an appointment to have your project reviewed. This is a limited offer. So, act quickly.

Is Your Irrigation System Stealing from You?

The cool, wet weather means that irrigation systems should be turned off. Operate your system manually, only when needed. This will keep your lawn and plants healthy and save you money by not irrigating when it's not necessary.

[Customers Offered Complimentary Consultations](#)

Tips to Follow Before Turning on Your Irrigation System This Spring

Be prepared for the warmer days of spring by repairing misaligned heads, checking for leaks, and cleaning and adjusting spray nozzles and drippers to assure efficiency and prevent overspray.

Do you know the water requirements of your plants and soil type of your landscaped areas? If you do, you can calculate the proper amount of water to apply. Following a monthly evapotranspiration schedule



and making monthly adjustments to the duration and frequency of

your water applications can reduce your water use considerably. For assistance in calculating and developing an irrigation schedule for our climate visit www.mcwd.org.

If you would like assistance adjusting your irrigation controller or would like to learn more about conserving water for your landscape, call a District Water Conservation Specialist at 883-5905 for an evaluation of your irrigation schedule and equipment.

Washer Rebates Save \$ Dollars \$ and Make Sense

Rebates for High-Efficiency Clothes Washers and Toilet Upgrades

The Marina Coast Water District is offering rebates for high efficiency clothes washers to encourage customers to replace old washers that waste water. High efficiency washers can save thousand of gallons of water while reducing your water bill. They also save electricity. Depending on the efficiency of the washer purchased, the District is offering \$50, \$100 and \$125 rebates. (To be eligible, you will need to present the original receipt.) Visit www.mcwd.org for details or call the District conservation staff at 384-6131.

Receive a rebate of up to \$125



for retrofitting your old toilet and replacing it with a single- or dual-flush toilet having a flush volume of 1.28 gallons or less. Manufacturers are offering a wide selection of these efficient toilets. But before purchasing one, read the label carefully to make sure you are getting a high efficiency toilet and be sure to keep the original receipt so that you will be eligible for the rebate. (California is requiring that only high efficiency toilets be sold after 2013.) Learn more or print out the Rebate Application Form at www.mcwd.org.

Take a Virtual Home Tour

Learn Where You Can Save Water

The California Urban Water Conservation Council's tour on their web site—www.h2ouse.org—can help you save water. By clicking on a location in and around the virtual home, you can get the scoop on saving water and reducing your impact on the environment.



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

Vision Statement: The Marina Coast Water District will be the leading public supplier of integrated water and wastewater services in the Monterey Bay Region.

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Marina, CA 93933-2099 or call (831) 384-6131
MCWD Web Site: <http://www.mcwd.org>

Water-Wise Landscaping

Big Incentives Being Offered

Receive up to **\$50** for installing a rain shut-off switch for your sprinkler system, up to **\$1,500** for replacing standard irrigation controllers with new weather or soil moisture-based irrigation controllers, and up to **\$2,000** for replacing your irrigated lawn with low water use plants and a drip irrigation system.

Before starting your landscape project, determine if your project qualifies and how much your incentive amount would be by calling the District water conservation staff at 883-5905 to complete the Landscape Site Survey. For more information, visit www.mcwd.org/waterwise/.

Come visit us at www.mcwd.org

Call For a Free Water Survey

Concerned About Your Water Use?

Call a District water conservation staff member at 883-5905 to schedule a free water-use survey of your home, office or landscape site. You will learn how to apply water conservation practices, install low water-use fixtures and create an irrigation schedule that helps you reduce water use and cost.

District Board meetings are held at 6:45 p.m. on the 2nd Tuesday of each month at MCWD offices, 11 Reservation Rd. (Marina State Beach). The public is encouraged to attend.