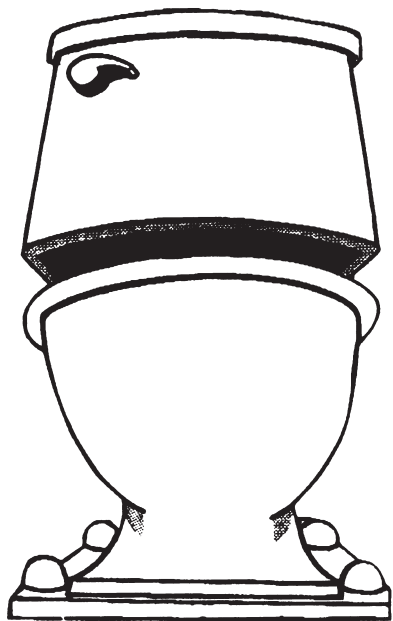


Water-Wise UPDATE



Don't Flush Your Rebate Down the Toilet



Receive a rebate of up to \$125 for retrofitting your older toilet to 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, because California is requiring that only high-efficiency toilets are sold after 2013.

Before purchasing a toilet, read the label carefully to make sure you are getting a high-efficiency toilet and keep the original receipt so that you will be eligible for the rebate. If you have questions, contact the District at 384-6131.

Rebates Save Dollars and Make Sense

Replace your old clothes washer with a high efficiency washer to save money and water—up to a thousand gallons of

water each year plus big savings on your electricity bills!

Depending on the efficiency of the washer, you could receive a \$50, \$100 or even \$125 rebate. Check with PG&E about their incentive programs, too. To be eligible for a rebate, you must present the original receipt. Visit www.mcwd.org for details or call your conservation staff at 384-6131.

Great Ideas for Garden Projects

Before you start your spring garden projects, stop by the District's main office at 11 Reservation Road and pick up free garden booklets from Sunset Publishing and the Water-Wise Gardening CD produced by the Water Awareness Committee of Monterey County.

These informative guides feature landscape design ideas, plants suitable to our climate and irrigation tips to help you create and manage your own water-smart landscape.



Big Savings for Installing Water-Wise Landscapes

Receive up to \$50 for installing a rain shut off switch on your sprinkler system, up to \$1,500 for replacing standard irrigation controllers with new evapotranspiration-based irrigation controllers and up to \$2,000 for converting your irrigated lawn to low water use



plants and a drip irrigation system.

Before starting your landscape project, determine if your project qualifies by calling a water conservation staff at 883-5905 to schedule a Landscape Site Survey. For more information visit www.mcwd.org.

Tour Marina's Beautiful Gardens on May 3

Marina's foremost gardens will be featured on Marina's Sixth Annual Garden Tour to be held on Sunday, May 3, from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Marina gardeners will share their knowledge on how you can transform an ordinary yard into an extraordinary garden retreat using ponds, paths, trellises and garden structures.

The event is hosted by the Marina Tree and Garden Club. Tickets are priced at \$15 with



proceeds used to plant trees in public areas throughout Marina.

During the tour, plan to visit both the Marina Coast Water District's and Marina Tree and Garden Club's information booths at the District well site, located at the southwest corner of Reservation Road and Salinas Avenue.

Tickets are available by calling Dana Cleary at 384-7382 or visiting www.marinatreeandgarden.org. Tickets will also be available at the well site on the day of the tour.

It's Too Early to Begin Watering



Seasonal rains normally provide the water our landscapes need in spring. So be water wise by waiting until the rain has ended before turning on your irrigation timer. This is a great time to check and repair your irrigation system.

For assistance in determining any needed repairs, or for help in program-

ming your controller before the irrigation season begins, call the District's conservation staff at 883-5905.

Visit the Virtual Home Tour

Take the California Urban Water Conservation Council's tour on their web site (www.h2ouse.org) to see how you can save water in each area of your home. By clicking on a location, you'll learn the facts and get specific advice.

Landscape Surveys are Free

Learn how you can significantly reduce your water use and monthly water bill. A trained water conservation auditor from the District will detect hidden leaks, recommend water-wise fixtures to reduce water use and calculate a water budget for your use. This service, which normally costs thousands of dollars, is provided to District customers at no charge. To schedule an appointment with an auditor, call 883-5905.

Come visit us at www.mcwd.org

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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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.