

# Water-Wise UPDATE

## Cash Incentives for Water-Wise Landscape Renovations Rebates Up to \$2,000

### To Establish Your Eligibility, Call Us Before You Start

Our landscape incentives help you pay for landscape and irrigation system upgrades that improve water efficiency and reduce your water bill. Low water use plants and drip irrigation are estimated to reduce your landscape water use by approximately 70 percent compared to irrigated turf.

You can earn 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 soil moisture or evapotranspiration-based irrigation controllers; or replace your irrigated lawn with low water use plants and

a drip irrigation system to receive up to \$2,000.



or more hydrozones, you will need to completely replace your old controller. The District incentive for this conversion starts at \$150 and goes up to \$750.

Before you start your project, you must

call our water conservation staff at 883-5905 to learn if your project qualifies, and to schedule the Landscape Site Survey, which is required prior to application approval.

Learn more about the program details and eligibility on our website ([www.mcwd.org](http://www.mcwd.org)).

Receive \$.25 per square foot for replacing your lawn with low water use plants and an additional \$.25

per square foot if you convert an existing in-ground sprinkler system to drip irrigation.

A single soil moisture sensor can be purchased as an add-on device for most irrigation controllers for under \$100. The District will reimburse you for the cost of the device, up to \$50.

To monitor soil moisture and regulate watering in two

## It's Time to Adjust Irrigation Systems

As winter approaches and the days become shorter, the amount of water required by our landscapes is reduced. Water demand is highest in June, then demand drops 71 percent over the next six months until December, the month of lowest water demand. Once winter rains start, most irrigation applications can be stopped.

Water-wise gardeners can save money by reducing irrigation run times each month. Some controllers have an easy to use automatic water budget feature you can use to adjust the watering times of all your stations each month.

A suggested monthly watering schedule, for both sprinklers and drip irrigation, is available at the District offices or on our website at [www.mcwd.org](http://www.mcwd.org).



## Interested in Hot Water Recirculation Systems?

### Call to Be Eligible for a \$250 Hot Water System Rebate

To help homeowners, the District has instituted a hot water system rebate program. By retrofitting your home's hot water plumbing by including a hot water recirculation system, you can reduce water waste.

See us before you start to qualify for a \$250 rebate. We must first meet with you to review the work to be done and to complete a Water Use Survey. This offer is limited by the availability of funds. Please call our conservation staff at 883-5905.

# MCWD Rebate Center

## Save Money and Water

### High-Efficiency Clothes Washers Can Save Thousands of Gallons of Water

**Rebates: \$50, \$100 and \$125**

The Marina Coast Water District is offering a rebate to encourage customers to replace old washers with modern high-efficiency washers. The new high-efficiency washers can save thousands of gallons of water, reducing your water bill. These new washers de-water your clothes better during the spin cycle and reduce the time and electricity needed in the dryer. The efficiency of the washer you purchase will determine the rebate amount, \$50, \$100 or \$125 rebate. (Please keep the original receipt.) For details, visit our web site at [www.mcwd.org](http://www.mcwd.org), or call your conservation staff at 384-6131.



### Begin Saving Now: Upgrade Your Toilet to a High-efficiency Model

**Rebates: Up to \$125**

You can 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. After 2013, the high-efficient toilets will be the only toilets that can be sold, so get ahead of the power curve and begin saving now. Please 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. Online data-bases now provide current information on the best toilets available, paying more doesn't get you more. Visit the California Urban Water Conservation Council's site ([cuwcc.org](http://cuwcc.org)), and click "Resource Center, Products, Toilets" and go to MaP/UNAR. You can also learn more about rebates and download a rebate form at [www.mcwd.org](http://www.mcwd.org). If we can help, give us a call at 384-6131.

## Conservation Material Available

### Learn Where You Can Save Water

Visit our web site ([mcwd.org](http://mcwd.org)) and get ideas to help you save water and money. Conservation materials are available at our Beach Office, 11 Reservation Road.

You can visit the California Urban Water Conservation Council's web site ([www.h2ouse.org](http://www.h2ouse.org)) to tour a home and get help on saving water.

Give us call at 883-5905, we would be glad to help.

## Water Bill a Problem?

**Staff Will Help You Save Water**

We would like to show you conservation practices that can help you reduce your water use and monthly bill. Call our water conservation staff at (831) 883-5905 to schedule a free water use survey of your home or business.



**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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