

Water-Wise UPDATE

Marina Garden Tour Scheduled for May 8 You're Invited to View Private and Public Gardens

On May 8 from 10 AM to 2 PM, the Marina Tree & Garden Club will host its seventh annual, self-guided Marina Garden Tour.



The tour features nine private Marina gardens and a native and drought tolerant public garden. During the tour, we encourage you to visit the Marina Coast Water District's Water-Wise Landscape Demonstration Garden and conservation booth at 2840 Fourth Avenue, just off Imjin Avenue.

Featured gardens on the tour include an all-succulent and cactus garden, an installation featuring a koi pond and recycled rain water, perennial gardens, fruit trees,

and a garden featuring materials salvaged from the Last Chance Mercantile.

Tour maps cost \$15, or \$12 for members

of the Marina Tree and Garden Club. Tickets may be purchased in advance by calling Dana at 831-682-8016, or they may be purchased on the day of the tour at the Marina Coast Water District well site, located at the corner of Reservation Road and Salinas Avenue.

Proceeds from the tour fund planting projects on public property in Marina.

For information on the Marina Tree and Garden Club, visit www.marinatreeandgarden.org.

Need Garden Planning Help?

Free Online Planning Software Available

Ever wonder what grows well in our area, in partial shade, has purple flowers, and doesn't need much water after it's established? Go to our website, www.mcwd.org, and check out our online garden software. Click the Water-Wise Gardening image and gain access to design ideas, photo galleries, plant lists, irrigation tips, and more tailored to this climate. Also stop by the Marina Coast Water District Offices at 11 Reservation Road and pick up free garden booklets from Sunset Publishing. These colorful, 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 Incentives Offered for Water-Wise Landscaping To Qualify, Call Us Before You Start



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 you start your landscape project, call our water conservation staff at 883-5905 to schedule a required Landscape Site Survey. We can qualify you for the program and help you with the application. Visit us at www.mcwd.org/waterwise/ for more information, or call if you are interested.

Concerned About Your Water Use?

Free Water Survey Helps You Save Water



Call our water conservation staff at (831) 883-5905 to schedule a free water use survey of your home, office, or landscape site. We can show you how to apply simple conservation practices, install low water use fixtures, and create a custom irrigation application schedule to help reduce your water bill.

Check Your Irrigation System to Save \$ Free Consultations Available

Now is good time to check your irrigation scheduling and system components. You should repair misaligned heads, check for leaks, and clean and adjust spray nozzles and drippers to assure efficiency and prevent overspray.

If you know the monthly evapotranspiration (ET) rate, plant water requirements, and soil type for your particular site, you can calculate the proper amount of water to apply. You can save a substantial amount of water by following the schedule and making adjustments to the duration and frequency of your water applications. To help you, an irrigation schedule for our climate is available on our website at www.mcwd.org.

If you would like help in adjusting your irrigation controller, or would like to learn more about other ways you can conserve water applied to your landscape, call our Water Conservation Specialist for an appointment to meet and evaluate your irrigation equipment. Just give us a call at 883-5905.

MCWD Rebate Center

Rebates for Home Hot Water Recirculation Systems Retrofitting – \$250 Rebates

Marina Coast Water District has begun a rebate program to help homeowners save water. By retrofitting your home's hot water plumbing with a hot water recirculation system, you can speed hot water delivery and reduce water waste.

To qualify for a rebate you must have us take a quick look before you start. You can get a rebate, of up to \$250, for a hot water recirculation system retrofit. 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. This offer is limited by the availability of funds. Please call our conservation staff at 883-5905 to schedule an appointment.

Upgrade to High-Efficiency Toilets – Save Money & Water Rebates Up to \$125

You can receive a rebate of up to \$125 for retrofitting your old toilet and replace 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. 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. Go to www.mcwd.org to learn more and to print out the Rebate Application Form.

High-Efficiency Clothes Washers Help You Save Rebates Up To \$125

The Marina Coast Water District is offering a rebate for high efficiency clothes washers. The rebate is provided to encourage customers to replace old washers with modern high efficiency washers. The new high efficiency washers can save thousand of gallons of water, reducing your water bill. The new washers also help you save on electricity. Depending on the efficiency of the washer purchased, the District will offer you a \$50, \$100 or \$125 rebate. Please submit the original receipt. Visit our web site, www.mcwd.org, for details, or call your conservation staff at 384-6131.

A Virtual Home Tour To Help You Save Water: Online Encyclopedia of Water Conservation Information

Take a tour to investigate your water saving opportunities in your home. The California Urban Water Conservation Council's tour at web site, www.h2ouse.org, can help you save water. Click each location in the home to see specific advice for kitchen, bath laundry, patio, landscape and more. You can also click on appliances, fixtures, water meters/leaks and outdoor use to get water saving information. At the same site you can click on Top 5 Actions and discover the best ways to save water.

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.

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