



## E-News

### Sonoma-Marin Saving Water Partnership Newsletter Fall | 2021

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# Drought Is Here Save Water

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DROUGHT IS HERE **SAVE WATER** 

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Stop by [our new website](#) and take a look around.

If you are looking for more ways to save water, are considering replacing your lawn with a drought tolerant landscape, or just need some help choosing plants, we've got you covered. Many water utilities offer rebates, to look up a rebate in your area [find your local provider](#) on the Partnership website and search your address.

If you are interested in learning more about drought tolerant plants or thinking of redesigning your landscape, check the [Water Smart Plant Picker page](#). All the plants highlighted on the website thrive in our Mediterranean climate. The Plant Picker also allows you to save plants you like so that you can remember your favorites for when you go to a local nursery.

Unsure of where to shop for drought tolerant plants? Check out the list of [Water Smart Nurseries](#). These nurseries label low water use plants, making it easy to identify plants that add beauty to your home while saving water.



## Turn off your Irrigation to Save Water

During this historic drought, the North Bay region has been working hard to save water. This fall, it's especially important that we all continue to conserve and one of the best things we can all do is take a break from outdoor irrigation.

Irrigation accounts for approximately 50 percent of

average summertime water use. By turning off your irrigation this fall we can continue to achieve our community-wide 20 percent water savings goal.

In the fall, when it's still warm we may think irrigation is still necessary, but to conserve energy plants go dormant this time of year as they prepare for their winter rest. This means they require little to no irrigation. Whether you water by hand or have an automatic system, let's all commit to turning off outdoor irrigation until Spring. With our region experiencing severe drought conditions it is unknown if our local reservoirs will recover this winter, so we need to make every drop count now.



## Drought Drop By Event October 9th



Saturday, Oct. 09, 2021 8:00 am - 12:00 pm  
**Novato, Santa Rosa, Sonoma, El Verano**  
City of Santa Rosa, City of Sonoma, North Marin Water District, Valley of the Moon Water District  
Drop by your water provider's location on Saturday, October 9, 2021 to pick up a FREE water-saving kit.

### The free water-saving kit includes:

- 1-gallon bucket to catch water for reuse
- WaterSense Labeled low-flow showerhead
- WaterSense Labeled low-flow faucet aerator
- 5-minute shower timer
- Garden hose nozzle with self-closing valve
- Toilet leak detection dye tablets
- Water saving tips and information

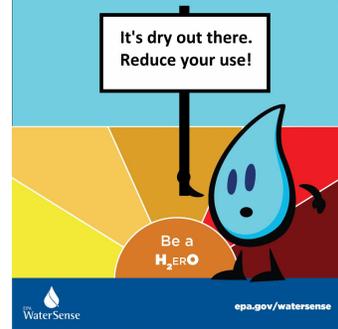


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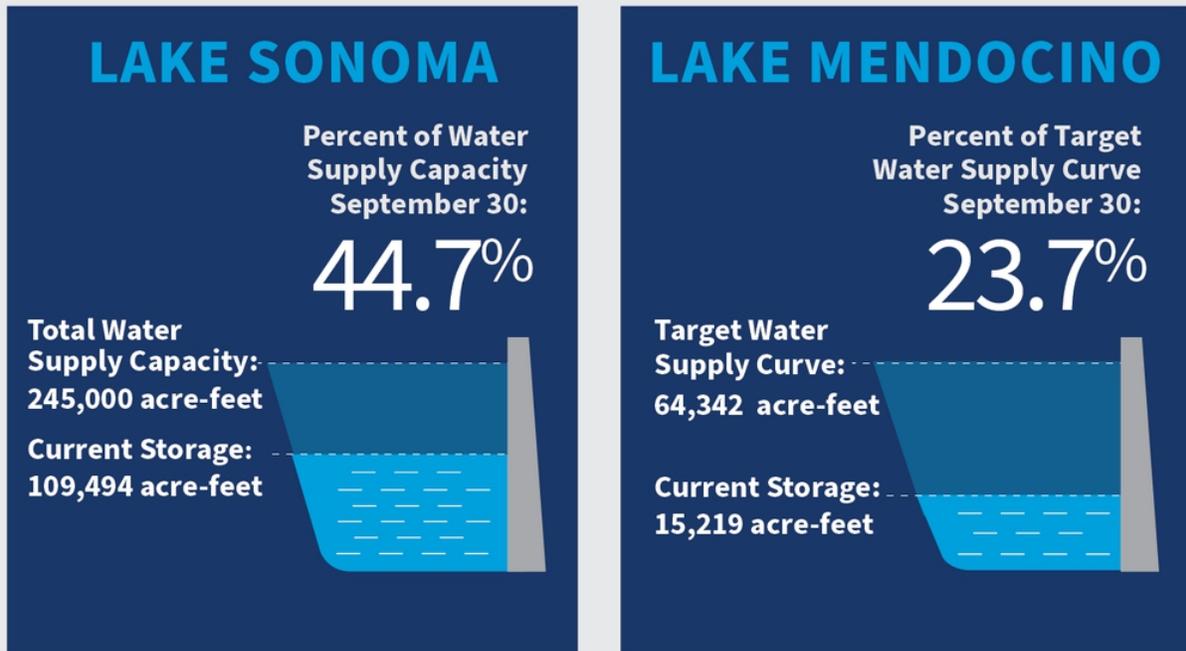
## Water Supply Levels hit Historic Lows

As a region we are experiencing a severe multi-year drought, and rainfall and reservoir storage levels are at historic lows for this time of year. Sonoma Water encourages our community to make changes to everyday

habits by eliminating water waste and reducing water usage by 20%. Every drop saved helps maintain water flows in the Russian River and preserves our water supply.



## Current Water Supply Levels



[Click here for current supply levels](#)

### ***Eco-Friendly Garden Tour Call for Gardens!***

The 2022 Eco-Friendly Garden Tour will take place in **May**. The tour will feature eco-friendly gardens throughout Sonoma and Marin counties.

Due to the severity of the current drought, we want to focus on native, drought tolerant landscapes in the Sonoma and Marin areas.



**Feeling inspired to show off your native focused garden? Know someone who might be interested in participating?**

Please [send an email](#) for further information or if you have any questions about participating.

## Upcoming Webinars



### Graywater in the Home Landscape

October 14th 6:00 - 7:30 pm

What you will learn:

- Graywater basics: How to reuse this resource safely and effectively in your landscape
- Tried and true systems: How they work, how much they cost, and how to maintain them
- How to maximize water saving with your system

### Designing Laundry-to-Landscape Graywater Systems

October 21st 6:00 - 7:30 pm

What you will learn:

- Opportunities in your home for water re-use
- How you can install a laundry-to-landscape graywater system on your own
- The beauty, abundance, and environmental benefits of conserving water

### Permitted Graywater Systems & Your Home

October 28th 6:00 - 7:30 pm

What you will learn:

- Different types of graywater systems
- Design considerations for permitted systems
- How to utilize graywater in your landscape

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### Reusing the Rain: DIY Rain Barrel Systems

November 9th 5:30 - 7:30 pm

What you will learn:

- Installing a rainwater harvesting system saves water and benefits the environment
- You can install small-scale



- DIY systems to fit any space
- Santa Rosa water customers can offset project costs through the City's Rainwater Harvesting rebate



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*In case you missed it...*

**Firewise Landscaping Webinar**

Previously recorded

Learn about what landscaping strategies you can take with water restrictions and fire protection in mind. Sonoma County University of California Cooperative Extension horticulture experts Mimi Enright and Janet Hartin detail which plants to prioritize with a limited water budget, provide firescaping recommendations that compliment drought considerations, and help you reimagine a climate-friendly landscape.



[Click here to watch webinar](#)



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