



## Quarterly E-News

### Sonoma-Marín Saving Water Partnership Newsletter Spring | 2025

*Find and Fix Leaks, both Indoors and Outside in the Landscape*



March 17-23, 2025  
**Fix a Leak Week**

#### INDOORS

Take the Dye-Tab Challenge to help identify potential leaks and you could win a \$25.00 gift card.

[Click here to learn more about the Challenge](#)



#### OUTDOORS

## FIND IT FLAG IT FIX IT

### A CHECKLIST FOR YOUR LANDSCAPE

Look for issue	Description	How to check	What to do
<input type="checkbox"/> Leaks	Can occur at irrigation valves, connection points, joints, and sprinkler heads or drip irrigation lines.	Walk through the landscape while the system is running and look for water pooling on the surface or water spraying where it shouldn't.	Flag the location of each leak or break and contact an <a href="#">irrigation professional</a> .
<input type="checkbox"/> Broken or missing sprinklers and drippers	Pedestrians or machinery can damage irrigation components. Damaged sprinklers can cause water to go where it shouldn't.	Run a test of the system and look for missing sprinklers, those that do not pop up fully, drip lines that have been cut or moved out of place, or small geysers.	Flag the broken component and contact an <a href="#">irrigation professional</a> .
<input type="checkbox"/> Sprinklers aimed incorrectly	Sprinklers pointed toward walls and hardscapes miss the landscape and waste water.	Look for sprinklers that overspray or spray water onto areas outside the landscape.	In most cases, you can turn the nozzle to face the correct direction, or flag it for a pro to fix.
<input type="checkbox"/> Poor sprinkler coverage	Can cause over-watering in some areas of the landscape and dry spots in others.	Observe the distance of spray from one sprinkler to another; spray from one sprinkler should reach the adjacent one (known as head-to-head coverage).	Adjust the spray distance and direction of the nozzle to ensure head-to-head coverage or contact an <a href="#">irrigation pro</a> ; sprinkler heads may need to be added or moved.



Get a head start in the landscape:

- **Find** issues early on
- **Flag** the areas where you find issues
- **Fix** those issues before they become a bigger problem

Don't feel like you can do it yourself? Click the QWEL logo below to **Find** a Certified Pro that can!

[Click here to see the full checklist](#)



## Eco-Friendly Garden Tour - Registration is Now Open

We're excited to announce that the Eco-Friendly Garden Tour is back for its 15th year!

### Event Details:

**Date:** Saturday, May 10th

**Time:** 10am - 4pm

**Location:** Sonoma and Marin County

**Cost:** FREE! Registration Required.

[Click here for more information](#)



# Eco-Friendly Garden Tour

**Saturday, May 10, 2025**

This annual, self-guided garden tour promotes sustainable landscaping practices by showcasing native gardens throughout Sonoma and Marin counties.

Registration is required, however there is no charge to attend. Please visit [www.SavingWaterPartnership.org](http://www.SavingWaterPartnership.org)







## Nurseries are Making it Easier to Identify Water Smart plants

As you stroll through many of the nurseries throughout Sonoma and Marin counties, you may notice that finding Water Smart plants is a little bit easier. Over **30 nurseries** are using the Water Smart Plant Labels to help you make

smart choices when shopping for plants.



[Click here to see the list of participating nurseries](#)



### **Qualified Water Efficient Landscaper Training - QWEL starts 4/8**

Do you, or someone you know want to take your professional landscaper skills up a notch? Consider becoming QWEL certified. This training is available to professionals conducting work in Sonoma County and Marin County.

The in-person classes will cover all sections of the QWEL reference manual. This includes topics on:

- Sustainable landscape design principles
- Soil properties and health
- Plant water needs
- Overhead spray irrigation system audits
- Irrigation system



**QWEL**   
QUALIFIED WATER EFFICIENT LANDSCAPER

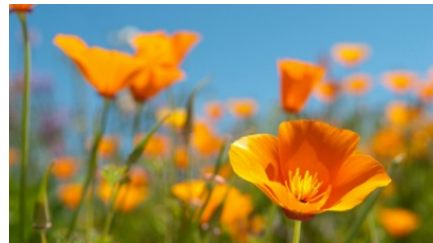
**IN-PERSON TRAINING**  
Free in-person sustainable landscaping and efficient irrigation training for landscape professionals working in Sonoma and Marin Counties.

troubleshooting and maintenance

- Irrigation system programming and operation

[Click here to learn more](#)

## **Looking for Ways to be Climate Ready or Celebrate Earth day?**



Explore the events below hosted by some of our partners

### **City of Cotati**

**CLIMATE  
READY  
COTATI  
FAIR**

**MARCH  
29**  
10 AM - 2 PM

**COTATI  
SMART  
DEPOT**  
970 E  
COTATI  
AVE.

The Fair is FREE and will feature more than 30 community organizations and agencies providing resources and information that you can use. In addition, join us for activities to help you reduce, reuse, and recycle . . . and have fun!

Event details:

- Saturday, March 29th, 2025
- 10am - 2pm
- [970 E Cotati Avenue, Cotati](#)

[Click here to learn more](#)

### **City of Cloverdale**

### **UC Master Gardeners - Installing and Operating a Drip Watering**

## System

Does your current irrigation system exceed 90% efficiency getting water to the root zones of your plants? This presentation will provide options and key considerations for drip irrigation to put the right amount of water in the right place when plants need it without excess runoff, over-spray, or waste. Learn how a garden water meter can be a useful tool to help understand your plants' water requirements.

Event details:

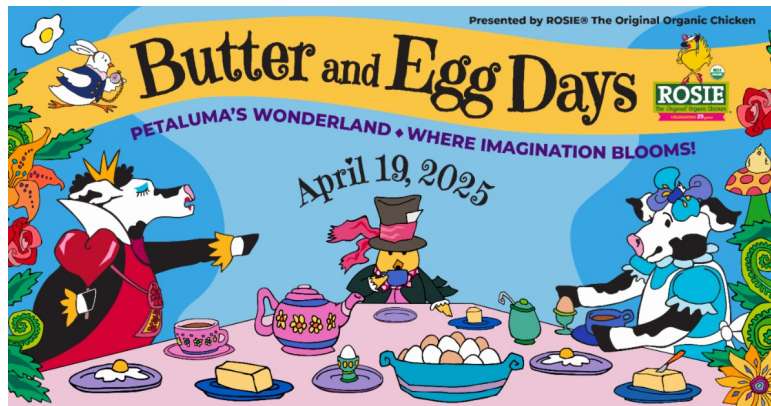
- Saturday, March 29, 2025
- 10:30am-12pm
- Cloverdale Regional Library

[401 North Cloverdale Blvd, Cloverdale](#)



**Click here to register!**

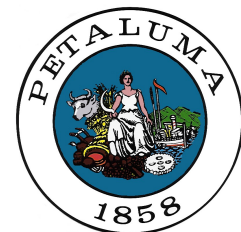
## City of Petaluma



The Butter and Egg Days parade and Festival spreads over four city blocks offering a wide variety of food, crafts, beverage gardens, two large kid areas, live music, and more!

The Butter & Egg Days Parade steps off at noon and marches through the historic downtown.

The City of Petaluma's Water Conservation team will be hosting a booth and giving away free water conservation supplies. The booth will feature program information, rebates, water conservation items, and more!



Parade details:

- Saturday, April 19th, 2025
- 10am - 5pm
- [Historic Downtown, Petaluma](#)

That's not all that Petaluma has going on. Check out the Cool Petaluma website to see all of the upcoming activities.

[Click here to learn more](#)

[Click here to go to the  
COOL Petaluma event  
website](#)

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### **City of Santa Rosa**



This FREE, family-friendly, zero-waste festival brings the community together through fun activities, live performing arts, great food, and inspiring exhibits that raise environmental awareness. Don't miss this opportunity to celebrate our vibrant city and get involved by learning about solutions to address drought, climate change, and environmental concerns in our community.

Event details:

- Saturday, April 26th, 2025
- 12pm - 4pm
- [Old Courthouse Square, Santa Rosa](#)

[Click here to learn more](#)

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### **Town of Windsor**

The Town of Windsor invites you to an Earth Day Celebration during the Windsor Certified Farmers' Market on the Town Green. This celebration will feature local nonprofits and exhibitors working toward a better future, kids' activities, lawn games, Town Green mural tours, and a free bike valet!

[Click here to learn more](#)



Event details:

- Sunday, April 27th, 2025
- 9:30 am - 1pm
- [Certified Farmers' Market](#)

701 McClland Drive, Windsor

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### **Check out and like our Facebook page**

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saving tips, water supply updates,  
available rebates and MORE!

**Visit the Partnership  
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