

Governor Brown Declares Statewide Drought Emergency



On January 17, 2014, Governor Brown proclaimed a State of Emergency to focus Californians' attention on the need to conserve water. The Governor is asking that all citizens immediately reduce water use by 20 percent.



Calendar year 2013 closed as the driest year in recorded history for many areas, including Monterey County, and current conditions suggest no change in sight for 2014. Even with modest rainfall this spring, water resources may not be plentiful for some time.

For more tips to conserve water, visit saveourh2o.org.

For personal assistance with leaks, high water use, or efforts to conserve water, contact us at (831) 384-6131 or visit our website at www.mcwd.org.

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The Marina Coast Water District acknowledges the magnitude of these severe drought conditions and fully supports the state's efforts to reduce water use and preserve existing water supplies.

The District asks customers to modify their current behaviors and work towards achieving the Governor's goal of a 20 percent reduction in water use.

Follow These Tips to Conserve

- Identify and repair leaks. The most common leaks are in toilets and irrigation systems.
- Take short showers, no more than 5 minutes.
- Don't run the water when brushing your teeth, shaving, or hand washing the dishes. Use a container to collect and reuse the rinse water.
- Turn off your automated irrigation system and water your landscape manually, only as needed.
- Collect rainwater and use it for landscaping and washing the car.
- Retrofit to high efficiency toilets, clothes washers, low-flow showerheads, and one-half gallon per minute faucet aerators.
- Wash laundry and dishes with full loads.
- Use drip irrigation for landscaping.
- Use mulch around trees and plants.
- Use a bucket to wash the car instead of running the hose.
- Don't use water to clean your sidewalks and driveways.