



Quarterly E-News

Sonoma-Marin Saving Water Partnership Newsletter Winter | 2023

Winter Water Saving Tips:

As the temperatures drop and winter sets in, it's easy to overlook water conservation efforts. However, conserving water in the winter is just as crucial as it is during the rest of the year. Here are some tips on how to save water during the colder months:

- Insulate Pipes
 - Insulating your pipes not only helps prevent freezing but also reduces the time it takes for water to heat up. This reduces water waste as you won't have to run the tap as long to get hot water.
- Fix Leaks Promptly
 - Check faucets, irrigation systems, and toilets for leaks regularly. Even a small leak can waste a significant amount of water over time.
- Collect Rainwater
 - Use tanks, rain barrels or buckets to collect rainwater. This water can be used for various purposes like watering indoor plants or flushing toilets, reducing the demand on your household's water supply.
- Be Mindful of Outdoor Water Usage
 - During winter, adjust your irrigation systems to account for natural precipitation. Turn off sprinklers and avoid unnecessary outdoor water usage, as plants typically require little or no supplemental water during the winter.
- Optimize Hot Water Usage
 - When warming up water for hot drinks or cooking, use just the amount needed. Don't let the faucet run while waiting for hot water; instead, collect the cold water in a container and use it for other purposes like watering plants or cleaning.
- Choose Efficient Appliances
 - Consider investing in water-efficient fixtures like U.S. EPA WaterSense labeled showerheads and faucets. These can sufficiently reduce water usage without compromising on performance.

- Shorten Shower Times
 - Shortening your shower by just a few minutes can save a considerable amount of water. Consider installing a shower timer or playing a 5-minute song to keep track of time and limit water usage.
- Reuse Water
 - Water used for cooking vegetables or pasta can be cooled and reused for watering indoor plants or cleaning tasks.

[Click here for more water saving tips](#)

Partnership Received EPA WaterSense awards



The Sonoma-Marin Saving Water Partnership (Partnership) has received two 2023 WaterSense Awards for assisting people in saving water, a **2023 Sustained Excellence Award** for its ongoing success with its Qualified Water Efficient Landscaper (QWEL) program, and a **2023 Promotional Partner of the Year Award** for its promotional activities during 2022.



[Click here to read more about EPA WaterSense awards](#)



Featured Partner: City of Cotati

Last year, the City of Cotati cleaned nearly **6 miles**, or one fifth of the entire water pipeline system, using a closed system trailer mounted treatment process provided by No-Des ©. Prior practices would release hundreds of thousands of gallons of water into the storm drains to clear the water. Now, only minor amounts of water are lost as the water is circulated through a treatment system with no water being released into the storm drains. To further conserve water, the City of Cotati has installed AMI (Advanced Metering Infrastructure) across the entire system and leak detectors to identify customer and service leaks through our system.



[Click here for more information on the City of Cotati's conservation programs](#)



Sonoma County Rainwater Harvesting Rebate Program



***Rain, rain, don't go away!
Stay here for another day!***

Rainwater harvesting rebates are available for systems installed anywhere in Sonoma County. Rebates will be provided for both small and large rainwater capture systems, based on a limited-time, first-come, first-served basis.

[Click here for more information](#)

Thank you to all of our partners and sponsors!



Daily Acts Upcoming Events!

Daily Acts will be hosting multiple events at the beginning of this year:

Water Reuse and Community Abundance Tour

- Saturday, January 20th, 10:00am-12:30pm
- In-Person, in Windsor

Laundry-to-Landscape Greywater Installation Workshop

- Saturday, January 27th, 9:00am-3:00pm
- In-Person, in Petaluma



[Click here to read more about the upcoming events](#)

Eco-Friendly Garden Tour Save the Date!

Good news, the Eco-Friendly Garden Tour will be back this May! In 2023, it was the first year back from virtual tours with over 3,700 people registered to attend the tour. Smelling flowers, seeing butterflies, and being able to ask garden hosts advice is something we have missed the most during the years the tour was online!

The 2024 Eco-Friendly Garden Tour will take place on **Saturday, May 18th, 2024**. The tour will feature California native and eco-friendly gardens throughout Sonoma and Marin counties.



[Click here to get tour updates!](#)

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