

THE RESERVOIR



SUMMER 2009

NORTH COAST COUNTY WATER DISTRICT

PACIFICANS, HELP CUT BACK EVERY DROP, EVERYONE, EVERY TIME

With mandatory water cut backs in the Bay Area, the North Coast County Water District is determined to help Pacificans become more water savvy. A record dry winter and low snow impact has alerted water districts throughout the state. It's critical that every customer learns how to conserve. If customers can form habits of conserving water, their bills will be less and we might possibly fight the mandatory cut backs from coming to Pacifica.

- Take no more than a five minute shower
- Only wash FULL loads of laundry
- Only wash FULL loads of dishes in the dishwasher
- Rethink your landscape. Replace your lawn with drought tolerant and native plants
- Sweep your driveway instead of spraying it down with a hose
- If you need to water outside, do so at dusk or dawn to prevent evaporation
- Take advantage of rebates that the District offers for toilets and washing machines
- Teach children to turn off faucets tightly after each use
- When you are washing your hands, don't let the water run while you lather
- Throw trimmings and peelings from fruits and vegetables into your yard compost to prevent using the garbage disposal

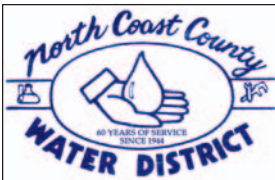


ENERGY AND WATER EFFICIENT APPLIANCE REBATES

Your bi-monthly cost for water can decrease by replacing your washing machine and toilet with energy and water efficient models. Earn up to \$60 per toilet replaced and up to \$200 for washing machines. The average washing machine uses about 41 gallons of water per load, compared to new high-efficiency washing machines which use less than 28 gallons of water per load. A list of qualifying washers can be obtained by visiting our website at www.nccwd.com or by calling PG&E help line at (800) 933-9555.

If your toilet was made before 1994, you probably have an inefficient model that uses at least 3.5 gallons per flush. New high-efficiency models use less than 1.3 gallons per flush. Show proof of your disposal from a recycling center or other facility to receive the full \$60 rebate. Visit our website at www.nccwd.com or stop by for more information.





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Mark your calendar!
Board Meetings are
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Wednesday of every
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and let your voice be
heard.

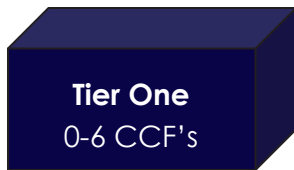
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Pick up your copy
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and learn which of
these beautiful, low
maintenance plants
will complement your
landscape.

THE MORE YOU USE, THE HIGHER YOUR RATE

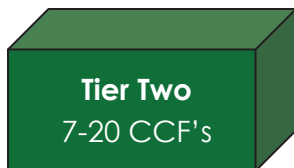
Did you know that the District designed residential water rates to help encourage conservation? The following tier breakdown should help you understand how your water bill is calculated and may help you rethink your water usage habits. All water usage is measured by CCF's. One CCF is one-hundred cubic feet or 748 gallons.



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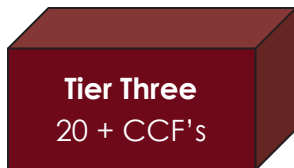
Each CCF in tier one costs only \$2.24 each.



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Each CCF in tier two costs \$5.62 each.



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Each CCF in tier three costs \$6.77 each.

XERISCAPING YOUR LANDSCAPE



Xeriscaping is a garden design with very low water requirements. It can involve the use of drought tolerant plants such as cacti, or it might be using ornamental gravel or synthetic turf in place of a traditional home lawn. Advantages of xeriscaping are: they save time and money, conserve water resources, pest and disease problems are minimal, they're low maintenance and have low fertilization requirements. Where do you start? Think of a design that would complement your home. Removing your thirsty lawn will save

you money on your water bill and will also allow you to be creative. Xeriscape plants can be found at your local nursery and are described as drought tolerant or native. Mulch, gravel and ground covers are also great for xeriscape. Create stone or rock pathways and add natural woods. Remember to group plants with similar sun and water needs together.

If you'd like more information on how to design such landscapes, please visit our website or drop by the District office for free brochures and guides.