



Our Water Supply

Helping Redwood City to be a WaterWise Community

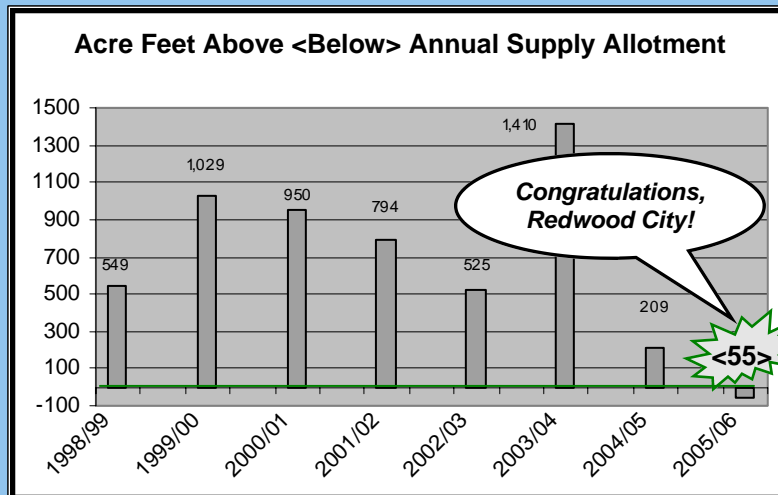
Like 29 other Bay Area water suppliers, Redwood City has a specific, contractual water supply amount from the San Francisco Public Utilities Commission – for us, that amount is 12,243 acre feet per year.

Unfortunately, since 1998 we have annually used an average of 810 acre feet more than our contracted supply amount. We can buy the extra water because other agencies aren't currently using their full contractual supply; but in a drought Redwood City would face drastic cut-backs. This is why we implemented many innovative water conservation programs in Redwood City.

The Community of Redwood City Knows How to Save Water!

Today, we're very happy to congratulate the water-conserving community of Redwood City for your great performance in fiscal year 2005/06: for the first time since 1998 our water purchases were below our contracted supply amount! In fact, you conserved nearly 150 million gallons during that period, and we ended up about 55 acre feet below our contracted supply amount. **Way to go, Redwood City!** This proves that our water conservation efforts are effectively working. Let's keep up the good work, and continue to conserve water for today, and for the future.

Don't forget, though, that water conservation must be ongoing, and is a never-ending effort. To address our long-term water supply deficit, the City Council approved two major programs 1) an aggressive water conservation program with the goal to save 860 acre feet annually and 2) the implementation of a Recycled Water Program to provide 900 acre feet of recycled water for landscape irrigation and industrial uses, thus saving that amount of potable water. This combination is designed to consistently reduce the City's water purchases below our contracted supply amount, and provide sufficient water for future growth.



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You can read all about Redwood City's very successful water conservation efforts in the Inaugural issue of the **Water Conservation Annual Report**.

Get it today by going online to the Water Conservation website at

www.redwoodcity.org/conservation (or have a copy mailed to you by calling 780-7436).

How Much Water & Money Can YOU Save With Redwood City's FREE Toilet Replacement Program?

Redwood City has already installed over 5,000 free high-efficiency toilets throughout the community— if yours is one of the many homes in Redwood City that still has an older water-wasting toilet, then **this program is for you!** Do you have an old toilet? Then a lot of our precious water (and your money) is literally going down the drain!



Redwood City's **Toilet Replacement Program** offers **free** high-efficiency models for single-family, multi-family, and commercial customers. These toilets are independently tested and rated according to their flushing performance, to guarantee a powerful flush. **They work great!** Choose between a high-efficiency gravity-type toilet or a high-tech pressure assist model that delivers an even more powerful flush.

Don't wait! We make it simple to get rid of your old water-waster, and enjoy a brand new efficient toilet for free. Here's how to get yours:

- 1) You must be a Redwood City water customer with an existing toilet that was built before 1992 and which uses 3.5 gallons or more per flush.
- 2) Call 780-7436 or go to redwoodcity.org/conservation to request an application and we'll mail it to you promptly—just fill out the application and send it back.
- 3) After your application is received and qualified, the City's contractor will call to make an appointment to install your new toilet.
- 4) A technician will come to your home, remove your old water-waster for recycling, and install your new high-efficiency toilet—all of the work and the new toilet are free!

Both the gravity and pressure-assist models come in either round or elongated front. ADA models are available to meet the needs of disabled or elderly residents. You also get free water-efficient shower-heads and faucet aerators to save *even more* water.

Call 780-7436 or go to redwoodcity.org/conservation today for your free toilet!

Your free WaterWise Gardening CD –ROM is waiting for you!



Call 780-7436 or go to redwoodcity.org/conservation. This CD-ROM is custom-made *just* for Redwood City's unique landscapes, weather, and soil conditions - perfect for YOUR garden and landscaping!

Take virtual tour of the disc at redwoodcity.org/conservation and see **Garden Tours, Garden Gallery, Plant Guide, Garden Resources, & a lot more!** It's a gardening resource encyclopedia right on your desktop!

Get ready for FREE Spring Gardening Workshops this March & April!

You'll want to reserve your place for one or more of these fun and informative workshops for homeowners. Keep an eye on our website and in the newspapers for dates.

- ⇒ **Drought Tolerant Plants**
- ⇒ **Garden Design**
- ⇒ **Irrigation Scheduling and Maintenance**

...and other great workshops that will help your garden and landscape to thrive, while saving water every day!



Your service club, neighborhood association, community organization, or other group can learn more about water conservation — Redwood City offers a **Water Conservation Speakers Bureau** that provides an informative and interesting presentation for your gathering. Call 780-7436 to schedule a speaker for your group.