

# THE ROSS REVIEW

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## Mayor's Report



*Mayor Julie McMillan*

September marks a month of significant milestones. Kelley Reid retires as Ross Town Treasurer after 27 years, following his 8-year tenure on the Town Council. We thank Kelley for his nearly four decades of dedicated service enhancing our Town.

We celebrate Marin Art and Garden Center's 80<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. Our community is grateful that Ross resident Caroline Livermore and many other visionary women established this jewel that we continue to enjoy today.

Our dear Winship neighbor Alice Reeve turns 100 on September 27. Alice spent 44 years volunteering at Marin Art & Garden Center and was also a national tennis champion; she remains very active, walking her two small dogs twice a day and cheerfully engaging with neighbors.

On other fronts:

Diane and Rus Rudden have graciously volunteered to lead the formation of a Firewise neighborhood on the Lagunitas side of Town, which will be called the "Lagunitas Road Firewise Group." Others are forming a Firewise group encompassing the Laurel Grove neighborhood. Including the Barber-Winship Firewise Neighborhood group, soon all Ross residents will be part of a Firewise group. If you are interested in helping the Ruddens with the Lagunitas Road Firewise Group, please let me know.

Last month I spoke at the League of Women Voters to commemorate the 19th Amendment, giving women the right to vote in 1920. I reflected on how far women have come, including in Marin County, with 7 of the 11 mayors being women, and Supervisor Barbara Boxer rising to the House of Representatives and then the Senate. In the early 1980s, Supervisor Boxer spearheaded establishing the Ross Valley Paramedics in Ross, where it remains today, working with Ross Councilmembers Gary Scales and Peter Brekhus. We thank them for their vision and commitment to our Town.

On September 5, more than 300 residents attended the newly reimagined Ross Town Dinner. It was wonderful to reconnect, meet new neighbors and spend time together at the lovely Marin Art and Garden Center. Thanks to Town staff for creating such a magical evening, and Crown & Crumpet and Marche Restaurant for generously providing delicious treats.

The following day was the evacuation drill and Ember Stomp, the fourth annual free wildfire festival at the Marin Civic Center sponsored by Marin Wildfire and Fire Safe Marin. A record 1,000 Marin residents participated in the evacuation drill, and attendance at the event was approximately 6,000 – the most ever! Town Manager Johnson and Chief Pata visited me and our displays at the Marin Master Gardeners booth.

I look forward to seeing you at Live on the Common Friday, September 19, and at the First Aid training Saturday, September 27. Thanks to RPOA for sponsoring and organizing both events. Finally, please come to the Firewise educational event Monday, September 29, 5:30-7 pm at Marin Art & Garden Center. You will learn more about Zone 0 – the science, resources and inspiration.

Chat with the Council every month on the day of the Council Meeting from 11am-1pm at the Ross Post Office.

(Council Meetings are held the Second Thursday of the Month unless otherwise noted.)



## Honoring Kelley Reid's Years of Service to Ross

Kelley Reid's history of service to the Town of Ross spans more than three decades. First elected to the Ross Town Council in April 1990, Kelley served two full terms through April 1998. During that time, he was honored to serve as Mayor twice, once

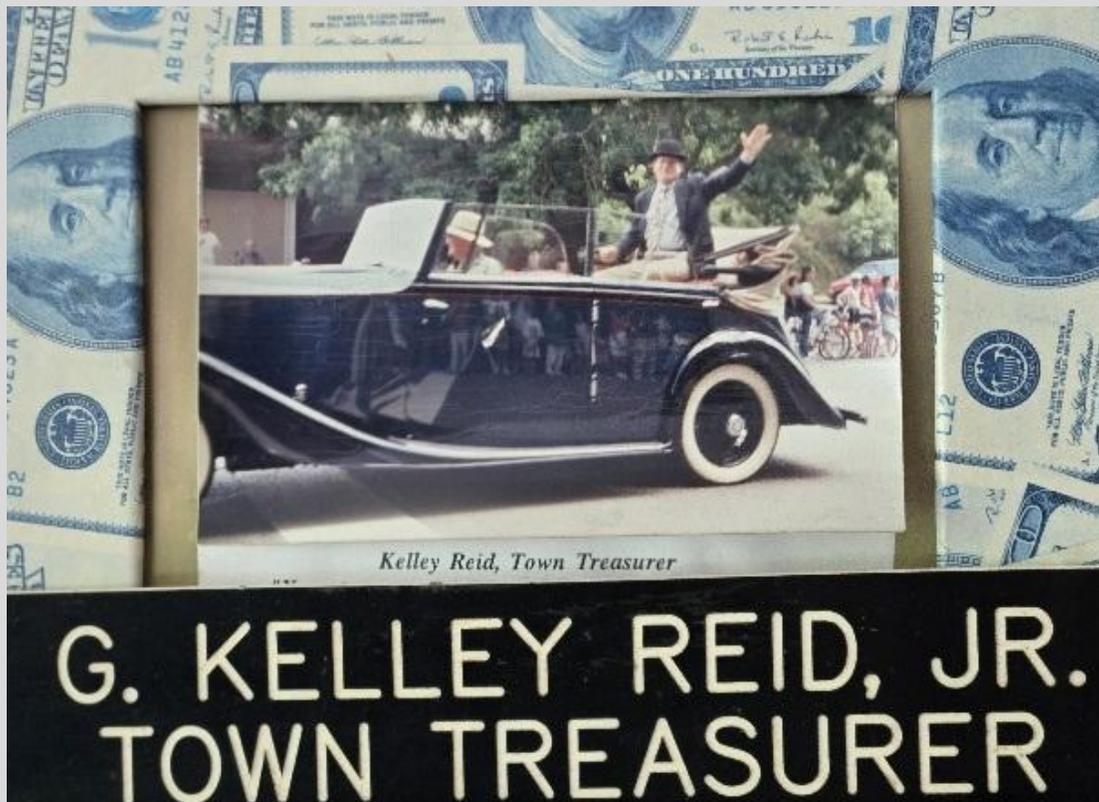
in 1993 and again in 1997. In 1997, Kelley was also elected President of the Marin County Council of Mayors and Councilmembers (MCCMC), representing cities and towns throughout Marin.

Following his second Council term, Kelley was invited by then-Town Clerk Laura Thomas to step into the role of Town Treasurer. "I remember Laura telling me it would only be for a few weeks," Kelley recalls with a smile. "And here I am, 27 years later!" The Council appointed him in 1998 after the retirement of his predecessor, and since then, Kelley has faithfully managed the Town's finances with dedication and integrity.

Reflecting on his long tenure, Kelley says, "I have really enjoyed serving the Town as its Town Treasurer for these past 27 years. It has truly been an honor."

Outside of public service, Kelley treasures time with his wife Mary, their three sons, daughters-in-law, and seven grandchildren.

As he looks ahead to celebrating his 84th birthday this October 19, the Town of Ross is deeply grateful for Kelley's many years of leadership and service. His commitment has left a lasting mark on the community.





## Heart of Ross: Downtown Business Spotlight

Featuring What Makes Ross Unique

### Marin Art & Garden Center

Led by visionary women who collaborated to save the property from development as part of Marin's early conservation movement, Marin Art and Garden Center (MAGC) was founded as a non-profit organization on August 6, 1945. Generations later, it remains a place where families, friends and neighbors come to play, learn, experience the outdoors, enjoy art, commemorate milestones, and come together as a community.

MAGC hosts many events and programs for the Ross Auxiliary, RPOA, Ross Recreation, the Ross School and Branson. From events like Winter Wonderland, the Town Dinner, the Branson prom and Firewise meetings to partnering with the Ross School PTO for bingo nights and hosting a book club for students, the center offers a rich calendar of arts programming and events. For the latest programs, classes and events, please sign up for MAGC's [newsletter](#).

Just as it did 80 years ago, MAGC relies on community support to keep the 11 acres of gardens maintained and open to the public. You can learn more about this local gem by visiting [maringarden.org/friends](http://maringarden.org/friends).



## Ross Resident Alice Reeve Turns 100

The Town of Ross is delighted to celebrate longtime resident **Alice Reeve**, who will mark her 100th birthday on **September 27, 2025**.

Alice was born in San Francisco at Mt. Zion Hospital in 1925. Two years later, her family moved to Marin, where they lived in Kentfield, San Rafael, and eventually settled on Baywood Avenue in Ross.

After marrying in 1950, Alice and her husband rented a cottage on Olive Avenue in Ross for just \$50 a month. A few years later, they purchased a summer cottage on Wellington for \$850—prices that sound unbelievable today! Alice's husband, an engineer, worked tirelessly to fix it up. In 1956, the couple returned to Alice's family home on Baywood Avenue, where she has now lived for **69 years**.

# THE TOWN DINNER WAS A SUCCESS

On Friday, September 5, 2025, the Ross community came together for a magical evening at the **Annual Ross Town Dinner**. Hosted at the beautiful Marin Art & Garden Center, the event brought together neighbors, friends, and families for a night filled with food, music, and community spirit.

The evening kicked off with the lively sounds of *LaTiDo*, whose Latin jazz set the perfect backdrop as residents gathered on the lawn. Children enjoyed games and activities, while many took home keepsake photos from the always-popular *KRUU* photo booth. A highlight for many was the *Silent Disco* with JoyLab—headphones on, music pumping, and plenty of dancing smiles from 6:00 to 7:00 p.m.

Guests were treated to complimentary hors d'oeuvres served by our community partner *Marche*, and sweet offerings from the Marin Art & Garden Center's charming *Watering Can* cart. Delicious desserts were also provided by *Crown and Crumpet*. Many families also enjoyed plates of paella from *Paella Del Reyes* and freshly made churros, while beverages and mixed drinks rounded out the evening's refreshments.

With more than 200 residents in attendance, the event was a true celebration of the Ross spirit—neighbors connecting, children playing, and everyone enjoying a warm September evening together.

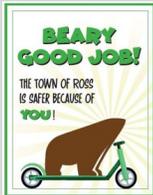
A heartfelt thank-you goes out to all who attended, our generous event partners, and the volunteers who helped make this cherished community tradition possible. We look forward to gathering again next year!

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## September 11, 2025 Council Meeting Highlights

### Recreation/MAGC Pilot Agreement

The Town Council approved a Pilot Community Program Agreement between the Town of Ross and the Marin Art and Garden Center offering Ross Recreation programming at MAGC, increasing visibility and foot traffic to the MAGC, supporting its mission and drawing new community members to the site.



### New E-Bike Safety Laws

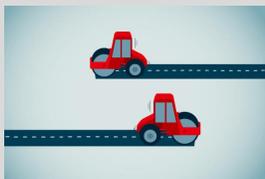
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### Facilities Master Plan Update

The Town Council received a report from Project Manager, David Kelley regarding the progress of the Facilities Master Plan project.



### Bolinas Storm Drain



The Town Council approved Resolution No. 2513 adopting the Final Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration (Final IS/MND) and Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program (MMRP) approving the Bolinas Storm Drain Improvements Phase 2 Project as described in the Final IS/MND and authorized the Public Works Director to advertise the project for public bid.

## PLANNING RESULTS

The Town Council took the following action on planning applications at the September 11 , 2025 Council meeting. Staff reports and video for the meeting can be found on the Town's September 11 website page. The minutes for the meeting will be posted on that page after adoption by the Council.

**Address: 34 Shady Lane**  
**Applicant: Wally and Roseanna Lourdeaux**  
**Council Action: Approved**  
**Vote (for/against/abstain: 5-0-0**

**Address: 36 Allen Ave.**  
**Applicant: John & Paulette Moe**  
**Council Action: Denied**  
**Vote (for/against/abstain: 5-0-0**

## ROSS CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### September 2025

**September 19 5:00pm Live on the Common (Ross Common)**  
**September 27 10:00am Ross Emergency First Aid Training (Ross Common)**  
**September 29 5:30pm Wildfire Preparedness Community Forum: Zone 0 (MAGC)**

### October 2025

**October 9 6:00pm Town Council Meeting (Town Hall & Zoom)**  
**October 17 6:00pm Ross Father/Daughter Dance (Ross School)**  
**October 21 6:00pm Advisory Design Review Group Meeting (Town Hall & Zoom)**



### Ross Common Turf Irrigation Failure

In early August, the Public Works Department discovered a failure with the sand filters on the primary irrigation pump for the Ross Common playing field. This failure subsequently clogged most of the sprinkler heads leaving the Town without a means to water the lawn for several hot-weather days. Even with the emergency

MMWD water several areas of the turf began to turn brown. By mid-August the sand filters and clogged sprinklers were repaired, the turf has been re-seeded and we're back on the regular irrigation schedule. Public Works acknowledges that it will take some time but the field is already showing signs of improvement.

## Introducing David Kelley, Part Time Project Manager

David Kelley is a seasoned local government leader with more than 30 years of experience spanning the public and private sectors. Most recently, he served the City of Cloverdale from 2016 to 2024, first as Assistant City Manager (2016-2018) and then as City Manager (2018-2024).



During his tenure in Cloverdale, David guided the City through major milestones: adoption of a certified Housing Element, acquisition of key open space properties, design of a new Police Station, and voter approval of a local sales tax measure. He also strengthened the City's long-term fiscal health, growing General Fund reserves to record levels while advancing community safety and infrastructure.

Prior to Cloverdale, David spent 12 years with the Town of Windsor in leadership roles including Assistant City Manager, Senior Management Analyst, and Special Projects Manager. He oversaw economic development initiatives, public information, risk management, IT systems, and administration of the Town's waste franchise program, while supporting the Town Manager's office on complex strategic projects.

Earlier in his career, David served as Planning and Building Director for Colusa County and worked in the private sector providing planning, environmental, and land development services to local governments and developers throughout the Sacramento Valley.

David holds an MBA from Sonoma State University and a BA in Economics with a minor in Planning from California State University, Chico. He has also completed graduate coursework in Planning and Environmental Studies.

A long-time Sonoma County resident, David lives with his wife in a 120-year-old home they are restoring to its original historic character. Outside of work, he enjoys cycling, hiking, gardening, cooking, food and wine, and playing pickleball!

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## ANNUAL BUFANO BEAR MAINTENANCE



**Before**



**After**

To keep the beloved Bufano Bear statue, located in front of Ross Town Hall, looking good and staying structurally sound, Preservation Arts conducts ongoing annual maintenance. You can see the drastic difference in the before and after photos above. The Town of Ross keeps a close eye on Bufano ensuring that it will stand proud in front of Town Hall for many years to come.

# Bolinas Avenue Storm Drain Improvements Phase 2 Approved



The Town of Ross is moving forward with Phase 2 of the Bolinas Avenue Storm Drain Improvements, aimed at reducing flooding along Bolinas Avenue and enhancing protection for homes and roadways during heavy storms. The project extends the existing 48-inch storm drain installed in Phase 1 (2019) south, from Bolinas Avenue along Sir Francis Drake Boulevard (SFD) to discharge stormwater downstream of the Sir Francis Drake Bridge. The project will improve flood protection along Bolinas Avenue to at least a 10-year storm level.

Town Council approved Resolution 2513, adopting the project's Final Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration (IS/MND) and approving the project for construction. The IS/MND concluded that environmental impacts from the project will be minimal or can be mitigated through the implementation of the approved Mitigation and Monitoring Plan. Public review included a 60-day comment period, resulting in minor alignment adjustments to lessen impacts to nearby properties during construction.



# ROSS RECREATION

New & returning favorites!  
Fall programs starting in August!!

Check out our website for complete list of programs!



- Youth Classes:**
  - All Out After School (**NEW!**)
  - HRT High Performance Tennis
  - NFL Flag + Ross Rec: Coed Flag Football League
  - Chess Club
  - Theatre Performances w/ 23 Elephants Theatre Company (**NEW!**)
  - "Camp Cruisin" After School Bike Club (**NEW!**)
  - Coding w/ CodeAdvantage
- Adult Classes:**
  - Tennis
  - Pickleball
  - Weekly Bridge Games
  - Tai Chi
  - Mahjogg
- Tot & Pre-K Classes:**
  - Wilderness Cubs w/ RCNS
  - Tot Saturday Soccer

Be on the lookout as we expand our tot class offerings!

**AND MORE!**

**Contact:**  
**(415) 453-6020 \ [www.rossrecreation.org](http://www.rossrecreation.org) \ [rossrec@townofrossca.gov](mailto:rossrec@townofrossca.gov)**



## The 2025 Soccer League is here and OPEN for registrations.

Join the fun with Coach Jean Marc Schafer in our Ross Recreation Soccer League, designed especially for kindergarten through 2nd grade players!

### NEW this Season!

Teams will practice together on weekday afternoons, building skills, teamwork, and confidence in a fun, supportive environment. Players will learn the fundamentals of soccer while developing a love for the game—no experience necessary! Weekend games will take place on Saturdays starting September 6th and give everyone a chance to shine and show off their skills they've learned during the week.

How to register:

1. Register for League Division (Ex. Kinder Girls)
2. Please list friend/team requests
3. Choose preferred practice day

\*Ross Rec will do their best to schedule team practices based on overall team preferred day.

Saturday Games: 9/6, 9/13, 9/20, 9/27, 10/4, 10/11

Practice Schedule: Practices start Monday, 8/25

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## 2025 ANNUAL ROSS CLEAN-UP DAY

**Volunteers Needed/Kids Welcome**  
**Saturday, September 20, 2025**  
**9:00am - Noon**  
Help remove debris and litter from the  
Corte Madera and Ross Creeks

**Meet in front of the Ross Post Office at 9:00am sharp!**

**Wear old clothes: long pants, long sleeves.**



Call 415.453.1453, ext. 163 with questions.

# ! SAVE THE DATE !

## WILDFIRE PREPAREDNESS COMMUNITY FORUM

*Zone 0: Science, Resources & Inspiration*  
Monday, September 29<sup>th</sup>, 2025 | 5:30 – 7:00pm  
Livermore Pavilion at Marin Art and Garden Center



### What is "Zone 0"?

*This refers to the area within **5 feet** of a structure. This zone is crucial for wildfire safety, as it helps reduce the risk of fire spreading.*

The Barber-Winship Firewise Neighborhood, in association with the Town of Ross and Age Friendly Ross, invite you to a community forum on landscaping, defensible space and home hardening.

#### Preliminary Program:

- Mark Brown, Executive Officer, Marin Wildfire Prevention Authority
- April Owens, Principal, April Owens Designs - a multi-disciplinary landscape design firm
- Stuart Tanenberg, Firewise Community Liaison, Fire Safe Marin
- Q & A

Wine - Refreshments - Food

Please RSVP - [barberwinship@gmail.com](mailto:barberwinship@gmail.com)

*Representatives from Ross Valley Fire, Ross Police, the Town of Ross, Age Friendly Ross and Fire Safe Marin will all be in attendance.*



**FIREWISE USA**  
Residents reducing wildfire risks



**Town of Ross**  
California



**JOIN US FOR**  
The Thirty-Seventh Annual  
**Marin Senior Fair**  
Wednesday, September 17, 2025  
9:00 am – 3:00 pm  
**Marin Center Exhibit Hall**

Celebrate the vibrant lives of Marin County's older adults at the upcoming Marin Senior Fair! This annual event is the perfect opportunity to explore a wealth of resources, services, and activities tailored to seniors and their families. From health and wellness booths to live entertainment, there's something for everyone to enjoy.

Connect with community organizations, discover new hobbies, and make meaningful connections while celebrating the golden years. Don't miss this inspiring day of discovery and fun—join us and make the Marin Senior Fair an event to remember!

# AGE FRIENDLY ROSS

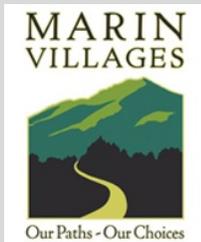
## Reimagining Aging & Community - Marin Villages



Marin Villages is a nonprofit organization whose mission is to empower older adults to stay active, connected and independent in the place they already call home.

They are redefining aging and community for older adults. Their members and volunteers cherish living in their beloved homes, gathering for events and celebrations, forging new friendships, and supporting each other throughout their aging journey.

Marin Villages provides volunteers to lend a hand with rides, technology, visits and more. You can join and/or volunteer! Visit [marinvillages.org](http://marinvillages.org) or call 415.457.4633



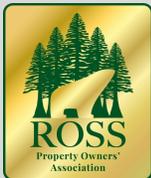
## Generational Estate Planning for Ages 18 to 118

A Breakfast Gathering  
Sponsored by Age Friendly Ross, Marin Art & Garden Center, and Ross Property Owners' Association

Saturday, November 1st from 9:30am-11:30am  
at Marin Art & Garden Center  
Livermore Room

Guest Speaker: Sandra Price, Esq. from Sideman & Bancroft LLP  
Light breakfast will be provided.

Please [Click Here](#) to **RSVP**



## Free Emergency First Aid Training on the Common

The Ross Property Owners Association (RPOA) invites you to attend a free Emergency First Aid Training on Saturday, September 27, any time between 10:00 AM and 2:00 PM at Ross Common (Grove area). Each training session takes about 30 minutes.

Training is led by members of the Madrone CERT/NRG Node (Larkspur)—a team that includes active licensed EMTs, National Ski Patrol, FEMA-deployed registered nurses, and backcountry search & rescue professionals.

### What you'll learn (all ages welcome):

- Stop the Bleed techniques
- Using an AED (Automated External Defibrillator)
- Hands-only CPR
- Narcan administration

To RSVP, please email Jeff Koblick at [jeffkoblick@icloud.com](mailto:jeffkoblick@icloud.com).

### What you'll receive:

- A Stop the Bleed kit
- A dual-dose box of Narcan

We hope to see you there!

A VISUAL GUIDE FOR LANDSCAPERS  
**FIRE SMART YARDS**  
UNA GUÍA VISUAL PARA PAISAJISTAS



## Announcing a New Wildfire Educational Resource!

Marin Wildfire and Fire Safe Marin are delighted to share [Fire Smart Yards: A Visual Guide](#) - a new bilingual resource designed for landscapers and community members that reimagines Zone 0 as both beautiful and effective in protecting homes from wildfire.

Created in response to concerns that wildfire-safe landscaping would look unattractive, this inspiring guide shows real-world examples, co-branding opportunities, and clear visuals to support fire-smart designs. For a printed copy or for more information email [info@firesafemarin.org](mailto:info@firesafemarin.org).

## Defensible Space Re-inspections are happening now through October!



Dear Neighbors,

Homes in your neighborhood have already received an initial defensible space inspection from Marin County Fire Department inspectors. During these visits, wildfire hazards that pose a risk to your home were identified.

Some properties only received a **partial evaluation** because inspectors could not access the entire property without the resident present. This means your [Wildfire Risk Report](#), while still useful, may be incomplete.

Over the next few months, inspectors will be re-evaluating properties in your neighborhood including properties that only received *partial inspections*. To receive a **full wildfire risk evaluation even if you are not home**, you may sign a **Right of Entry (ROE) form**, which grants inspectors permission to access the exterior of your property.

### Why this matters:

- A complete evaluation is **required** if you plan to apply for a **Resident Risk Reduction Grant**.
- Without a signed ROE, you will not be eligible for a grant this year, and the next opportunity for evaluation in your area will likely not occur until 2027.

**What is a Right of Entry (ROE) and Why Do We Need It?** The ROE form gives our inspectors permission to complete a **full wildfire risk evaluation** of your property's exterior even if you are not home.

By signing the ROE:

- Our trained Defensible Space Inspectors can perform a complete exterior inspection.
- We can document hazards and provide you with a full, personalized Wildfire Risk Report.
- You maintain eligibility for wildfire mitigation grants.

### Important:

- Inspectors will **only** evaluate outdoor areas — they will not enter your home or any other structures.
- Any photographs taken are used exclusively to document wildfire risks in your private report.
- You may revoke your permission at any time.
- Without a signed ROE, we can only inspect if you are present during the visit.
- You can review details about the grant program and our [privacy policy at https://](https://www.defensiblespacereport.org/undefined/privacy)

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# MARIN MASTER GARDENERS

## September Fire Smart Landscaping Tips

### Zone 1: Lean Clean and Green

After cleaning [Zone 0](#) (0-5 feet from home) of any combustible materials (see [August's Fire-Smart tips](#)), this month we'll focus on applying the Fire-Smart Landscaping principles of "**think lean, clean, and green**", and "**start at the house and work**

**out**" to [Zone 1](#) (5-30 feet from home). This maintenance is essential, as September and October mark the peak of wildfire season, when summer-dried vegetation and strong, drying Diablo winds converge before the arrival of winter rains.

#### A Clean Zone 1

The transition to fall brings shorter days and cooler weather, triggering leaves to transform into their beautiful autumn colors. It's then time to regularly check for and remove leaf litter from accumulating on roofs, in gutters, within five feet of homes, and from under decks in Zone 0. Be sure to keep leaf litter to a minimum in Zone 1 (leaf litter can be three inches in depth in Zone 2, 30' beyond your home). Remove any dead vegetation, dead flowers, and dry grasses from the landscape to reduce potential fuel. [Prune trees and shrubs](#) to remove dead branches, control size, create space within the canopy, and remove low-hanging branches from trees to create space between lower vegetation and reduce the risk of ladder fuels. You may wish to attend the UC Marin Master Gardeners' "Advanced Pruning: Structural Training and Canopy Restoration" Zoom class on October 15, 2025, from 10:00 am-12:30 pm. [Sign up here](#).

Regularly inspect plants for [drought stress](#) and [water appropriately](#) to keep plants healthy. Plants will need less water as we enter cooler weather in the fall months.

**And remember, ongoing maintenance of Zone 0 (0-5 feet from home) is critical during fire season.**

**FOR MORE INFORMATION ON FIRE-SMART LANDSCAPING, VISIT MARIN MASTER GARDENER WEBSITE.**

#### Beautiful Landscapes, Lasting Water Savings

*Marin Water offers rebates, expert guidance and practical tools to help Ross residents save water outdoors while keeping landscapes healthy and beautiful.*



As neighbors to the Mt. Tamalpais Watershed – the source of much of our drinking water – Ross residents know how important it is to use water wisely outdoors. Marin Water offers a range of programs and rebates to help keep landscapes beautiful while protecting this precious resource.

#### Conservation Assistance Program

Request a free home visit from Marin Water staff to review irrigation schedules, check for leaks and recommend ways to improve efficiency.

#### Cash for Grass

Lawns are among the thirstiest features in any landscape. Marin Water's "Cash for Grass" program provides incentives of up to \$2,000 (depending on the size of the lawn replacement) to transform grassy areas into creative, climate-appropriate designs that save water, enhance functionality and elevate curb appeal.

#### Qualified Water Efficient Landscapers (QWEL)

If you own a large landscape or aren't yet ready to give up your lawn, consider hiring or certifying your landscaper through QWEL. These trained professionals ensure irrigation systems are efficient and landscapes thrive with less water. QWEL trainings are offered frequently. Visit [QWEL.net](#).

#### Outdoor Rebates

Smart controllers, rain barrels and pool covers all qualify for Marin Water rebates – practical upgrades that save water outdoors and keep your landscape thriving.

Access all of these offerings at [marinwater.org/WaterEfficiency](https://marinwater.org/WaterEfficiency).

## A First-Time Fixer's Guide to Repair Fairs in Marin

Zero Waste Marin, the governmental Joint Powers Authority on waste, has partnered with Reuse Alliance to bring Repair Fairs to Marin County. These Repair Fairs are powered by volunteer fixers who help community members fix common items - and we'd love to have you as a volunteer fixer!

### What is a Repair Fair?

At Repair Fairs, community members bring common household items for free repair. They sit with a Repair Coach (you!) who helps explain their approach to fixing.

### How does being a Fixer work?

1. Sign up for an event date that works for you on the Reuse Alliance website: <https://www.reusealliance.org/rf-volunteer>
2. In the sign-up form, you will indicate what kinds of items you are comfortable fixing (e.g. lamps, small appliances, clothing)
3. Bring the tools you'll need to fix the item on the day of the event.
4. Fix items and feel happy!

### What tools should I bring?

The tools you will need depend on what category of fixing you are doing (e.g. lamps, small appliances, or clothing mending).

Visit Reuse Alliance's [suggested Tools List](#) to learn more.



### Should I bring parts?

Reuse Alliance provides parts for the most common issues. Some fixes may require an unusual part, which we consider a "partial fix".

Volunteers will also have access to the list of pre-registered items, and can let Reuse Alliance know if a part needs to be ordered.

### What if I can't fix something?

That's ok! Not everything is fixable by a volunteer. All participants sign a waiver acknowledging that they are accessing a free service, and the fix is not guaranteed. Some folks will walk away with a diagnosis of the problem, and others will be directed to professional services in the area.

# Come to a Repair Fair in 20+25!

Zero Waste Marin is working on a pilot program with non-profit [Reuse Alliance](#) to bring free Repair Fairs to Marin County!

## What is a Repair Fair?

Repair Fairs are free events where community members can bring an item (lamp, bike, clothes, small appliances, etc.) for free repair. Rather than leaving and returning later to pick up their item, attendees sit with a Repair Coach who explains their approach to fixing the item. The Coach and attendee work collaboratively to try to fix the item, so that attendees learn more about fixing and hopefully feel empowered to try to fix other things. Repair Fairs keep useful items out of the landfill and spread knowledge and love of reuse and repair!

### How do I register an item to be fixed?

You are encouraged to pre-register items you would like to have fixed at a Repair Fair; you can do so by finding the event you want to attend at: <https://www.reusealliance.org/rf-reg>. Forget to pre-register? They also take walk-ins!

### How do I volunteer as a Repair Coach?

They would love to have you volunteer as a Repair Coach! Don't feel comfortable fixing, but still want to help out? There are also volunteer opportunities to help with check-in and check-out! Fill out the volunteer intake form at [www.reusealliance.org/rf-volunteer](http://www.reusealliance.org/rf-volunteer), or email [volunteer@reusealliance.org](mailto:volunteer@reusealliance.org).

There are a few more [Repair Fair dates](#) scheduled with Reuse Alliance:

1. [Saturday, September 13<sup>th</sup> in San Anselmo](#) \*\*
2. [October 4<sup>th</sup> at the South Novato Library](#)

\*\*This event will also include a Clothing Swap! Bring clean, wearable clothing to drop off, and then stay to browse clothes and take home something "new" to you for free! Note: We will only accept clothing that is clean, dry, and wearable (no significant damage), and donations will only be accepted on the day of the event. Donations of dirty or unwearable clothes, underwear, bathing suits, or non-clothing items will not be accepted.

# ZERØWASTEMARIN

## “How To” on Refill

Do you want to learn how to use refill stores or the bulk food section at the grocery store? Look no further – here’s a step-by-step guide for jumping into refill!



**Refill 101: A step-by-step guide for using refill and bulk options!** →

ZERØWASTEMARIN

### 1 Select A Container

A good place to start is the containers you already have - if you just finished a bottle of shampoo or laundry detergent, hang on to them for refill.

Similarly, an empty jar of pasta sauce or an old nut butter container can be repurposed for use at the bulk food section.



ZERØWASTEMARIN

**Select Your Container:** If you need a refill on liquid shampoo and conditioner, hand soap, dish soap, or laundry detergent, a great place to start is just to use whatever container your product originally came in. If you have an empty plastic shampoo bottle, for example, hang onto it for use at the refill store. If you’re visiting the bulk food section of the grocerstore, you might use a jar you saved from pasta sauce, or some other container you have on handy.

**Find a Store Near You:** If you’re not sure where your closest refill store is, check out [this list on the Zero Waste Marin website](#). Many grocery stores now have bulk food sections.

### 2 Find A Store

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