

Helping you care for our **land, water,** **soil, and wildlife.**



Hello Napa RCD Community,

Last month, we had a blast celebrating the power of community-based conservation and stewardship at Reel Science: Napa RCD's Annual Fish Monitoring Program Demo Day and the 2025 Climate-Friendly Garden Tour. In this month's edition of the newsletter, we're excited to offer even more ways to connect with and learn about our local ecosystems — from a prescribed fire smoke management webinar to the Napa Climate Action Workshop for Vineyards, Rooted in Action Week in July, and other upcoming volunteer opportunities. Whether you're curious about fire ecology, climate-resilient farming, or just looking to get your hands dirty, there's something for everyone to get excited about and participate in.

See you out there,
Napa RCD



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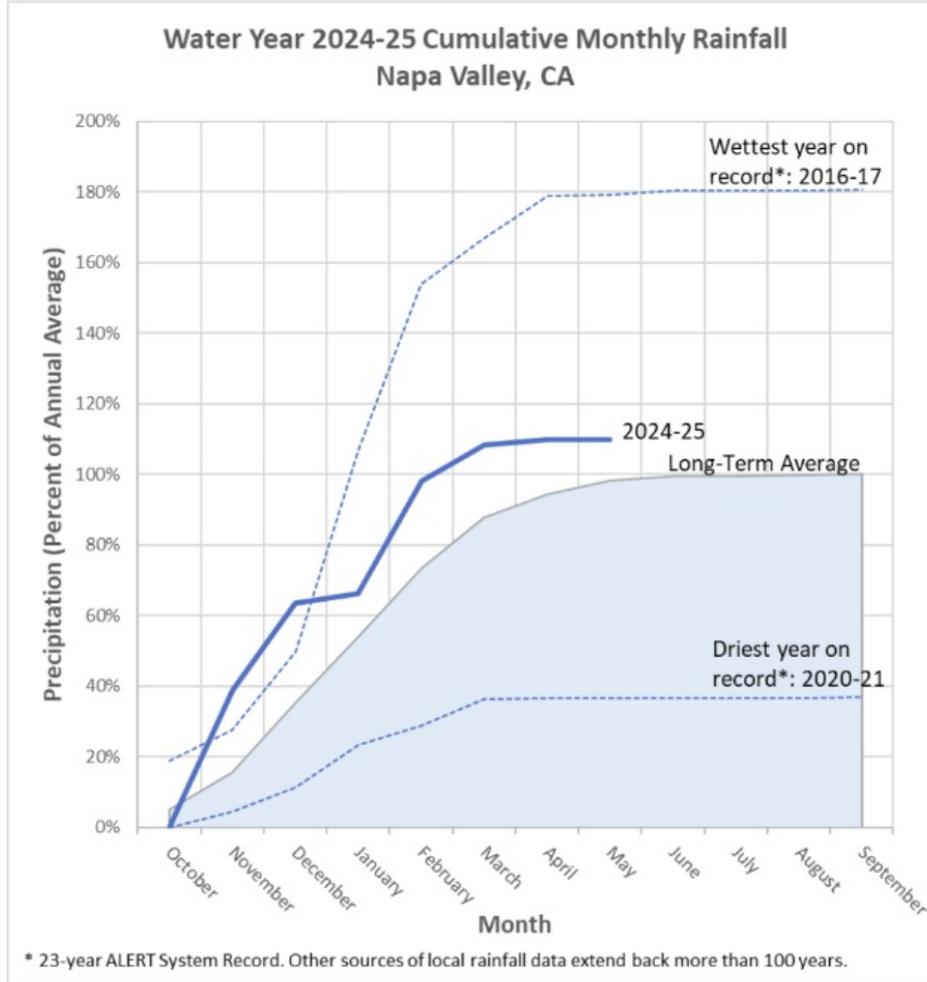
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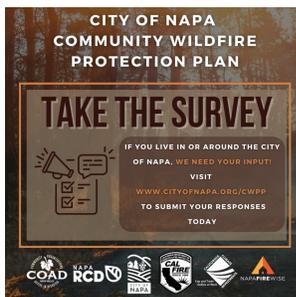
Water Year 2024-2025 Rainfall Summary for Napa Valley

The **Napa County ALERT Flood Warning System**, often called the “OneRain” system, is a network of hydrologic monitoring stations deployed around the Napa Valley. The stations report rainfall and water levels in real time and warn local emergency managers of intense downpours and quickly rising streams that could result in flooding. In addition, the data collected provides an accurate and detailed look at the timing and distribution of rainfall throughout the valley. Hydrologic data are organized according to the “water year” which begins on October 1 and goes through September 30. As of June 1, 2025, we are eight months into Water Year 2024-25 and based on long-term averages we have typically received 98% of our annual rainfall by this point. Annual rainfall totals for Water Year 2024-25 to date range from 27.5 inches in the City of Napa to 55.8 inches near the top of Mt. Veeder in the western hills. These totals represent approximately 112% of our mean annual precipitation, indicating that this has been a slightly above average water year, but currently within the “average” water year classification.



Water Year 2024-25 started off slowly with a dry October, but November and December were well above average. By New Year's, we were outpacing Water Year 2016-17, which was the wettest of the past 40 years. A dry January with only two days of light rain brought totals back down, but abundant rainfall in the first half of February put us back on track for a wet year. Since mid-February, rainfall has been light and infrequent, and the months of March, April, and May were all below average. Although we are above the long-term average in total this year, rainfall was not evenly distributed across the wet season but largely compressed into the fall and early winter months.

This was the fourth “average” or “wet” water year in a row, and although more are not guaranteed, the stability is appreciated, especially following back-to-back drought years in 2020 and 2021, which were both in the top five driest of the last century.



Take the Community Wildfire Protection Plan (CWPP) Survey

The City of Napa is developing a Community Wildfire Protection Plan that will provide the local community, planners, and fire officials the resources to identify, plan for, and implement projects that lead us towards being more fire-resilient.

If you live in or around the City of Napa, we need your help shape our wildfire protection efforts! **Take the survey before it closes on 6/6** and help us understand what projects and programs you'd like to see prioritized in the plan.

Take the Survey

Learn More about the CWPP



Free Vineyard Irrigation Evaluations - Sign Up Today

Napa RCD is offering a free service to evaluate the distribution uniformity (DU) of your vineyard irrigation system. This test determines how evenly water is being applied across an irrigation block and throughout the vineyard. You will receive a custom report with the results from the evaluation and specific recommendations on how to improve the performance of your irrigation system.

For more information or to schedule an evaluation please contact Miguel Garcia, Sustainable Ag Program Manager, at miguel@naparcd.org

Email Miguel



Rooted in Action Week

Napa RCD is partnering with the City of Napa and a variety of local organizations to bring you a weeklong series of engaging activities and discussions focused on zero-waste living and sustainability. Come learn how to breathe new life into old items or grow fresh, sustainable solutions using community resources—at little or no cost to you! Be sure to check out the Eat Green Waste Less campaign below and enter a raffle for each Napa RCD workshop you attend during Rooted in Action Week!

Learn More



Volunteers Needed: Napa County's First Repair Fair

Do you enjoy fixing things? We need your help! As a part of Rooted in Action Week, Napa RCD, the City of Napa Library, and the Reuse Alliance are teaming up for Napa's first Repair Fair. Repair Fairs are community events that raise awareness about the benefits of reuse while providing free repair services. Attendees bring items in need of repair (textiles, electronics, small appliances, lamps, bikes, etc.) and are assigned to a volunteer or professional repair coach who fixes the item while teaching the owner those skills.

Have a unique knack for fixing things? Maybe you're great at mending fabrics, repairing kitchen mixers, or old bikes. If so, this is

the space for you! Help us keep unnecessary waste out of local landfills. Click the link below to fill out the volunteer form.

Sign Up to be a
"Fixer"

Program Spotlight



Igniting Change with the Napa Prescribed Burn Association

Prescribed fire is the use of fire under certain conditions to achieve specific goals or outcomes (ecosystem resilience, wildlife habitat improvement, invasive plant management). It is a cost-effective management tool that restores a necessary component to the environment. The Napa Prescribed Burn Association (PBA) is building a network within our community dedicated to assisting neighbors in using prescribed fire on their lands. As the burn season comes to an end, we're excited to share an update about what the Napa PBA has been up to recently!

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Upcoming Events with Napa RCD



6/7: June First Saturday Volunteer Event at Alston Park

Join Napa RCD on Saturday, June 7, for our monthly First Saturday Volunteer Event at Alston Park! We'll be adding protective cages to young trees to help outsmart the growing vole population and protect our restoration efforts. Expect fresh air, scenic views, and tasks for all ability levels. All tools and training provided—just bring sturdy shoes and your community spirit. Meet us at the Trower Ave entrance and follow the signs up the hill. Let's keep Napa green and growing together!

Register

6/10 & 6/12: Prescribed Fire Smoke Management Webinar

Join Napa RCD for a 2-part webinar series on prescribed fire smoke management where we'll be joined by local and state fire

Prescribed Fire Smoke Management Webinar



Tues. & Thurs
June 10 & 12
5:30- 6:15PM
on Zoom

professionals who'll walk through how to approach smoke management planning and use the Prescribed Fire Incident Reporting System (PFIRS). Hear about recent & upcoming prescribed fire work in Napa County and receive a local PFIRS planning template, plus access to the webinar recording.

Register

Native Tree & Shrub Planting Day

at the St Helena Community Forest

- Saturday, June 21
- 9-11:30am
- Registration Appreciated



NapaRCD.org/JunePlanting

6/21: Planting Day at the St. Helena Community Forest

Join Napa RCD and the City of St. Helena for a special volunteer planting day at the future site of the St. Helena Community Forest! We'll be adding a mix of native trees and shrubs—like coast live oak, toyon, and ceanothus—to boost biodiversity and help create a resilient, natural landscape. Holes will be pre-dug; all we need is your helping hands to get these plants in the ground. Bring sturdy shoes, sun protection, and a water bottle—gloves and tools provided. Registration is appreciated!

Please contact Ashley@naparcd.org with questions.

Register



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SUSTAINABLE WINEGROWING
ALLIANCE

6/25: Napa Climate Action Workshop with California Sustainable Winegrowing Alliance

Join from 9:00 AM- 11:30 AM for an informative workshop focused on actionable strategies for addressing climate change impacts in the vineyard. Hear from Napa RCD's Sustainable Agriculture Program Manager, Miguel Garcia, about how improving soil health can help vineyards mitigate and adapt to climate change impacts

Register

ROOTED IN ACTION WEEK
SEMANA DE RAÍCES EN ACCIÓN

7/7 STRETCH YOUR SCRAPS: FOOD WASTE REDUCTION

7/9 CONTAINER GARDENING IN SMALL SPACES

7/10 KAYAK RIVER CLEANUP

7/11 DIY BEESWAX ECOWRAPPS

7/12 REPAIR FAIR

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NAPARCD.ORG/EVENTS

7/7-7-12: Rooted in Action Week

Napa RCD is partnering with the City of Napa and a variety of local organizations to bring you a weeklong series of engaging activities and discussions focused on zero-waste living and sustainability! Workshops will include:

- 7/7: Stretch Your Scraps: Food Waste Reduction
- 7/9: Container Gardening in Small Spaces
- 7/10: Kayak River Cleanup
- 7/11: DIY Beeswax Ecowraps
- 7/12: Repair Fair

We'll be teaming up with our friends at the Master Gardeners of Napa County, Innovative Health Solutions, CalFresh, Napa County Library, the Reuse Alliance, and more!

Learn More and
Register



Eat Green & Waste Less Challenge

From May 19 to July 15, Napa County residents can take steps toward sustainability by completing 2 actions in the Eat Green & Waste Less category on the [Napa County Climate Challenge platform](#) to earn a raffle entry. Bonus entries can be earned by attending the City of Napa and Napa RCD Rooted in Action Week workshops in July!

Prizes include gift cards to local businesses, eco-friendly to-go ware, and more!

Ready to make a difference AND win prizes? Sign up and start taking action at napacountyclimatechallenge.org.

Questions on how to join? Email Carly Silverman at carlys@bacommunities.org

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Tap into the Watershed



World Environment Day Cleanup at Lake Barryessa June 7

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UC ANR Forest Stewardship Field Trip: Napa County June 28

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UC Master Gardeners Welcoming Pollinators into your Garden Workshop June 28

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**Stop by and say hello to us at this event!*

Did you know we have a separate email list for our **volunteers**?

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