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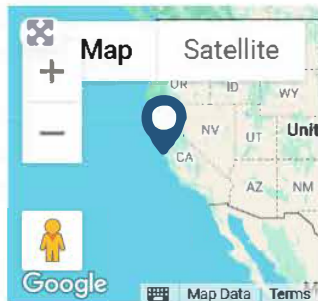


Help Monitor Coastal Water Quality with RCD's 2025 First Flush: Online Training and In Person Practice Run

Dates:

- ▶ September 10, 2025,
6:30 pm
- 8:00 pm
- ▶ September 13, 2025,
6:30 pm
- 8:00 pm

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Volunteer for First Flush! [Sign up Here](#)

The San Mateo Resource Conservation District (RCD) is looking for volunteers to help collect water samples during First Flush, the first big rain of the season, when pollutants wash into our creeks and ocean.

It's a one-time, hands-on way to protect our coast and do some real community science!

No experience needed – sites from Pacifica to Half Moon Bay.

TRAINING MEETING DETAILS:

Virtual Training on Wednesday September 10th, 2025 6:30pm. This virtual training outlines the background of the program, sampling methods, and First Flush sampling event logistics. This video will be recorded for those that cannot attend.

In-person (Practice Run) Training the morning of Saturday September 13th, 2025. This will be a hands-on

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training to practice sampling methods before the First Flush sampling event. We have a video available for those that cannot attend this practice run. Time TBD after registration for 9/10/2025 training.

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Questions? Email: FirstFlush@sanmateoRCD.org

First Flush is another name for the first significant rain of the season, when pollutants that have accumulated across the landscape during the dry season can wash off the land and enter storm drains and creeks and eventually flow into the ocean. And it's not too early to think about volunteering with the [San Mateo Resource Conservation District](#) for the First Flush program, their biggest annual community science water quality event.

They are looking for adventurous volunteers to be a scientist for a day to help ensure clean creeks, beaches, and oceans. Once the program starts, tasks will include collecting water samples and recording data at sites from Pacifica to Half Moon Bay. These samples will be tested for bacteria, metals, total suspended solids, and nutrients, which can negatively impact humans and wildlife. This is a one-time volunteer event that will have a positive and long-term impact in our community.

The first big rains will likely arrive in November or December, but there is a short training that takes place in September.

Be sure to spread the word about this opportunity to your family, friends, network, and colleagues!

First Flush is open to all, so if anyone you know may like to join us during the first big rain of the year, they are most welcome!

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