



Your Marin County Climate Zone Guide

The best description of the climate zones in Marin County can be found in the “**Sunset New Western Garden Book.**” Marin County is situated in **Sunset** Zones 15, 16, and 17. These Zones give a general idea of the climatic factors you can expect in your Marin neighborhood and will help to guide you in plant selection and planting times. The table below lists the cities & towns in Marin County & the associated **Sunset** climate zones.

Sunset Garden Zone	Climate Conditions	Marin Cities & Towns Located in this Zone	Comments
15	Coastal Climate Some winter frosts, warmer summers with afternoon winds	Fairfax, inland areas of San Rafael, Terra Linda, Lucas Valley, Novato, Mill Valley, Inverness, Point Reyes Station, Mill Valley hilltops	Lowland valley areas and hilltops will receive the most frost. Average low temperatures 28 – 21 degrees F
16	North Coast Thermal Belt Has more heat than Zone 17 and warmer winters than Zone 15. Summer afternoon winds	San Anselmo, Lagunitas, Mill Valley, Ross, Kentfield, Larkspur	Lowland valley areas and hilltops will experience colder winters. Average low temperatures 32 – 19 degrees F
17	Marine Effects Mild, wet winters and cool summers with frequent fog & wind.	Sausalito, Tiburon, Belvedere, Tomales, Bolinas, Corte Madera, eastern San Rafael & Novato	Hilltops with southwest facing slopes experience hotter summers. Average low temperature 36 – 23 degrees F.