

## **Marin County Website Accessibility**

The Marin County website is designed to meet Conformance Level "A" of the World Wide Web Consortium Web Accessibility Initiative ([www.w3c.org/wai](http://www.w3c.org/wai)).

Accessibility features include skip navigation links on all pages, alt tags for graphic elements, a minimum 12pt sans serif font on all pages and more. Where Adobe Acrobat® portable document format (.pdf) documents are posted, a link to a free conversion tool on the adobe acrobat website is provided

### **Accessibility Tips**

This site is best viewed using Internet Explorer v.5 or newer on a PC and the latest version of Safari version computers with Mac operating systems. The site can also be viewed in Firefox, and other browsers, however layout may vary. If possible the latest version of your adaptive software should also be used.

### **Adjusting the Text Size**

You can change the text size for easier reading. Click on large or small "A" below the photos in the header to adjust the text size up or down on and page. This will change the text size for the entire website.

You can also use your Internet browser's menu to change the text size for all websites. For example, Internet Explorer users can use the "text size" option in the View menu.

Firefox, Safari, and Internet Explorer 7 users can use the keystroke "Control+plus" to increase the font size (Command+plus on a Mac). Use "Control+minus" to decrease the font size.

### **Understanding How Links Work**

Because this website is a central hub for information, it has many links to additional resources. Some of these link locations are within the County website, other links are outside the website. Most links will open in the same window, allowing you to return to the County website by using your browsers back button.

Please note that the County of Marin is not responsible for the accessibility of external websites or external documents linked to the County website.

## **Using a Screen Reader**

Are you a first time County website user? We recommend you read each page in its entirety because information about links is provided in the surrounding text.

Once you are familiar with the content, in the future you will be able to navigate more quickly through each page using your screen reader's ability to jump to headings and links.

Use the Skip Content link (the first link on every page) to move directly to the content on each page, bypassing the navigation links. JAWS users can use the "H" key to move to the next heading. JAWS users can open a dialog box that lists all headings on a page with the keystroke "Insert+F6", can list all form fields on a page with the keystroke Insert+F5 and all links on a page with the keystroke Insert F7 .

## **Navigating with the Tab Key**

You can navigate the County website using only your keyboard. The Tab key moves from link to link in most browsers. This allows you to click on highlighted links by hitting the Enter key.

Use the Insert F7 command to list all links on a page. You can use the JAWS link box search feature to move to any link.

## **PDF Files**

Some documents on the County website and many on other sites will be posted in .pdf format. You can convert them to a screen-reader compatible version by using the tools at the [Adobe Accessibility Center](#)

## **Videos**

Videos embedded on the home page are open captioned. They can be viewed and followed in full screen mode by clicking on the video or the link below. Most videos are of people talking. On more active videos audio description for the blind will be used where possible.

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