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ENTER THE 2009 WATER-EFFICIENT LANDSCAPE AWARDS!

It is time to enter TMWA's 2009 Water-Efficient Landscape Awards. Your yard is eligible for entry as long as it is within our service area. Winners will receive gift certificates to local landscape companies. The deadline to enter is September 11, 2009.

For more information, online entry forms and complete contest rules, visit us at www.tmwlandscapeguide.com or call 834-8005.

2008 WINNER
Design by Professional
First Place: Claire Christie of Sparks

TAKE CONTROL OF YOUR WATER BILL – WATER RESPONSIBLY THIS SUMMER

The staff at TMWA encourages responsible water use. To assist you, here is information about your landscape's watering needs. Outside watering can increase your monthly water use by thousands of gallons. This in turn can increase your water bill dramatically. Following our Assigned-Day Watering schedule can help you manage your usage.



Remember:

Homes with odd addresses: If the last number in your address is 1, 3, 5, 7 or 9, water on Thursdays and Sundays.

Homes with even addresses: If the last number in your address is 0, 2, 4, 6 or 8, water on Wednesdays and Saturdays.

Businesses: Water on Tuesdays and Fridays.

Mondays are a no-watering day for all customers. This day is for the water treatment plants to replenish water storage.

Here are some helpful tips to follow this summer:

- Plan, design and maintain your yard easily with our online Water-Efficient Landscape Guide at www.tmwlandscapeguide.com.
- Provide your lawn and other plants the strong root systems they need to stay healthy. Our "Guide to Assigned-Day Watering and Lawn Care in the Truckee Meadows," provides information on de-thatching, aerating, fertilizing and watering. Log onto the Conservation section of www.tmh2o.com for a copy, or call at 834-8080, option 2.
- Check your irrigation system now and throughout the summer for leaks or broken parts—these can lead to wasted water and money on your water bill.

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THE VALUE OF YOUR DRINKING WATER

As the Chinese proverb says, *when you drink the water, remember the spring.*

Your water bill pays for the stewardship of water resources, such as the Truckee River and its watersheds, and the processes required to deliver high quality and sustainable water. Those processes include the operation and maintenance of our two water treatment plants, 32 wells and the more than 1,300 miles of pipes running under our streets.

So take a moment and remember the spring. What does your water provide you?

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- Please do not water between 1 and 5 p.m. or when it is raining or windy.
- Water when temperatures are cooler so that evaporation is reduced.
- Avoid over-watering and runoff.
- For gardens and small areas that need extra attention any day of the week, we recommend hand watering with a watering can or a hose with an attached nozzle.

Watering on your designated days and responsible water use will result in lower water bills. Plus, when residents and businesses are accustomed to assigned-day watering, we have greater flexibility in meeting the water needs of all customers. For additional responsible water use tips, please visit us at www.tmh2o.com, or contact our water waste hotline at 834-8005.

UPDATE ON OUR WATER SUPPLY

View Lake Tahoe Water Storage in Real-Time!

According to TMWA's Senior Coordinator of Water Supply and Reservoirs, Bill Hauck, our water supply is in decent shape for this year. "At this time, we do not expect to use any of our drought reserves this summer, but we encourage wise water use throughout the year," he said. For the latest information on our water supply, log on to www.tmwa.com/lake_level/ where you can check Lake Tahoe's water storage in real time. You can also find our most recent Water Resource Plan and responsible water use tips at our Web site: www.tmh2o.com.



Truckee River Fund Project Update

The Truckee River Fund (TRF) was established as a method to stretch TMWA dollars by requiring matching grants. It provides funds that are "used exclusively for projects that protect and enhance water quality or water resources of the Truckee River, or its watershed," thus benefiting both the primary water source for the community and TMWA customers. Since its inception in 2005, more than \$4.5 million has been approved for distribution from the Fund to qualifying projects.

View current and completed TRF projects with our interactive project map, at www.truckeeriverfund.org.



WHERE TO CALL

General Inquiries: . . . 834-8080 (option 2)
Emergency Repair: 834-8090
Water Conservation: 834-8005
Water Quality: 834-8118
Water Rights: 834-8029
Ombudsman: 848-0813

HOLIDAYS & EVENTS

Thursday, May 21 (8 a.m.)
TMWA Board of Directors Meeting
(final public hearing on rate adjustment)
Monday, May 25
Memorial Day (TMWA Offices Closed)
Friday, May 29 and Saturday, May 30
TMWA River Tours (call 834-8290 for information)
Saturday, June 13
Kids Free Fishing Day
Wednesday, June 17
CommonSense Gardening Workshop: Northern Nevada
Native Plants (Rancho San Rafael Park)



Truckee Meadows Water Authority is a not-for-profit, community-owned water utility, overseen by elected officials and citizen appointees from Reno, Sparks and Washoe County.