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TMWA'S FREE WORKSHOP SERIES RETURNS

As spring draws nearer and the winter cold thaws, TMWA offers a series of free workshops to help residents prepare their yard and trees for the season. TMWA's workshop series also features opportunities for a behind-the-scenes look at how your water is treated and distributed from Tahoe to your tap. Workshops are free and all TMWA's customers are welcome to attend. Please see the separate flyer with all workshops in this mailing.

TMWA PLANS FOR DRY YEARS

Even though our snow season is not over, this year's snowpack is looking like it will be well below average again. Despite this third consecutive dry year, TMWA will continue to meet the needs of our customers. We are fortunate to have both a community that is water conservation conscious and a robust water-supply system of upstream reservoirs, drought storage and underground reserves in more than 30 wells in the local area. TMWA's staff monitors current conditions throughout the year and plans for a nine-year drought cycle, which is one year longer than the longest drought cycle on record. For more information on our water resources, visit: www.tmwa.com/water_system/resources.

As always, customers are encouraged to use water responsibly and not waste it. When starting up your sprinklers this spring, remember to water on your assigned days and use the weather as your guide for outdoor water use. For more information on your assigned days and weather-wise watering, visit: www.tmwa.com/conservation.

TMWA IS HERE TO HELP YOU PREPARE YOUR YARD

TMWA encourages responsible water use and reminds you we are here to help. During the summer months, the average monthly water usage for a metered household increases by up to five times! Here are some tools you may find useful:

- Our Water Efficient Landscape Guide: Visit www.tmwalandscapeguide.com for information on landscaping in the Truckee Meadows, including hundreds of drought-tolerant trees, shrubs and plants.



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- The Truckee Meadows Community Forestry Coalition: This is a great resource for tree care. Visit www.communityforestry.org for access to a wealth of tree care information including mulching, irrigating, pruning and planting. You can also find a comprehensive list of trees recommended for our region's climate.

THE VALUE OF YOUR WATER DRINKING WATER

Tap water undergoes far more testing than bottled water, but is much less expensive. As a TMWA customer you pay less than \$2 for 1,000 gallons instead of \$3,780 for the same 1,000 gallons at the bottled water rate.

FIX A LEAK WEEK IS MARCH 17-23

In the United States, we are lucky to have easy access to some of the safest water in the world—just by turning on the tap. But, did you know that more than one trillion gallons of that precious water leaks from homes nationwide each year? That's why EPA WaterSense reminds Americans to check their plumbing fixtures and irrigation systems each year during **Fix a Leak Week**.



Fix a Leak Week

EPA WaterSense is hosting the sixth annual **Fix a Leak Week**, March 17-23, and we invite you to participate in finding leaks around your home. Use the Conservation section of www.tmwa.com to help find and fix leaks that might be wasting water in your home. Check out TMWA's video on how to fix a leak on our YouTube Channel: www.youtube.com/truckeemeadowswater. You can also visit www.epa.gov/watersense where you can find activities for kids and families.

PROTECT YOUR WATER QUALITY:

PRESCRIPTION DRUG ROUND-UP IS APRIL 26

TMWA is a sponsor of the Prescription Drug Round-Up, which helps minimize the potential of water supply pollution and its impact on the community, pets and wildlife. To ensure proper disposal of drugs, bring any expired or unused medications to one of the following locations on **Saturday, April 26**, from **10 a.m. to 2 p.m.**

- **Raley's** : 18144 Wedge Pkwy, Reno
- **Save Mart** : 4995 Kietzke Lane, Reno
- **Save Mart** : 565 E. Prater Way, Sparks
- **Save Mart** : 9750 Pyramid Lake Hwy, Sparks
- **Smith's** : 750 South Meadows Pkwy, Reno
- **Scolari's** : 8165 S. Virginia St., Reno
- **Walgreens** : 10370 N. McCarran, Reno

If you are unable to attend, please dispose of unused drugs by crushing them in a sealed plastic bag with wet coffee grounds and place in the trash. **Do not dispose of medications by flushing them down toilets.** For additional information on the round-up, contact *Join Together Northern Nevada* at **(775) 324-7557** or visit www.jtnn.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



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.

HOLIDAYS & EVENTS

Wednesday, March 19
TMWA Board Meeting
March 17-23
Fix A Leak Week
April 2, 9 and 12—see separate insert
Irrigation and Landscape Workshops
Friday, April 25
Arbor Day - Plant a Tree!
Saturday, April 26
Prescription Drug Round-Up
Sunday, April 27
Earth Day at Idlewild Park

