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TURF TALK

In cooperation with the University of Nevada Cooperative Extension and the Nevada Landscape Association

➤ As we continue into our fourth year of drought, it's important that you condition your turf to better tolerate our unusually dry conditions.

EVAPORATION IS THE WORD FOR AUGUST.

- **For your lawn:** The best time to water is when it's cooler—in the early morning or late evening, to avoid evaporation. **Remember:** there is no watering from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. until after Labor Day, September 7th.
- **For swimming pools and hot tubs:** A lot of water is lost to evaporation from hot tubs and swimming pools. Keep them covered when not in use.
- **For when it's windy:** Don't water the lawn on windy days because much of it will just be lost to evaporation.

Check here monthly for timely landscaping and watering tips.

KEEP UP THE GOOD WORK PLEASE SAVE AT LEAST 10 PERCENT

No two ways about it, we are in a drought. Fortunately, our community is showing that by working together and doing the right things, we can minimize the use of water reserves stored in our local aquifers and reservoirs. The water we are conserving now is water we can save for the future, should we need it.

As the drought continues this summer, we hope you are still saving at least 10% —both indoors and outdoors. The 10% savings TMWA is asking for is compared to your 2013 water usage. You can find your past usage by logging into your online account at www.tmwa.com. Thanks to everyone who continues to save, including shutting off irrigation systems when its raining.

10 easy ways to save 10%
visit tmwa.com/save

Don't forget to visit tmwa.com/save for ten easy ways to save 10%. There, you will find simple tips on saving water inside and outside your home or business, like timing your outdoor watering for when it's cool and only running dishwashers and laundry with full loads.

If you are concerned about a recent high water bill, or think you have a leak, you can contact us for a free water audit at conservation@tmwa.com or **834-8080**. Our conservation staff will visit your home or business to survey your yard and premises and then make recommendations.

HOW IS THE COMMUNITY DOING AT SAVING WATER?

As of press time for this newsletter, we had posted results for the month of June. Water production was 10.5% lower compared to June 2013, which is the baseline-use year. Combined with the 19% savings in May, that's over 2,508 acre-feet, or approximately 817 million gallons, that has been saved by our customers. We are well on our way to achieving our 2015 goal of saving 5,000 acre feet. That is great news, because the less water we use from wells and upstream reservoir storage, the more we can keep stored for later, should we need it. Keep up the good work!

To find out the most current results on how we all are saving water this summer, visit tmwa.com/save. Scroll to the savings gauge on the last page, where we will post results.

LEARN ABOUT YOUR WATER

TOUR TMWA'S CHALK BLUFF WATER TREATMENT PLANT AND VERDI HYDROELECTRIC POWER PLANT

Take a tour of TMWA's Chalk Bluff Water Treatment Plant at one of five tours: Tuesday, Sept. 8 at 1 p.m.; Tuesday, Sept. 15 at 3 p.m.; Tuesday, Sept. 22 at 1 p.m.; Saturday, Sept. 26 at 10 a.m. and Tuesday, Sept. 29 at 1 p.m. Meet our team of highly skilled engineers, scientists and operators and find out how they work to provide you with high-quality drinking water. Our staff will explain the water treatment and distribution processes, how it gets to your home or business, as well as answer any of your questions.

In March 2015, TMWA received the "Presidents Award" from the Partnership for Safe Water. With this award, TMWA's Chalk Bluff Water Treatment Plant ranks among the highest performing water treatment plants in the country for individual filter performance. Only 18 utilities across the country have achieved this award.

Every Wednesday in September, customers can also tour our Verdi Hydroelectric Power Plant, which has been producing clean, renewable energy for over 100 years. The plant, which is located upstream of the Chalk Bluff Water Treatment Plant, harnesses the natural flow of the Truckee River to generate more than 2.3 megawatts of power annually. Five tours will take place at 2 p.m. on September 2, 9, 16, 23, and 30.

All tours are free, open to all TMWA customers and last one hour. Participants must be at least 18 years of age. Each tour is limited to 20 people, so please be sure to RSVP to rsvp@tmwa.com or call **834-8290**. Please note: these are lengthy walking tours and will involve climbing a significant number of stairs and walking on uneven surfaces.

ONE TRUCKEE RIVER

A collaboration of public and private partners has begun work to ensure the protection of the Truckee River's natural resources, including its water, plants and wildlife. Keep Truckee Meadows Beautiful and Nevada Land Trust, along with the National Park Service, are organizing the effort. Because almost all of the community's drinking water comes from the Truckee River, we will be providing information to our customers on events and efforts of the group. If you would like to know more about One Truckee River and follow its journey, visit OneTruckeeRiver.org or follow them on Facebook, Twitter or Instagram.

DO YOU KNOW A CONSERVATION HERO?

Are you, your family or someone you know really trying to make an effort in saving water this summer? If so, share ideas with others on our Facebook page.

WHERE TO CALL

General Inquiries: 834-8080
Emergency Repair: 834-8090
Water Conservation: 834-8005
Water Quality: 834-8118
Water Rights: 834-8029
Ombudsman: 848-0813

HOLIDAYS & EVENTS

Labor Day – TMWA Offices Closed
September 7

Standing Advisory Committee
September 1 at 3 p.m.

Board of Directors Meeting
August 16 at 10 a.m.

Treatment Plant and Hydroelectric Plant Tours
Throughout September—see details above

Locations and details on all workshops and meetings are found here: tmwa.com/news/events-calendar



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.

