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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 typically dry conditions.

- **TIME TO COOL DOWN:**
As the temperatures get cooler, lawn growth will begin to slow. Reducing the run times and number of cycles slowly will help your lawn go dormant for the winter months.
- **WHEN IT IS WINDY:** We have more windy days in the fall. Please do not water the lawn on windy days because much of it will be lost to evaporation or blown onto sidewalks and streets where it does no good.
- **LET YOUR LAWN GO DORMANT:** Now is the time to shut down and drain your sprinkler system. For information on how to do this yourself, sign up for one of TMWA's winterization workshops. Information on dates and times on back.

We're Still Using Our Drought Reserves:

Please Continue to Use Water Responsibly

TMWA is still using drought reserves from its upstream reservoirs to supplement water supplies. That means the water you see flowing in the Truckee River is the community's drought reserves. Even in the fall when everyone is using less water on their landscape, remember that every gallon you conserve will be saved upstream in our reservoirs should we have another poor snow season.

After forecasting water usage against the need to keep our drought reserves as full as possible, a conservation goal of 5,000-acre feet, or over 1.6 billion gallons, of water was established by the TMWA Board for this year. Factoring in the nine percent savings in August, approximately 4,800 acre-feet, or 1.5 billion gallons, of water has been saved by customers through the first four months of TMWA's conservation campaign. With your continued focus on water use at home and at work, we are confident we will exceed the goal some time in September. As expected, the community has really stepped up and done an outstanding job. Thank you!

Please keep up the good work and help us finish strong through the end of this irrigation season. Remember, every gallon you save now can be held in upstream reservoirs and will put us in good shape for next year.

TRUCKEE RIVER FUND UPDATE

The Truckee River Fund is working year round to protect our water quality and watershed. It was established by TMWA in 2005 to protect and enhance the water quality of the Truckee River, our main water source. The Fund researches and finances projects that protect the water quality or water resources of the Truckee River and its watershed, which benefits the community's primary water source and TMWA customers. Every project is required to provide matching grants, thus maximizing the impact of TMWA's contribution. Since its inception, more than \$10.5 million has been approved for distribution from the fund to 126 qualifying projects, with nearly \$18.8 million matched.

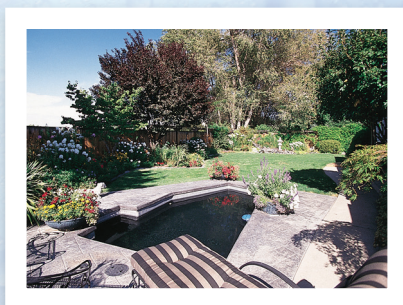
Recently funded projects include Johnson Canyon Westside Restoration, Virginia Lake Water Quality Improvements, Cemetery Drain Water Quality, Truckee River Cleanup and Invasive Weed Pull, Invasive Species Prevention and Control, Watershed Initiative, and Rosewood and Third Creeks Invasive Weed Removal. View current and completed TRF projects with our interactive project map, at www.truckeeriverfund.org.

WINTERIZE YOUR IRRIGATION SYSTEM WORKSHOPS THIS FALL

It's not too early to plan for winter. TMWA has scheduled winterization workshops to help you prepare your home for the coming cold weather. Join TMWA's conservation staff and learn how to turn off your sprinkler system and help protect pipes from breaking this winter. The workshops will take place on Wednesday, Oct. 14, Wednesday, Oct. 28, Tuesday, Nov. 10 and Tuesday, Nov. 17. All workshops start at 5:30 p.m. and will be led by TMWA's conservation staff at our main office, located at 1355 Capital Blvd. in Reno. To RSVP, please e-mail conservation@tmwa.com or call **834-8005**.

CONSERVATION CHAMPION: RENO RESIDENT SAVES MORE THAN 20 PERCENT

One of our longtime Reno residents appreciates the excellent quality of life here in the Truckee Meadows and is more than interested in keeping it that way. That is why she is doing everything she can to save water. Nancy Eklof, who lives in Old Southwest Reno, says that she is not doing anything complicated or hard. "I'm just very cognizant of the water I use every day," she said. That includes turning down the run times on her sprinkler system by about one-third. She's noticed that the landscaping might be surviving even better than when she was using more water. She also has been loading up the dishwasher and clothes washer and only running them with full loads.



Her water bills show she has saved at least 20 percent each month since May, when TMWA started asking for a voluntary 10 percent reduction in water use. Saving water also pays off in the wallet, as she has saved at least \$20 on each bill this summer. So, the conservation effort has been very easy. "I care about the community, the Truckee River and Lake Tahoe. Whatever I can do to help is worth the great quality of life we have here," she added. For ten ways to save 10 percent visit: www.tmwa.com/save.

NEED A WATER EXPERT? TMWA SPEAKERS ARE AVAILABLE

Presentations and speakers are available to local clubs and organizations interested in learning more about local water topics. Our speakers are prepared to address community groups and organizations large and small.

Topics include responsible water use, drought planning, water supply, our water system, water quality and many others. If you are interested in booking a speaker, please call the Community Communications Hotline at **(775) 834-8290** or submit a request online at tmwa.com/news/presentation.

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



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

Standing Advisory Committee
November 3 at 3 p.m.
Workshop: Winterize Your Irrigation System (see above)
October 14 and 18
November 10 and 17
Veterans Day Holiday
November 11 (offices closed)
Board of Directors Meeting
November 18 at 10 a.m.
Thanksgiving Holiday
November 26 & 27 (offices closed)

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

