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### CONSERVATION HERO: CLARK/SULLIVAN DETECTS AND FIXES LEAK

In September of 2015, Clark/Sullivan Construction (C/S) retained Moana Nursery to reinvigorate the landscaping at the company's office at 905 Industrial Way in Sparks. C/S was interested in being more water efficient and pursued xeriscape design and plant selection.

During the site evaluation, Moana's staff discovered a pipe leak beneath the surface of the property. Over several years, the leak had cost C/S thousands of dollars. By discovering and fixing the leak, as well as cutting down water use from the landscaping retrofit, C/S estimates that its \$40,000 investment will save \$160,000 over the next 10 years through reduced water and sewer fees. More importantly, TMWA estimates that C/S will save 2.5 million gallons of water annually.

Spring is a great time to check for any leaks you might have.

### TMWA IS HERE TO HELP YOU PREPARE YOUR YARD FOR SUMMER

We live in a high-desert climate with an average annual rainfall of only 7.5 inches. Since water in our region is precious and limited, TMWA encourages responsible water use at all times of the year.

Did you know that during the summer months, the average monthly water usage for a household increases by up to four times? Most of that water is used on landscaping and turf. Getting your yard ready for the summer weather will save water and lower your bill. The following online tools and workshops can help you get started:

- TMWA offers a series of free workshops to help residents prepare their irrigation system and yard for the spring and summer season. Topics for the workshops include: Irrigation System Start-Up, Landscape Planning & Design, Tree Care, Drip System Maintenance Made Easy, and Sprinkler Maintenance Made Easy. Visit [tmwa.com/events](http://tmwa.com/events) for workshop dates and registration or call **834-8005**. All workshops are free and held at the TMWA office.
- Our Water Efficient Landscape Guide: Take a few minutes and visit [www.tmwalandscapeguide.com](http://www.tmwalandscapeguide.com) for information on landscaping in the Truckee Meadows, including hundreds of drought-tolerant and low-water-use trees, shrubs and plants.
- The Truckee Meadows Community Forestry Coalition: This is a great resource for tree-care. Visit [www.communityforestry.org](http://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.

### DON'T DUMP YOUR PILLS DOWN THE DRAIN:

#### The Prescription Drug Round Up is April 30 at Locations Around Reno and Sparks

Join Together Northern Nevada, in conjunction with local law enforcement partners, is sponsoring the semi-annual Prescription Drug Round Up on Saturday, April 30 from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. You can safely dispose of unused, unwanted prescription drugs, making sure they never make it into our water supply or have the potential of being abused. Your proper disposal of medications protects children, teens, pets and the environment.

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Bring your medications to any of the following locations on April 30:

**Raley's** - 18144 Wedge Parkway, Reno

**Reno Walmart** - 250 Vista Knoll Parkway, Reno

**Save Mart** - 4995 Kietzke Lane, Reno

**Reno CVS Pharmacy** - 680 N. McCarran Blvd., Reno

**Walgreens** - 10370 N. McCarran Blvd., Reno

**Sparks CVS Pharmacy** - 5151 Sparks Blvd., Sparks

Dropped-off medications will be disposed of, no questions asked. Feel free to blacken out any personal identification on the bottles. For more information visit [www.jtnn.org](http://www.jtnn.org).

## HOW CLEAN IS TMWA'S WATER?

We go to great lengths to ensure your tap water is safe, clean and reliable. Most of our drinking water comes from the Truckee River, which originates at Lake Tahoe and is fed by snow melt and rain throughout the Tahoe and Truckee River basins in the Sierra Nevada. The remainder comes from more than 90 wells drilled in deep-water aquifers located within TMWA's service area.

Two state-of-the-art treatment facilities serve TMWA customers: the Chalk Bluff Water Treatment Plant in northwest Reno and the Glendale Water Treatment Plant in Sparks. TMWA is also committed to ensuring future water quality by continually improving our entire water system, both treatment and distribution facilities. Over the past ten years, we have spent more than \$200 million on repairing and rehabilitating aging infrastructure. Our facilities and capital improvement plans call for monies to be spent every year to improve aging water mains and other infrastructure.

How does TMWA ensure our water is safe? Water treated by TMWA meets all water quality standards of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), Nevada Division of Environmental Protection, Nevada State Health and Washoe County District Health Department. In most cases, our water is significantly better than these standards require. TMWA's professional staff of scientists, engineers, chemists and operators continually monitor our water quality. More than 1,000 laboratory tests are performed each month on over 180 samples taken from various locations within the TMWA distribution system. Testing is performed both at the treatment plants and throughout the distribution system to make sure only high-quality water is delivered to our customers. TMWA's Water Quality Report is located at: <http://quality.tmwa.com>

## 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

Drinking Water Week  
Sunday, May 1 through Saturday, May 7

Standing Advisory Committee Meeting  
Tuesday, May 3 at 3 p.m.

Understanding Your Drinking Water Workshop  
Wednesday, May 4 at 5:30 p.m.

Tree Care Workshop  
Wednesday, May 11 at 5:30 p.m.

Board of Directors/Budget Meeting  
Wednesday, May 18 at 10 a.m.

Drip System Maintenance Made Easy Workshop  
Thursday, June 2 at 5:30 p.m.

Locations and details on all workshops and meetings are found here: [tmwa.com/news/events-calendar](http://tmwa.com/news/events-calendar)

