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TURF TALK

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

➤ As we continue into our fourth year of drought, it's important that you prepare your turf for the dry summer ahead.

- **Raise your mower.**
Longer grass promotes a more drought-resistant lawn, reduced evaporation and fewer weeds.
- **Step on it.**
Step on your lawn. If the grass springs back, it doesn't need water.
- **Take a sprinkler break.**
Grass really doesn't need to be bright green to survive in the summer.
- **Timing is everything.**
Water in the early morning or late at night when the ground and air temperatures are cool, to beat the daytime evaporation.

Check here monthly for timely landscaping and watering tips.

REMINDER:

SAVE 10% AT YOUR HOME AND WORK PLACE

As the drought continues this summer, we are asking for *at least* a 10% reduction in water use – both indoors and outdoors – from all of our customers, including homes, businesses, homeowners associations and apartment complexes. The 10% savings is compared to your 2013 water usage. You can find your 2013 usage by logging into your online account at www.tmwa.com.

For 10 ways to save **10%**
visit tmwa.com/save

We are all in this together and there are lots of easy ways to save. The online guide – tmwa.com/save – will guide you through your home and yard and offer the most convenient ways to save 10%. Whether it's getting your outside watering dialed in, fixing that leaky toilet or taking shorter showers, it all can add up to a lot of water. For instance, by reducing your shower time from 10 minutes to five, you can save 12.5 gallons – per day. Or, get a shut-off nozzle for your hose for outside use. Flow from a hose that is left unattended can waste 10 gallons per minute. It's easy. By going through this online guide and adjusting your water use, you'll be saving 10% in no time.

If we are all saving, what does that mean for the future of our water supply? Our planning and projections show a 10% reduction in water use will allow TMWA to save 5,000 acre feet of water in upstream reserves – that's over **1.6 billion gallons of water** (1,629,266,900 gallons). This will help us maintain a healthy reserve water supply for next year, should the drought continue. We all know that is great insurance to have!

REPORTING WATER WASTE

We are serious about encouraging responsible water use and preventing waste for all customers. If you see water being wasted, please let us know by calling the conservation department at **834-8005**. Many customers, whether business or residential, simply do not realize they have a leak or broken sprinkler head. Those customers who waste water will be contacted, and, if the waste continues, they can be penalized on their water bill.

CONSERVATION CHAMPIONS OUR LOCAL RESTAURANTS

Businesses are saving, too. In April, TMWA sent out tabletop tent-cards to area restaurants to help promote the conservation message. The cards are being placed on dining tables to raise awareness of responsible water use, as well as help restaurants conserve by not automatically serving water. This also reduces dishwashing.

We have received calls, e-mails and Facebook posts from our customers, letting us know about restaurants that are participating. At press time, we know of the following restaurants that are on board: Gold 'N Silver Inn, Miguel's Mexican Restaurant, Atlantis Casino Resort (all restaurants), Los Compadres Fine Mexican Food, BJ's Nevada Barbeque, Tamarack Junction Casino, Chili's Grill & Bar, Romano's Macaroni Grill, India Kabab & Curry, Si Amigos Mexican Restaurant, PJ & Company, Mariscos El Pescador, Baldini's Sports Casino, Nu Yalk Pizza, 4th Street Bistro, Oxbow Café & Bistro, Uncle Vinny's Pizza, Alderto's Fresh Mexican Food, and Peg's Glorified Ham & Eggs.

We know there must be more great restaurants out there displaying the cards. If you see one of our tent cards on a table at your favorite dining place, take out your cell phone camera, snap a picture and post it to our Facebook page.

Thanks to the restaurants helping out during the drought. **You are all conservation champions!**



TMWA'S BOARD OF DIRECTORS AND STAFF SEEK YOUR INPUT

In order to better serve our customers, TMWA has many ways for you to provide comment. TMWA's Board of Directors and staff want to hear from you and know what is on your mind regarding your water service. We invite you to attend any of our public meetings, as there is public comment at the beginning and end of each of them. Here is how you can reach out and be heard, and be part of the process:

- Board Meetings – TMWA's Board of Directors typically meets on the third Wednesday of each month at 10 a.m. at the Sparks City Council Chambers, located at 745 Fourth St. in Sparks. Agendas are posted online at least five days in advance. View the full meeting schedule, agendas or past meeting minutes here: tmwa.com/aboutus/meetingcenter.
- Standing Advisory Committee – TMWA's Standing Advisory Committee (SAC) is an oversight group made up of individuals representing all TMWA customer categories. SAC reviews rate proposals, budgets and other items as requested by our Board of Directors. SAC meetings are held on the first Tuesday of the month at 3 p.m., at TMWA's main office, located at 1355 Capital Blvd. in Reno. All meetings are open to the public and are posted in the "Meeting Center" section at tmwa.com/meetings.
- Online at tmwa.com – If you are unable to attend a public meeting but still wish to comment on a topic, you can do so by submitting your comment online at least one full week before the date of any meeting. Simply fill out the "Comments to the Board" form here: tmwa.com/about_us/comments.

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

Independence Day, TMWA Offices Closed
July 4
Standing Advisory Committee
July 7 at 3 p.m.
Board of Directors Meeting
June 17 at 10 a.m.



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.



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