



PROPER TREE CARE IS NOT ALWAYS OBVIOUS. TRUCKEE MEADOWS WATER AUTHORITY CAN HELP.

Once known as the City of Trembling Leaves, Reno is now losing its tree canopy at an alarming rate. TMWA cares about the trees that help make Reno, Sparks and Washoe County a great place to live and work. Our trees – just like our roads, power lines and other infrastructure – provide many benefits to our quality of life. Trees are a great investment!

TMWA's goal is to aid the community in preserving our region's trees. While our local governments have dedicated staff to care for trees on public lands, the health of most of the trees in the Truckee Meadows are the responsibility of private landowners.

Don't leave it to someone else. We all have an important part to play in keeping our community forest healthy and green. We hope you'll join us in our quest to sustain the trees that dot our yards, line our streets, shade our parks and fill our community with beauty and value.

To learn about tree care for our high-desert region including easy-to-follow watering tips, pruning and mulching visit tmwa.com/trees. If you have concerns about your trees, you can send a question or schedule a free consultation with a certified arborist by sending us an email at askanarborist@tmwa.com.



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TREE CARE GUIDE

	SPRING		SUMMER	AUTUMN		WINTER
	BUDS SWELL	LEAVES EMERGE	LEAVES FULL SIZE	LEAVES TURN	LEAVES DROP	TREE DORMANT
PLANT			Best not to plant in hot weather.			Can still plant if ground is not frozen.
STAKING	Stake only when tree won't stand on its own. Check to make sure trunk is not being injured from ties. Remove after one growing season.					
WATER	Water longer, but less frequently during the summer.			Late autumn watering reduces winter damage.		Hand water when winter is dry.
MULCH	Maintain a circle of mulch (2" - 4" deep) around the tree (not against the trunk) to limit weeds, retain soil moisture and protect the trunk from mowers and weedeaters.					
PRUNE	Prune dead and broken branches. Avoid excessive pruning.					
FERTILIZE	Apply slow release fertilizers per product instructions.		Apply low rates of nitrogen if necessary and other nutrients based on soil test recommendations.			
SOIL	Use a deep root feeder two to three times per year to nourish roots.					
TRUNK	Avoid using sprinkler spray on trunk as it can weaken bark.				Wrap trunk to prevent sun scald.	
PESTS	Treat only if necessary using lowest toxic means. Not all insects are bad! Monitor for damage.					

Preferred
 Depends on situation
 Not advised

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