

WATER TOPICS IN OUR COMMUNITY: ASSIGNED DAY WATERING

EVERYONE SHOULD BE SMART ABOUT OUTDOOR WATERING

Whether it's raining in June or dry in December, Truckee Meadows Water Authority (TMWA) always encourages customers to be smart about water. This means watering according to weather conditions, using only the water your yard needs and avoiding waste. While we can't control the weather, we can help you get control of water efficiency in your yard.

WHY ASSIGNED-DAY WATERING WORKS

Assigned-Day watering is designed to reduce stress on TMWA's water delivery system by designating specific days for outdoor watering. Assigned-watering days also help our customers keep their lawns healthy by promoting watering deeper and less often. By giving your lawn time to absorb water, you reduce the chance of it running off and into the gutter. Determining your watering days is easy. Check out the Assigned-Day water schedule below.

TIPS FOR WATERING ON YOUR ASSIGNED DAYS

Assigned-Day watering only applies to your sprinklers. Run them when it's cool and not windy, usually early in the morning. Also, be sure to turn them off when it's raining. If the last number of your home or business address is:



- Even (0, 2, 4, 6 or 8), run the sprinklers on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays.
- Odd (1, 3, 5, 7 or 9), run the sprinklers on Wednesdays, Fridays and Sundays.
- Shut your sprinklers off between noon and 6 p.m. from Memorial Day through Labor Day.
- Also, give your sprinklers a rest on Mondays, as it is TMWA's day to replenish and maintain our water system.

Running drip systems and hand watering trees, shrubs, flower beds and vegetable gardens is permitted any day of the week. Please use an automatic shut-off nozzle when watering with a hose.

PLANT WHAT THRIVES - WATER EFFICIENT LANDSCAPE GUIDE

Outdoor irrigation increases water usage. That's why it's important to know more about the types of plants and trees that thrive in our arid climate. With this in mind, TMWA offers extensive online resources to help you design, plant and maintain a water efficient yard.

Visit www.tmwa.com/landscape to find out more!

QUICK FACTS

Remaining water rights:
50,000 acre-feet of Truckee River water rights and more than 19,000 acre-feet of creek rights remain for future conversion.

Total converted irrigation and groundwater water rights available for TMWA to use for the Truckee Meadows: 81,300 acre-feet

Potential drought storage:
22,000 to 32,000 acre-feet in upstream reservoirs

Use of Truckee River:

TMWA customers use only 3 percent of the water in the Truckee River in a non-drought year and up to 9 percent in a drought year.

Number of new Truckee River water rights:

None since 1944

Investment in new water

facilities:

\$100 million since 2002 paid by developer fees.

WATER USE REVIEW PROGRAM

Think you have a leak? TMWA's Conservation team will come to your home or business and help you identify water waste and guide you back to efficient water use. Please contact the Conservation Department at (775) 834-8005 or conservation@tmwa.com to schedule a consultation.

FREE TOURS AND WORKSHOPS

From irrigation start-up to winterization (and everything in between), we've got you covered. Our workshops and tours can help you design a smart landscape, start-up and maintain your irrigation system and shut everything down in the winter.

View a full schedule of events at www.tmwa.com/your-water/education.

SMART-WATERING TIPS FROM THE UNIVERSITY OF NEVADA COOPERATIVE EXTENSION AND THE NEVADA LANDSCAPE ASSOCIATION:

- 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 noon to 6 p.m. until after Labor Day.
- Don't water your lawn on windy days; much of it will be lost to evaporation or be blown onto streets and sidewalks.
- Leave your grass long. Longer grass promotes a more drought-resistant lawn, reduced evaporation and fewer weeds.
- Water in multiple cycles of 6 minutes with at least one hour in between each cycle to allow water to soak into the soil and create a deep, healthy root system.
- 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.
- Examine points where the sprinkler heads connect to pipes or hoses. If you see water pooling in your landscape or you have large wet areas, you could have a leak in your system. A leak as small as the tip of a pen (1/32nd of an inch) can waste as much as 6,000 gallons of water per month, according to EPA's WaterSense.



About TMWA:

Truckee Meadows Water Authority (TMWA) is a not-for-profit water utility, overseen by elected officials from Reno, Sparks and Washoe County. TMWA employs a highly skilled team who ensure the treatment, delivery and availability of high-quality drinking water around the clock for more than 400,000 residents of the Truckee Meadows.

About this series:

"Water Topics in Our Community" is a series of papers designed to provide the citizens of the Truckee Meadows information about key water topics in this region.

To access all of the papers, go to www.tmwa.com/topics.

About TMWA's Board of Directors:

The TMWA Board welcomes you to attend and comment at any board meeting. Meeting schedules are posted at

www.tmwa.com/meetings.

To send a question to the Board, visit us online at

www.tmwa.com/comment.

Questions or feedback?

We'd like to hear from you. Please call our Community Communications line with any remaining questions you have on this topic or other water topics. The number is

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