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SMART ABOUT WATER QUICK FACT:

At TMWA, we always plan for just about anything Mother Nature or mankind can throw at us. Because change is constant, our planning never stops. From the infrastructure that is currently needed, to water resources that will serve the community for years to come, we are always looking forward. The 2020–2040 Water Resource Plan has been drafted for the next 20 years. You can review the pending plan at: https://tmwa.com/wrp2020/

DON'T SET IT AND FORGET IT: LATE SUMMER LANDSCAPE CARE

As cooler temperatures set in, your landscape will start recovering from summer's long days and hot temperatures. One important adjustment to make this month is to shorten your sprinkler run times. Your lawn and plants will not need as much water in the fall.

How do you know if you are watering enough? Step on your lawn. If the grass springs back, it doesn't need water. Applying less water means you will also mow less, and who doesn't want to mow less?

Fall is also a good time to check your system for leaks. Be sure to examine the points where the sprinkler heads connect to pipes or hoses. If you see water pooling in your landscape or if you have large, wet areas, you could have a leak in your system. A leak as small as the tip of a pen (1/32 of an inch) can waste about 6,000 gallons of water per month, according to EPA's WaterSense.



TMWA OFFERS FREE WINTERIZATION WORKSHOPS: PREPARE FOR THE COLD WEATHER AND PROTECT YOUR HOME

Believe it or not, it's already time to start planning for winter. TMWA will offer several winterization workshops in October to help you prepare your home and sprinkler system for the cold weather and freezing temperatures ahead. Homeowners can avoid the expense and inconvenience of frozen water pipes by attending one of these free workshops. Learn how you can protect your pipes at home—inside and out—from freezing temperatures this winter.

Join TMWA's conservation staff for one of four online Zoom workshops scheduled for October 7, 13, 20, and 27. The hourlong workshops start at 5:30 p.m.

TMWA's workshops are free. Visit www.tmwa.com/events for more information.

YOU HAVE A VOICE AT TMWA

TMWA's Standing Advisory Committee (SAC) is your direct link to TMWA's staff and Board of Directors. The committee is composed of representatives from every customer class at TMWA—from homeowners to big businesses. The SAC reviews rate proposals, budgets, and other items related to your water service and reports its findings and recommendations to the TMWA Board. The SAC typically meets on the first Tuesday of every month at 3 p.m. Want your voice heard? Attend a meeting. All meetings are open to our customers. Visit tmwa.com/SAC for more information, and visit tmwa.com/meeting for the next meeting date.

DISPOSE OF YOUR PRESCRIPTION DRUGS SAFELY AND AT HOME

Do you have prescription drugs that you need to dispose of safely? Stop by any Smith's Food and Drug stores on Sat., Sept. 26 from 10 a.m. – noon to receive a free biodegradable prescription drug deactivation and disposal kit. Visit healthiernv.org for additional information and a list of all participating sites. Let's keep our kids and environment safe! For more information about future prescription-drug disposal efforts, visit jtnn.org.

Check out <u>www.smartaboutwater.com</u> and get realtime access to several different types of information about water in the Truckee River and Lake Tahoe Basins. Individual display cards offer current Lake Tahoe water level, the Truckee River flow rate, upstream water storage levels, water treatment plant output and hydroelectric production.



GET SOCIAL! FOLLOW US ON TWITTER AND FACEBOOK

How do you make your social media experience more interesting? Just add water! Follow TMWA on Twitter, YouTube and Instagram, or become a fan on Facebook. We regularly post water-related news, information and tips as well as our tour and workshop schedules. Here's how to find us:



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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.

TMWA employs a highly skilled team who ensure the treatment, delivery and availability of high-quality drinking water around the clock for more than 425,000 residents of the Truckee Meadows.

HOLIDAYS & EVENTS

STANDING ADVISORY COMMITTEE October 6 at 3–5 p.m.

WINTERIZE YOUR IRRIGATION SYSTEM (ONLINE)

October 7, 13, 20 and 27 at 5:30–6:30 p.m.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS STRATEGIC PLANNING WORKSHOP

October 21 at 10 a.m.-2 p.m.

Find locations and details for all workshops and meetings here: tmwa.com/meeting/







