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SMART ABOUT WATER QUICK FACT:

Water Quality Is Our Highest Priority

TMWA's staff takes pride in the water we deliver to your tap. Every month, we test more than 1,000 samples from over 200 locations throughout our distribution system. You can look up this water quality data for any location in our system by visiting tmwa.com/waterquality. This online reference is frequently updated with the latest test results.

PREPARE YOUR YARD FOR COLD DAYS: IT'S TIME TO CUT BACK WATERING SCHEDULES!

As we start moving through October, temperatures will begin to cool down. When this happens, our plants, trees, and grasses start to transition and need less water. Your watering schedule should cool down to help your landscape naturally go into dormancy.

Begin by reducing sprinkler run times or dropping a day off your weekly watering schedule. Then, as chilly mornings turn into colder days, you can slow down watering to once a week or less. When grass growth slows down, your yard is moving into dormancy for the winter. In this phase, too little water near your root systems is better than too much!

TURF TALK

Your grass is dormant when it has stopped growing. This is when sprinkler systems can be shut off for the winter. Don't forget to drain and disconnect all outdoor hoses and winterize your sprinkler system before the first hard freeze.

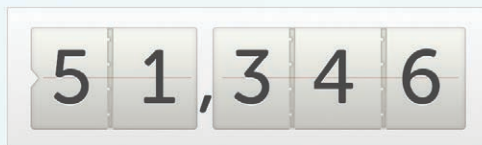
We've created a short video to guide you through the process at tmwa.com/howto. For more tips on landscape watering as the weather gets colder, visit smartaboutwater.com.



MORE STORAGE THAN EVER! CHECK THE STATUS OF OUR DROUGHT RESERVES

Our water supply is secure this year and for the foreseeable future. Because of the Truckee River Operating Agreement that was implemented in 2015, we have more storage than ever. If you would like to check the real-time status of our upstream reserves, please visit TMWA's tracker at tmwa.com/reserves.

Upstream Reserves Stored as of Today (Acre-feet)



Storage held in upstream reservoirs as of Sept. 16.

HOW EVERYONE CAN HELP PROTECT THE TRUCKEE RIVER: ONLY RAIN IN THE STORM DRAINS!

With summertime heat coming to an end, most of us are ready for some rain or snow to fall. When it does, a network of gutters, inlets, pipes, and channels will carry the resulting stormwater runoff into the Truckee River. This massive storm drain system has no filtration and has the potential to carry concentrated pollutants into the river's ecosystem. The Truckee Meadows Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System (MS4) permit, issued by the Nevada Division of Environmental Protection, allows stormwater discharge into the Truckee River. It is allowed by Best Management Practices that are implemented throughout the Truckee Meadows.

The region's storm drain system is cooperatively managed by Washoe County, the City of Reno and the City of Sparks through the Truckee Meadows Stormwater Permit Coordinating Committee. The Committee offers the following best practices we can all do to help protect the river year-round.

POLLUTION PREVENTION CHECKLIST:

Use care when maintaining your landscape.



Runoff from storms or sprinklers brings fertilizer and organic debris to the storm drain system and discharges directly into the river.

Practice proper home auto maintenance.



Prevent fluid leaks and clean-up chemicals that can get washed from your property into streets and gutters.

Pick up after pets.



During walks, or in the yard, pet waste should be bagged and thrown in the garbage to prevent diseases that can harm both people and the river's ecosystem.

Properly dispose of home chemicals and pharmaceuticals.



A complete disposal guide can be found online at Keep Truckee Meadows Beautiful www.KTMB.org. You can drop off unneeded medications at the Prescription Drug Round Up, scheduled twice a year. The next is October 26. See details here: www.jtnn.org.

Report prohibited discharges or clogged drainages.



A helpful page to visit is tmstormwater.com/report. It explains the types of discharges that are harmful to the river's ecosystem. There, you can report discharges and blockages that might be impeding the storm drain system.

This message is brought to you by the Truckee Meadows Stormwater Permit Coordinating Committee. Learn more at www.tmstormwater.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. TMWA employs a highly skilled team who ensure the treatment, delivery and availability of high-quality drinking water around the clock for more than 440,000 residents of the Truckee Meadows.

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