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**Happy Holidays
from all of us at
Truckee Meadows
Water Authority**

SMART ABOUT WATER QUICK FACT!

Burst pipes and other problems can occur when homeowners are away for the holidays. If you are leaving your home for several days or weeks during the winter, consider turning off your toilets at the wall so they won't run and potentially cause damage to your home.

In addition to winterizing your entire home, remember to keep your thermostat at a reasonable temperature—at least 55 degrees—when away on vacation this holiday season. This can help prevent pipes in your home from freezing and bursting. For more information on winterizing your home, please visit tmwa.com/winterize.

TRUCKEE RIVER FUND GRANTS UPDATE: PROTECTING WATER QUALITY IN THE TRUCKEE RIVER WATERSHED

A healthy and thriving Truckee River watershed is directly related to a high-quality water supply for our community. To advance watershed protection and resulting water quality, the Truckee River Fund (TRF) provides grants to local agencies and organizations that are working on projects to improve and restore the health of the river environment. To accomplish this goal, members of the TRF Advisory Committee research, select and recommend funding for projects that meet that criterion. Selected projects must also provide matching funds, which maximize the impact of TMWA's contribution.

In September, the TMWA Board approved \$397,793 in funding for the following projects:

- The Truckee River Watershed Council for Donner Lake and Hoke Meadows Rehabilitation
- OneTruckeeRiver for Broadhead Park Restoration
- Keep Truckee Meadows Beautiful for River Clean Ups and Adopt-A-River Program
- Sierra Nevada Journeys Watershed Education Initiative in local schools

All projects either improve Truckee River water quality or help increase community stewardship.

Since TRF's inception in 2004, \$15.5 million has been approved funding for 202 qualifying projects, with \$25.7 million matched from organizations receiving funds. Funding available for Spring 2023 requests for proposals is approximately \$363,000.

TRUCKEE RIVER FUND

Enhancing and protecting our water resources

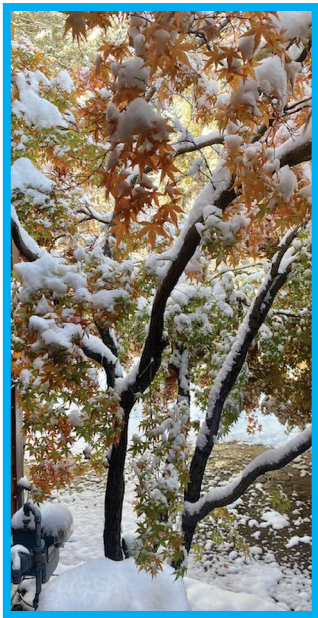
View details on all current and completed TRF projects (by name or grant number) at www.truckeeriverfund.org. Donations to help fund these types of efforts, can be made by contacting the Community Foundation of Western Nevada, TRF's grant administrator, at (775) 333-5499.

YOUR TREES NEED WATER IN THE WINTER

Winter watering is important to our region’s community forest. When your sprinklers are turned off for the winter, most plants and lawns hibernate, but your trees still need care. Remember that winter in the Truckee Meadows usually means dry air, dry soil and significant temperature swings — all of which can stress your trees. The need for winter watering may not be obvious, but trees need water during dry spells. To help keep your trees healthy, follow these winter watering tips:

- Water your trees every two to four weeks if there has been no significant rain or snow. A healthy, sufficiently watered tree can withstand strong winds and freezing temperatures far better than one that is dry and stressed.
- Apply water when temperatures are above 40 degrees and early enough in the day that the water will soak into the soil and not freeze overnight.
- Avoid spraying water on tree trunks because it increases the risk of frost damage.
- Be sure to disconnect and drain your hoses once you’re done watering.

For more information on helping your trees stay healthy throughout the year, visit www.tmwa.com/article/watering-trees/ (Information provided by Heidi Kratsch, Ph.D., C.H., University of Nevada Cooperative Extension).



STRUGGLING TO PAY YOUR BILLS?

Sometimes bills start piling up during the holidays. If you and your household are having financial challenges and need help, please give our customer service a call at (775) 834-8080. We can help you by making payment arrangements and planning out your water bill over time. We are always here to help.

In addition, the Water and Sewer Assistance Program (WSAP) provides a supplement to assist qualifying low-income Nevadans with the cost of water and wastewater bills. Nevada’s WSAP program is funded from the Consolidated Appropriations Act and American Rescue Plan Act.

WSAP applications will be accepted through September 30, 2023, or until funding is exhausted. Eligible households receive a one-time benefit paid directly to their water and wastewater providers. For more information, visit the Nevada Department of Health and Human Services Division of Welfare and Supportive Services website, https://dwss.nv.gov/Energy/Water_and_Sewer_Assistance.

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.

EVENTS AND PUBLIC MEETINGS

- CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY:**
TMWA OFFICES CLOSED DEC. 26
- NEW YEARS HOLIDAY:**
TMWA OFFICES CLOSED JAN. 2
- BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING**
JAN. 18, 10:00 A.M. TO 12:00 P.M.

Please RSVP for tours and find details for all workshops and meetings at tmwa.com/meeting

