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## Smart About Water Quick Fact:

The Water Efficient Landscape Guide: Features Our Area's Water Needs

TMWA's Water Efficient Landscape Guide will help you find the perfect water-efficient plants for your yard. Developed in conjunction with the Nevada Cooperative Extension, the guide includes garden design help, as well as descriptions and photos of hundreds of drought-tolerant trees, shrubs and plants. Making water-wise landscape decisions is always the right thing to do! Log on today and discover how many diverse and beautiful plant options exist at <a href="mailto:tmwa.com/landscape">tmwa.com/landscape</a>

# Assigned Day Watering and Conservation Works For Our Community

Why does TMWA have an assigned-day watering plan? In short, it promotes smart water use and helps TMWA manage heightened demand during the summer when water use is four times higher than winter. By watering responsibly, you're helping to ensure there's a plentiful water supply year after year. See your watering days below.

## **Assigned-Day Watering**

**Odd Addresses** 

**Even Addresses** 

ABOUT OF WATER

∆Tuesdays∆Thursdays∆Saturdays

NO WATERING ON MONDAYS, DO NOT WATER BETWEEN NOON AND 6 P.M.

Assigned day watering has served the community well for nearly 40 years. It continues to be an important part of our region's overall conservation strategy. In addition, TMWA has a tiered rate structure, water efficiency codes (rules) and ongoing installations of smart meters. All are part of TMWA's demand-side management strategies to conserve water wherever possible. Public outreach and regional partnerships also help to further this goal.

"We take our role as stewards of the region's water resources seriously," said Bill Hauck, TMWA's water supply supervisor. "Our commitment is to promote the efficient use of water every day, and what we have found is that on the whole, our community is just as committed to conservation as we are."

## **How TMWA Prepares for the Future**

TMWA is always planning for the future. We do so through three robust planning areas that analyze the utility's water resources, infrastructure and funding needs. With population growth projections over the next 80 years, TMWA uses these models to evaluate demand and supply scenarios. This informs TMWA's strategy for long-term resource sustainability and system reliability. This work is captured in three interconnected plans: the Water Resource Plan, Facilities Plan and Funding Plan.

TMWA's 2020-2040 Water Resource Plan is designed to provide you the big picture on how the community's drinking water needs will be met for the next 20 years, and beyond. This plan also anticipates weather extremes and

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prolonged periods of drought. Updated every five years, work on the 2025-2045 plan is already underway.

The Water Facilities Plan is a top-to-bottom analysis of our water system infrastructure, with descriptions of the maintenance work and new projects to ensure reliable high-quality water distribution for the next 20 years throughout TMWA's expanding service area.

The Annual Comprehensive Financial Report (ACFR) is part of an ongoing accounting approach that fulfills TMWA's Funding Plan. A great way to get insights into this plan is in the Popular Annual Financial Report, a document designed to give customers a quick look at TMWA's solid financial position.

## What To Do if You See Water Being Wasted

TMWA is dedicated to helping our customers prevent unnecessary waste. In most cases, people are unaware that they have a broken pipe or a misdirected sprinkler head. If you see water being wasted anywhere, please let us know by calling our Conservation Department at (775) 834-8005 or report it on TMWA's website under the Report Water Waste dropdown. Here you can provide information and even upload pictures of the issue. One of our conservation consultants will visit the site and offer advice on how to fix the problem. For additional water and money-saving tips, please visit tmwa.com/conserve.

We also work with customers experiencing high water bills and leaks in their systems. Customers can request a free, in-home water audit to help identify leaks and find ways to save water. This can ultimately save money on water bills. Water-usage reviews are generally scheduled within two to three business days after the request comes into our office.

# Prevent Water Waste This Summer! Turn Sprinklers Off Between Noon and 6 P.M.

In the summer our community water use increases by almost four times the winter average. In these peak water-use months, efficient sprinkler practice is more important than ever!

To help prevent water loss, sprinklers should be off between noon and 6 p.m. when water loss from evaporation and wind is most severe. The best time of the day to run sprinklers is when it is cool, usually early in the morning before temperatures rise and before the afternoon winds start.



Don't water when it's raining! Remember, if there is rain in the forecast, turn your automatic sprinkler timer off and let Mother Nature take care of the watering for you. If you have trouble spots in your lawn, don't worry; hand watering is OK anytime.

### Where to Call

| General Inquiries             |
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| Emergency Repair 775-834-8090 |
| Water Conservation            |
| Water Quality 775-834-8118    |
| Water Rights 775-834-8029     |
| Ombudsman                     |



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**

#### **Board of Directors Meeting**

July 17, 10:00 a.m. - noon.

#### Juneteenth Holiday

TMWA Offices Closed

#### Independence Day Holiday

TMWA Offices Closed

Find details for all workshops and meetings at **tmwa.com/meeting**.







