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## Smart About Water Quick Fact:

### Use the Online Landscape Guide for Water Efficient Plants

With summer around the corner, many homeowners are planning upgrades to their landscaping. One way to start planning is to consult TMWA's Water Efficient Landscape Guide.

Developed in conjunction with the Nevada Cooperative Extension, TMWA's online guide will help you find the right water-efficient plants for your yard. 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. So, log on today and discover the many diverse and beautiful plant options at [tmwa.com/landscape](http://tmwa.com/landscape).

## Water Supply Update: The Outlook Is Solid

This winter's snowpack was a good one for the region's water supply; more than making up for a very dry January. For the third year in a row, the snowpack in the Lake Tahoe basin ended the season above normal, as measured by the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) on April 6<sup>th</sup>. The Tahoe Basin officially ended the snowpack building season at 111% of median and the Truckee River Basin ended at 114%.

A very good spring and summer runoff is projected and will come close to filling all the upstream reservoirs on the Truckee River system (including Lake Tahoe) by early summer. With the upstream reservoirs essentially recharged, the water supply outlook is exceptionally good for the next 2-3 years. This is great news for our community!

**Did you know?** The Nevada Department of Water Resources designates and measures snowpack from 14 major hydrographic regions within Nevada. Each of these has even more sub-basins! For example, the Truckee River Watershed, our water supply, is made up of 26 major sub-basins across a 3,120 square mile area.

## TMWA's John Enloe Receives Lifetime Achievement Award at Water Reuse Conference

John Enloe, TMWA operational strategies manager, was recently recognized for his exceptional lifetime achievement in water reuse and innovative water management. Enloe was honored with the *President's Award*, the top honor, at the WaterReuse Association's Annual Conference in Tampa, Fla.



Enloe has over 40 years of public and private sector water resource management experience in the greater Reno area. His diverse project experience includes the first UV treatment facility in California using an unfiltered surface water source (Lake Tahoe), and an 8,000-acre feet groundwater importation project. Enloe also led the City of Reno MF-Ozone-BACF IPR pilot study from 2008-2010, a groundbreaking effort for inland communities considering indirect potable reuse.

"John Enloe's vision has been a driving force for the modernization of water resource management in our region," said John Zimmerman, TMWA general manager. "His projects will make a major difference in building a resilient water supply future for the Truckee Meadows area."

# Assigned Day Watering and Conservation Works for Our Community

Why does TMWA have an assigned-day watering plan for sprinkler irrigation? In short, it promotes smart water use and helps TMWA manage peak demand during the summer, when water use is four times higher than in the winter. Can you imagine the strain on the system if everyone turned on their sprinklers all at once?

By watering responsibly with Assigned Day Watering, you're also helping your landscape be more adaptive to Northern Nevada's weather. This approach 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 to assigned watering days, a tiered rate structure, water efficiency codes, and the system-wide installation of smart meters are all part of TMWA's demand-side management strategies to conserve water wherever possible.

"We take our role as stewards of the region's water resources seriously," said Danny Rotter, TMWA's assistant general manager. "Our commitment is to promote the efficient use of water every day. What we have found is that on the whole, our community is just as committed to conservation as we are at TMWA."

### Assigned-Day Watering

Odd Addresses	Even Addresses
Wednesdays	Tuesdays
Fridays	Thursdays
Sundays	Saturdays

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

## AVOID EXTRA FEES! Sign Up for AutoPay

Credit card fees are a reality for any transaction, but you can easily avoid these on your water bill. When you sign up for AutoPay using electronic checking (or electronic funds transfer), no transactional fees are charged. Once you've enrolled, there is no cost for this service! Just set it and forget it. Your bills will then get paid on time, every time.

Signing up is easy! Have a recent TMWA water bill handy to reference your account number. Log on to [tmwa.com/online](https://tmwa.com/online) under Bills & Payments, and select AutoPay. You will then be prompted to create a new payment method by entering your Bank Routing Number and Account Number.

It's the easiest way to pay bills! If you have questions about your water bill, or need help establishing an online account, TMWA is ready to help at (775) 834-8080.

## Know Where Your Master Shut Off Is Before You Need It!

In the event of a water leak emergency, it's important to know where your main water valve is located and how to shut it off. This valve is usually found within a foot of a home's foundation but sometimes a little searching will be needed to find it. This is worth doing, as significant water damage can be avoided if water is turned off quickly when a leak occurs.

## Where to Call

- General Inquiries ..... 775-834-8080
- Emergency Repair ..... 775-834-8090
- Water Conservation ..... 775-834-8005
- Water Quality ..... 775-834-8118
- Water Rights ..... 775-834-8029
- Ombudsman ..... 775-848-0813



Truckee Meadows Water Authority is a 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 450,000 residents of the Truckee Meadows.

## Events and Public Meetings

### Standing Advisory Committee

June 3, 3:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. at TMWA Offices

### Board of Directors Meeting

June 18, at 10 a.m. – noon. Sparks City Council Chambers

### Water Resource Plan Open Houses

- June 4, 5:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m. Link @ [tmwa.com/meetings](https://tmwa.com/meetings)
- June 11, 5:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m. Sparks Library
- June 16, 5:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m. South Valleys Library

Find details for all workshops and meetings at [tmwa.com/meeting](https://tmwa.com/meeting).

