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# Smart About Water Quick Fact:

TMWA's Water Resource Plan is Being Updated

Every five years, TMWA updates its Water Resource Plan to project and prepare for our community's water needs into the next 20, 60, even 80 years. This work is based on future climate, hydrologic, economic, and population data and modeling for the region. If you have ever wondered how TMWA will serve our growing community's future water needs, attend one of our upcoming public events to learn more! See the list on other side for dates.

# Are You Odd or Even? Know Your Watering Days!

Following TMWA's Assigned-Day Watering program at your home or business will help you use water responsibly this summer. All customers have three days each week to run their sprinkler systems. Your street address is the key to remembering your watering days.

- Even addresses water their yards on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays.
- Odd addresses water on Wednesdays, Fridays and Sundays.
- All sprinklers rest on Mondays, which allows the recharge of our water system.
- No sprinkler use from noon to 6 p.m., during the heat of the day.

Being smart about water is a way of life in the Truckee Meadows, and Assigned-Day Watering keeps yards healthy, avoids waste and helps to keep your water bills low.

# **Assigned-Day Watering**

**Odd Addresses** 

**Even Addresses** 

*∆* Wednesdays

**♦**Fridays

**♦**Sundays



**∆** Tuesdays

**♦** Saturdays

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

### 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 an 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.

Call the Conservation Department at 775-834-8005 to schedule your audit.

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

In the summer our community water use increases by approximately four times the winter average. In these peak water-use months, efficient sprinkler operation is more important than ever! To help prevent water loss, sprinklers should be off between noon and 6 p.m. when water loss is high due to evaporation. The best time of the day to run sprinklers is when it is cool, usually early in the morning before temperatures rise and afternoon winds start. 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.

### Addressing Wildfire Risk in the Middle Truckee River Watershed

The Middle Truckee River Watershed is like much of the Sierra Nevada, where gold-rush era deforestation was followed by overly dense replanting of trees. In the decades that followed, forest management embraced fire suppression. Today, the unintended consequence is swaths of aging forests that are timber-packed, stressed, and diseased—which can be explosive fuel for wildfire.

In fact, when dry and windy weather comes, it can present an extreme wildfire threat in the Middle Truckee Watershed and poses a potential risk to the drinking water supply for over 475,000 residents in the Reno/Sparks area. This is why TMWA has partnered with the US Forest Service, along with the Truckee River Watershed Council, The Nature Conservancy and the National Forest Foundation to increase the pace and scale of forest restoration in the watershed.

With a 10-year vegetation management plan in effect, the partnership reduced hazardous fuels across 2,865 acres in 2024. Several projects are planned for this summer and fall. The objective of the partnership is to increase the scale and pace of forest restoration in critical watershed areas of US Forest Service land.

To stay informed on the Partnership's progress, sign-up for their bi-annual newsletter at truckeeforests.com/newsletters.

#### NO FEES! Sign Up for AutoPay via Electronic Checking

When you sign up for AutoPay using electronic checking (or electronic funds transfer), no fees are charged. Once you've enrolled, there is no cost for this service to our customers! Just set it and forget it. Your bills will get paid on time, every time. It's the easiest way to pay! If you have questions about your water bill, or need help establishing an online account, TMWA is ready to help at 775-834-8080.

#### 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 475,000 residents of the Truckee Meadows.

## **Events and Public Meetings**

**Meeting: Standing Advisory Committee** 

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

Public Webinar: Draft 2025-2045 Water Resource Plan

June 4, 5:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m. Zoom: **tmwa.zoom.us/j/87801216327** Or to call in: (888) 788–0099, Webinar ID: 878 0121 6327

# Public Open House: Draft 2025–2045 Water Resource Plan

June 11, 5:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m. Sparks Library, 1125 12th St., Sparks June 16, 5:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m. 15650 South Valleys Library, Wedge Pkwy, Reno

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

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

#### Holiday: Juneteenth

June 19, All TMWA offices closed

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







