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TMWA Celebrates Its 25th Anniversary

With the objective of maintaining local control of our water resources, TMWA was established on June 11, 2001. Formed through a Joint Powers Agreement among the cities of Reno and Sparks and Washoe County, the mission was clear: Create a utility that would prioritize and plan for the community's long-term water needs by keeping our water resources under local control.

Since its founding, TMWA has remained focused on sustainable water resource management and improving our water system's resiliency. With this clarity of purpose, TMWA has helped advance critical regional initiatives, such as the Truckee River Operating Agreement, while consolidating and expanding the resources needed to meet regional water demands for decades to come.

Comprehensive water resource management remains central to TMWA's mission. From water recycling and aquifer recharge to watershed protection, TMWA continues to strengthen and steward the region's water resources.

Are You Odd or Even? Know Your Watering Days!

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. As a reminder, all customers have three days each week to run their sprinkler systems. Your street address is the key to remembering your watering days.

The watering schedule at a glance:

- **Odd addresses (ending with 1, 3, 5, 7, 9):** Wednesdays, Fridays, Sundays
- **Even addresses (ending with 0, 2, 4, 6, 8):** Tuesdays, Thursdays, Saturdays
- **Mondays:** Rest day for the system, no watering
- **Drip irrigation and hand watering** are always permitted

This schedule keeps landscapes healthy while promoting smart water use in our high desert climate. Water in the Truckee Meadows is a shared resource and during the summer months, water demand can increase more than four times due to irrigation needs. Managing the demand efficiently is essential to keep our water system reliable and ensure there's water available for everyone's needs.

Assigned-Day Watering

Odd Addresses

- ☵ Wednesdays
- ☵ Fridays
- ☵ Sundays

Even Addresses

- ☵ Tuesdays
- ☵ Thursdays
- ☵ Saturdays



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

Rate Increase with this Bill

Beginning with this month's bill, customers will see changes that reflect both the annual rate increase approved by the Board and updates from TMWA's Cost of Service Study. The annual rate increase is 3.5% for all customers. The Cost of Service adjustment does not increase total revenue collected by TMWA; rather, it updates how the costs are shared among customer groups so rates more accurately reflect the cost to provide reliable, around-the-clock water service. These changes help ensure fairness among all customer groups, transparency, and long-term financial sustainability for TMWA as it continues investing in essential infrastructure. For more information, visit: tmwa.com/2026-rates

Strike the Perfect Balance and Prevent Wasteful Run-Off

Using only the water your lawn needs is one of the most impactful things you can do to save water and money this summer.

Don't let water run off your lawn and into the gutter because of overly long run times. You can test the amount of water your lawn really needs by following these steps:

1. Run your sprinkler until the water begins running off your lawn. Note the time elapsed and turn off your sprinklers.
2. Then, let the water soak into your lawn for about an hour.
3. At this time, water should have reached about 6-8 inches into the soil. Test this by pushing a screwdriver into the ground.
4. If you cannot push a screwdriver easily to that depth, water again to the time of runoff and repeat the process until the water penetrates 6-8 inches.
5. Note the duration of this overall run time and adjust the sprinkler times according to what your lawn needs.

With these steps, your lawn will absorb the water it needs without runoff and waste. It also helps keep fertilizers and other harmful surface pollutants from getting into the Truckee River!

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 they have a broken pipe or a misdirected sprinkler head. If you see water being wasted please let us know by calling our Conservation Department at (775) 834-8005 or report it on TMWA's website the Report Water Waste link at the top of our homepage. Here you can provide information and even upload pictures of an issue. One of our conservation consultants will visit the location and offer advice on how to fix the problem. For additional water and money-saving tips, please visit tmwa.com/conserve.

Important to note: TMWA does not manage the reclaimed water system. Purple-pipe water waste can be reported to Reno Direct (775-334-INFO), Sparks Environmental Control (775-861-4152) or Washoe County 311 (simply dial 311).



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

Events and Public Meetings in July

Holiday: Independence Day

Fri., July 3 – TMWA Offices Closed.

Meeting: Board of Directors

Wed., July 15, 10 a.m. – Noon. Sparks City Council Chamber

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



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 Truckee Meadows residents.

