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Smart About Water Quick Fact:

Morning Sprinkler Watering is Best

When temperatures rise and afternoon winds pick up, a large percentage of sprinkler spray can simply evaporate into the air. This makes your irrigation system very ineffective at reaching the root systems of your grass, flowers and plants.

The easiest way to prevent this water loss is to make sure sprinklers are off between noon and 6 p.m. If you need to water specific plants or trouble spots in your yards, that's OK! Watering by hand or through drip systems is allowed anytime.

And 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.

Paul Anderson Elected TMWA Board Chair

Sparks City Council member Paul Anderson was elected Chair of TMWA's Board of Directors at the June meeting. He will serve a one-year term through June 30, 2027. Anderson has been a member of the Sparks City Council since 2018 and was appointed to the TMWA Board in 2019.



"We look forward to working with Paul as we plan for a sustainable water future for our region," said John Zimmerman, TMWA's general manager.

The Board is comprised of seven members appointed by their respective local jurisdictions. Currently serving are Naomi Duerr, Miguel Martinez and Kathleen Taylor from the Reno City Council; Dian VanderWell from the Sparks City Council; and Alexis Hill and Clara Andriola from the Washoe County Commission. Along with Anderson's election, Martinez was elected as TMWA's vice chair.

Anderson has been a resident of Sparks for more than 30 years and is currently employed as an account executive with Pilot Thomas Logistics, specializing in national accounts and government contracts. He is active in the Sparks community, serving with the Nevada Veterans Memorial Plaza, Keep Truckee Meadows Beautiful, Reno/Sparks Gospel Mission and various church ministries. He has also been involved in youth sports and was notably awarded Volunteer of the Year by the Sparks American Youth Soccer Organization.

Discover Water-Use Patterns with Your Smart Meter



Smart meters place powerful, real-time information about your water use right at your fingertips. With almost all of our customers now connected to our advanced metering system, it's easier than ever to take control of your water consumption, discover leaks early and save money. These tools are designed to help you conserve water, avoid costly damage from undetected leaks and make informed choices about your water use.

At **TMWA.com** you'll find a quick video explaining your smart meter's key features and how to access them by logging into your online account. This includes viewing your water-use history, in hourly detail, to detect spikes in use and possible leaks. This video also shows how to safely remove your meter box lid to take a manual flow reading if needed. See for yourself at **tmwa.com/ami-how-to**.

Chalk Bluff Treatment Plant Tours Planned for this Fall

Attend a tour of the Chalk Bluff Water Treatment Plant this September and learn more about the quality of your drinking water and how it gets to your home. TMWA's expert staff will be on hand to explain the water treatment and distribution processes.

The tours are open to all TMWA customers and are set for Sept. 1 at 3 p.m., Sept. 8 at 1 p.m., Sept. 15 at 10 a.m., Sept. 22 at 1 p.m. and Sept. 26 at 10 a.m. Each tour is an hour and is limited to 20 people. Please note: These are lengthy walking tours and will involve climbing a significant number of stairs and walking on uneven surfaces.

All attendees will be required to sign a liability waiver before participating in the tour. Attendees must be a minimum of 18 years of age or accompanied by an adult. The registration form is at **tmwa.com/meetings**.



Planting in the Fall with TMWA's Online Landscape Guide

Fall is a great time to plant certain types of flowers, trees and bushes that thrive in our area without a lot of water. One way to prepare 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 perfect water-efficient plants for your yard. The guide includes the best time to plant, garden design tips and descriptions and photos of hundreds of drought-tolerant trees, shrubs and plants.



While upstream reservoir storage and water supply conditions are in good shape this year, making water-wise landscaping decisions for the years and decades to come is always the right thing to do. It's your way to plan ahead and save water! Discover the many diverse and beautiful options at **tmwa.com/landscape**.

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

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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.

Events and Public Meetings in September

Tours: Chalk Bluff Water Treatment Plant

September 1, 8, 15, 22 & 26, see above for details

Meeting: Board of Directors

Wed., September 16, 10 a.m. – Noon. Sparks City Council Chamber

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