

## Water Served Upon Request

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RENO, NV - If you're heading out to dinner, don't be surprised when a glass of water doesn't appear on your table. When it comes to water, many [restaurants](#) around town are choosing not to serve, and instead conserve.

Just like the the residents of Nevada, restaurants are trying to reduce their water usage by TMWA's requested 10%. Whereas most residents are reducing their water usage outdoors, restaurants typically don't have a lawn or many outdoor plants, so they have to get creative with their [water savings](#).

Diners at Peg's Glorified Ham 'N' Eggs are now asked if they would like water when they place their order.

"We just take a second out of our day and ask them if they want it, and most of them don't want it," said Sydney Foster, a hostess at Peg's.

Up until a week ago, water was placed on every table, whether the [customer](#) ordered it. Much of it ended up being wasted.

"Most people order something else to drink and so that is 8 ounces a person right there that we are [saving](#)," said Foster.

Every tabletop in the restaurant has a card reminding people 'saving a glass at a time is the least we can do.' The cards are a part of a program designed and sponsored by the Truckee Meadows Water Authority.

"It gives the restaurants an opportunity to work on saving at least 10 percent," said Robert Charpentier, communications specialist with TMWA.

It may not seem like it, but this policy actually has the potential to save a significant amount of water. One glass per customer can add up.

"It's not just a matter of the water that you pour into the glasses, but it is also the water that they use to wash the glasses," said Charpentier.

The program has only been active a few weeks. It started when TMWA sent 25 of the tabletop cards to 300 restaurants throughout the region. Since then, it has caught on.

"The Atlantis Casino has a number of restaurants of course, and they gave us a call because they wanted to put these cards in all of their restaurants," said Charpentier.

"It's been very successful; we have gotten a lot of great feedback from guests about it," said Tracie Barnthouse, publicist with the Atlantis.

Water upon request is something the Atlantis has been doing for a few years. The TMWA program is just making it easier.

"I hope other restaurants do, they follow suit and any way that we can reduce our water usage and look at ways that we can, is going to be beneficial for the community," said Barnthouse.

Right now, at least 30 restaurants have adopted the policy, but TMWA expects that number to grow as the program gains notoriety