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## LANDSCAPE WATER USE

### Efficiency protects Lake Tahoe

No matter what kind of landscape you have, it is important to know exactly how much water your plants need before you turn on the sprinkler. Smart watering reduces runoff and produces healthy plants. You can maintain a beautiful and healthy yard without wasting water or money. Home-owners can save water and save money by making sure irrigation systems are properly maintained. Your landscape will typically require one inch of water a week, including rainfall, and that can vary depending on where you live, recent weather, and the plants in your landscape.

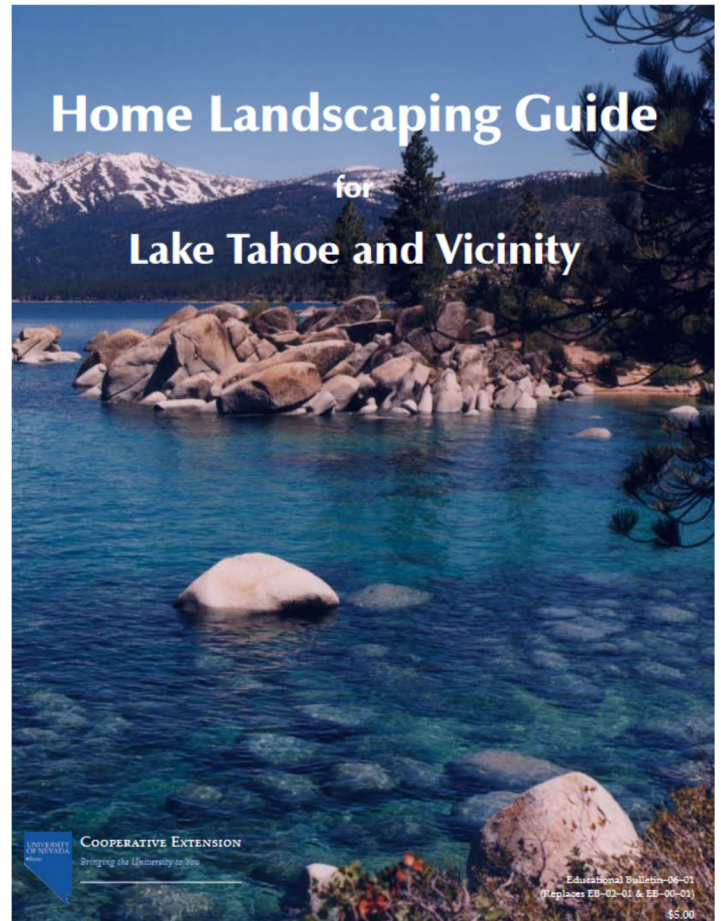
Avoid watering in the middle of the day when the hot sun will evaporate much of the water before it can get to thirsty plants. Almost 70% of the annual water use for Incline Village and Crystal Bay is for irrigation.

Here are a few tips:

- After you turn on the system run the entire sprinkler system, one zone at a time. Check for signs of leakage, especially for damage to sprinkler heads, backflow devices, valves or piping. You may need to clean clogged nozzles and sprinkler heads.
- Replace the controller batteries each spring and check that the controller is working. Program your irrigation timing to be heavier in late spring/early summer to encourage new growth, then reduce irrigation as plants mature in summer.
- Adjust your sprinkler heads so they water your landscape, not sidewalks or pavement. Also make sure their spray isn't blocked by plants or other materials. You may want to consider replacing old sprinkler heads with new MP Rotator style heads, which are designed for much greater efficiency.
- Set it, but don't forget it. Automatic sprinkler systems aren't completely automatic. They don't adjust themselves when it gets hotter or when it rains. Most controllers have a feature for easily adjusting your schedule.
- Also, remember to regularly check for broken or misguided sprinklers.
- The Tahoe Regional Planning Agency (TRPA) recommends the use of phosphorus-free fertilizer in order to protect our beautiful water source, Lake Tahoe. Tahoe soils have an adequate source of phosphorus. Look for a fertilizer in which the middle number, phosphorus, is 0 (i.e. 10-0-10). Choose organic fertilizer options to reduce environmental impacts to soil and water.

### Lake Tahoe Home Landscaping Guide

A fabulous resource for learning about water conservation strategies is the UNR Cooperative Extension publication, *"The Home Landscaping Guide for Lake Tahoe and Vicinity"*. Hard copies are available at the Public Works office or for free download via: <https://tahoercd.org/wp-content/uploads/2016/02/LandscapingGuide.pdf>.





# UPCOMING

## GREAT SIERRA BEACH CLEANUP ON SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 17 @ 9 AM

CHECK-IN AT THE REC CENTER: 980 INCLINE WAY

Litter pickup tools, bags, buckets, safety vests, disposable masks and gloves will be available.

Please wear sturdy shoes, work clothes, long sleeved shirt, wide brim hat and work gloves.

Dates and details are tentative and subject to change. For more information call: 775-832-1284

or email: [wastenot@ivgid.org](mailto:wastenot@ivgid.org)



Meet the new Public Works Administrative Manager, Diana Robb. Diana assumed management duties for Public Works' front

office in early July; transferring over from the IVGID accounting division where she served for 14+ years. Diana and her family live and work in Incline Village.

## REPORT LITTER & TRASH ISSUES

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