

Time for contractors to become BMP certified

University of Nevada Cooperative Extension will host best management practices workshops for contractors and landscape designers April 24 and April 29.

The full-day basic workshop will be from 8am-4:50pm April 24 at Sierra Nevada College, 999 Tahoe Blvd. in Incline Village, and the half-day refresher course will be 8am-noon April 29 at the Tahoe Regional Planning Agency, 128 Market St. in Stateline.

BMPs are land-management and landscaping practices that control erosion and encourage runoff from rooftops and pavement to infiltrate into the ground.

TRPA, Nevada Tahoe Conservation District, Resource Concepts Incorporated and North Lake Tahoe Fire Protection District personnel will explain the basics of proper installation of the practices around homes and small businesses.

Topics include:

- How to use TRPA's online resources
- TRPA's electronic approval process for Small BMP Retrofit Design
- Commercial and multi-family residential BMP permits and maintenance.

Attendance by at least one supervisor per business is required to get on the Service Providers List.

Early registration fees for the workshops are \$25 for the basic workshop and \$18 for the refresher course. These rates go up after April 8 and again at the door. Registration includes refreshments, workshop materials, Cooperative Extension's Home Landscaping Guide for Lake Tahoe and Vicinity

and the 2012 Natural Resources Conservation Service's booklet of Standard Drawings of Residential Scale BMPs.

Register online. For more information, call 775.336.0244.