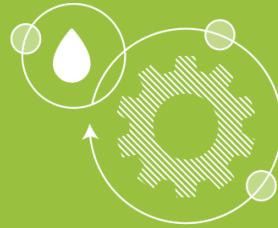


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## MONITORING LEAD FOR YOUR SAFETY

Thornton is working on a water service line inventory project to ensure we are following the strict guidelines from the [Colorado Department of Public Health & Environment](#) (CDPHE). With approximately 80% of the project completed, it's reassuring that no lead service lines have been identified in Thornton.



While some older homes may have lead solder as part of their plumbing system, we have taken significant steps to prevent the dissolving of metals into your drinking water. Our Water Quality Division samples and monitors water for lead and copper levels to ensure safe drinking water.

Read our [most recent Waterblogged article](#) to learn more about how we monitor for lead and how your home may qualify for a free test.

## GOING DEEP FOR SAMPLES

John Meyers is a Senior Water Treatment Specialist for Thornton, and he recently placed second in the nationwide [American Water Works Association's Gimmicks & Gadget](#) contest. The purpose is to showcase local utility staff that have created innovative solutions to an everyday challenges, saving water utilities time and money.

John created a Quick Filter Media Sampler to make it easier to collect small samples of filter media from the deep filter in the water treatment plant.



In addition to being an innovator, John was also our guide through the Thornton Water Treatment Plant to help create our video series about your water at work. This series showcases how Thornton manages your water from the mountain tops until it leaves your home as wastewater. It's all things water - supply, quality, delivery, and efficiency!

View all the videos on our homepage at [ThorntonWater.com](#), or learn a little more about [Water Quality here](#).

## HOW MUCH DO YOU KNOW ABOUT YOUR BACKFLOW?

Winterizing your underground sprinkler system is an important step in home maintenance. Performing this crucial seasonal task will likely prevent frozen water lines from damaging your sprinkler system.

If you don't have a working knowledge of your backflow preventer, you may want professional help to drain water from your lines, but if you are more of a DIY person, you can [learn more here](#) about how to winterize to avoid freeze damage.

