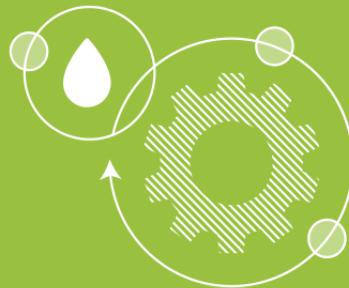




NEWS & UPDATES

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Get Paid to Mow Less

A 3,500-square-foot lawn soaks up about 84,000 gallons of water each year. The same yard with 40% turf and 60% low-water plants, shrubs, trees, and mulch only uses 49,000 gallons annually.



Many Thornton water customers have already transitioned their turf-heavy yards into landscapes with color, texture, height, and fragrance with much lower water consumption. They took advantage of the Landscape Rebate and received up to \$2 per square foot for the perennial gardens they installed.

Curious to know if your space could qualify for a rebate? Here is a checklist to follow before you dig into your project.

Check out our [most recent Waterblogged article](#) for examples of how some Thornton residents designed their yards to be more water-wise.

Updates on the Thornton Water Project

Our [June Waterblogged article](#) described the status of acquiring Thornton's water from the Cache la Poudre River via a new pipeline traveling through Larimer, Weld, and Adams Counties. Working closely with the Larimer County community, Thornton rerouted a section of the pipeline to avoid major roads and minimize the number of private properties impacted. The proposed route utilizes Thornton-owned farmland, where possible, to minimize construction impact on landowners. The Colorado Sun featured Thornton [in a recent article](#) while the city awaits the Larimer County vote.

PFAS

"Thornton is on the right track for reducing levels of PFAS in treated water," says Brett Henry, Executive Director of Utilities and Infrastructure. "Since June this year, both of our water treatment plants have produced water below the draft regulations! This is considerable given that we need to add roughly \$50M-\$100M in additional treatment processes to ensure we can always meet the new regulation. Our staff have accomplished this through a combination of careful source water blending and additional powder activated carbon." You can [learn more about PFAS here](#).

Winter Tree Watering

During winter months when there has been no significant precipitation for about three weeks, Colorado arborists recommend watering trees when temperatures are above 40 F.

In [this video](#), GreenCO Colorado describes the best ways to water your trees and shrubs during a drought or warm spell in the fall and winter.

