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## **Centennial Water Recognizes August as National Water Quality Month**

Centennial Water and Sanitation District is celebrating National Water Quality Month in August. Everyone in the Highlands Ranch community has a responsibility to be educated about the importance of water quality and what we as individuals can do to protect the quality of our water resources.

Centennial Water's staff takes the following steps on a regular basis to ensure clean water quality for use in Highlands Ranch:

- All water delivered to customers is first treated and disinfected to the highest standards and drinking water regulations.
- Staff regularly tests commercial backflow prevention devices to protect the potable water supply from contamination.
- Every month, 100 drinking water samples are collected and tested throughout the community to ensure the treated water supply is free of harmful bacteria and to monitor disinfection levels.
- Each day, water samples from our surface water and groundwater treatment plants are tested to confirm the water meets drinking water quality standards.
- Every six months, water samples from 60 homes are tested for lead and copper to ensure concentrations levels of these metals are below EPA required concentrations.
- Each day, water samples are collected and tested at our wastewater treatment plant to ensure the treated wastewater discharged into the South Platte River meets effluent requirements and stream water quality standards.
- Staff monitors and regulates the wastewater discharged by businesses and industries to ensure harmful chemicals are not put in the sewer system.

Centennial Water is doing its part to ensure clean water for the community. Are you? Every household plays a role in the quality of water available in their community. Centennial Water wants its residents to understand the importance of having clean water, and take steps to improving our water by keeping these tips in mind:

- Refrain from using antibacterial soaps and cleaning products
- Do not flush medications down the toilet or sink drain
- Do not dispose of solvents, oil, and grease down the kitchen sink
- Refrain from using a water softener (salt-charged ion exchange treatment system)

- Keep storm drains free of dirt, debris, household chemicals, and petroleum products
- Fix car and truck fluid leaks and put liners in driveways, as needed, to prevent release into the stormwater system
- Refrain from using pesticides and herbicides in your yard
- Use chemical fertilizers sparingly and only those that do not contain phosphorous
- Choose nontoxic household chemical products when possible
- Properly dispose of pet waste
- Properly store household solvents, oils, lubricants, and engine fuel to prevent accidental spills
- Recycle unused paint and used oil products
- For winter traction, use sand with little or no salt on driveways and sidewalks

Centennial Water is a proud supporter of National Water Quality Month. Centennial Water wants to provide customers with the cleanest water possible. Join the movement in providing clean water for your community and others across the nation.

For more information about how Centennial Water is promoting clean water, visit [centennialwater.org](http://centennialwater.org).

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*Centennial Water & Sanitation District is the water and wastewater utility in Highlands Ranch. Centennial Water provides high quality water through the Joseph B. Blake Water Treatment Plant located in Highlands Ranch. Wastewater is treated at the Marcy Gulch Wastewater Treatment Plant to meet stringent water quality standards before it is discharged. Since 1981, Centennial Water has built a reliable and highly-respected water portfolio, based on a conjunctive use system, to serve its customers. Its major water source is surface water from the South Platte River, supplemented with groundwater from deep aquifer wells throughout Highlands Ranch. For more information about Centennial Water & Sanitation District, which serves Highlands Ranch, please visit [www.centennialwater.org](http://www.centennialwater.org), or call 303-791-0430.*