



CENTENNIAL
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Centennial Water recognized with environmental leadership award

Centennial Water & Sanitation District was recently recognized by the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment as a Bronze Achiever of its Colorado Environmental Leadership Program (ELP). The voluntary program recognizes businesses, municipalities and others in the state that make significant achievements in sustainability and environmental stewardship. This year 166 companies are in the ELP program, 11 percent of which are municipalities or utilities.

“We are excited and honored to be recognized as a Bronze Achiever in the state’s Environmental Leadership Program,” said John Kaufman, Centennial Water general manager. “It reinforces we are on the right track to encouraging and implementing sustainable environmental protection initiatives in every facet of our operations.”

Centennial Water is the water and wastewater provider for the 96,000 residents of Highlands Ranch. Its mission is to provide safe, sustainable and reliable water and wastewater utility services for customers, with superior quality and value. Centennial Water staff have implemented a number of initiatives as they strive to be a leader in sustainability in its industry.

Approximately 980 million gallons of water have been saved annually through a variety of water savings initiatives. Key activities include a water budget rate structure, irrigation audit programs, rain sensor rebates, programs to encourage xeriscape landscaping and water conservation rules and regulations.

In addition, Centennial Water staff participate in a variety of educational opportunities each year. Staff present at local schools about basic water supply and water conservation practices, and conduct tours for various groups at its water and wastewater treatment plants.

Centennial Water is able to recycle or reuse approximately 130 million gallons of water per year using it to irrigate a golf course, a regional park, a senior living complex and at the

wastewater treatment plant. The district also recaptures nearly 100 percent of its reusable water.

Additionally, the district is a partner in a number of large regional water projects promoting water conservation. This includes the Chatfield Reservoir Reallocation Project, Water Supply and Irrigation Efficiency (WISE) project, and member of the South Metro Water Supply Authority.

Centennial Water staff continue to implement best practices across all aspects of the organization to save water and be more environmentally friendly. To learn more about Centennial Water visit www.centennialwater.org.

The ELP is open to all Colorado businesses, industries, offices, educational institutions, municipalities, government agencies, community, not-for-profit and other organizations.

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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.highlandsranch.org, or call 303-791-0430.