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**Centennial Water observes Drinking Water Week by  
celebrating tap water is there when you need it**

Throughout the coronavirus pandemic, both the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) have assured consumers that drinking water is safe to use as normal. The consistent and reliable quality of drinking water is at the heart of the theme for this year's Drinking Water Week, "There When You Need It," which is celebrated May 3-9 this year.

Centennial Water & Sanitation District and the American Water Works Association (AWWA) are observing Drinking Water Week by recognizing the vital role tap water plays in daily life, the infrastructure that is required to carry it to and from homes and businesses, and the important work of water professionals behind the scenes.

Many communities, including Highlands Ranch, are fortunate to have reliable access to safe water when they turn on the tap. In large part this stems from the regular testing Centennial Water staff conducts to ensure that regulatory standards for water quality are met. In fact, every water system must publish a Consumer Confidence Report (CCR), which details its water quality. Centennial Water's 2020 report was released in April and is available online at [centennialwater.org](http://centennialwater.org).

"Shortly after the World Health Organization declared the coronavirus a pandemic, the EPA and CDC each reminded us that we should trust our tap water as we normally would for hygiene and hydration," said AWWA CEO David LaFrance. "This proved to be extremely important because handwashing is an important way to stop the spread of the virus. We couldn't do that without high-quality drinking water."

"Centennial Water's mission continues to be to provide safe, sustainable, and reliable water and wastewater utility services to our customers, and we take our role very seriously," said John Kaufman, general manager of Centennial Water. "As COVID-19 continues to affect people in our community, we want to assure customers their tap water is safe and continues to meet all state and national regulations. We are in challenging times and the safety of your water supply is one less thing you need to be concerned about."

To commemorate the week, water utilities, water organizations, government entities, environmental advocates, schools and other stakeholders throughout North America and beyond will encourage consumers to understand and appreciate their drinking water.

**About Drinking Water Week**

For more than 40 years, AWWA and its members have celebrated Drinking Water Week, a unique opportunity for both water professionals and the communities they serve to join together in recognizing the vital role water plays in daily lives.

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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.*