



CENTENNIAL
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Be a Good Steward of Our Community's Water Resources

By following some very simple steps in and around your home, you can reduce your water consumption and encourage prudent use of our water sources for years to come. Centennial Water & Sanitation District provides financial assistance in the form of rebates to its customers in Highlands Ranch. The following are available to help Highlands Ranch residents and businesses put stewardship into practice:

Low-Flow Toilet Rebates

As of December 31, 2009 Centennial Water provided rebates to more than 150 homes that replaced approximately 300 toilets. It is estimated that the replacement of those toilets with water conserving low-flow models will save Centennial Water about 2,250,000 gallons of water annually.

This year, Centennial Water is providing a rebate to customers who replace their older toilets with low-flow toilets that conserve water. Homes built prior to 1994 are eligible to receive a \$50 rebate for replacing up to three toilets that use 3.5 gallons per flush or more with toilets that use 1.6 gallons per flush or less. Non-residential customers whose businesses were built prior to 1994 are now eligible for participation.

Rain Sensor Rebates

Rain sensors are devices that automatically disable your irrigation system in the event of rain. Rain sensors can be added to almost any irrigation controller. Rain sensors come in both wired versions that must be wired directly to your irrigation controller, and wireless versions that use radio frequency to communicate between the sensor and your irrigation controller. Centennial Water is offering a \$25 rebate to residential customers and a \$50 rebate to non-residential customers who purchase and install a rain sensor device in 2010.

This rebate program coincides with a planned implementation in June requiring all non-residential customers to have a functioning rain sensor installed on their irrigation systems.

Ultra Low-Flow Urinal Rebates

All urinals sold since January 1, 1994 must use one gallon or less per flush, while older models can use up to five gallons per flush. Ultra low-flow urinals use only one eighth of a gallon per flush, saving approximately 88 percent more water than the newer one gallon per flush models. Beginning this year, Centennial Water provides a \$100 rebate per urinal for customers who replace their older urinals with the more efficient ultra low-flow urinals that use one eighth of a gallon per flush or less.

Free Education Programs

In addition to these rebate programs, Centennial Water continues to offer educational programs which include free water conservation workshops the first Thursday of each month from May through September at the Highlands Ranch Library.

Free Irrigation System Advice

Customers may also sign up for free Slow the Flow Irrigation inspections. Slow the Flow is funded by Centennial Water and conducted by the Center for ReSource Conservation. A limited number of free irrigation inspections will be available to Highlands Ranch customers on a first-come first-served basis. The inspection will measure the efficiency of your irrigation system and how you can improve it, and will provide you with a water-efficient irrigation schedule. Call the Center for ReSource Conservation directly at 303-999-3820, ext. 217, or visit www.ConservationCenter.org to schedule an appointment. Centennial Water does not schedule appointments and can only direct you to call the Center for ReSource Conservation at the above number.

For more information about any of Centennial Water and Sanitation District's rebate programs please visit www.highlandsranch.org

Over the past 30 years, 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.

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