



CENTENNIAL
WATER AND SANITATION DISTRICT

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Drought watch issued for Centennial Water service area

The Centennial Water & Sanitation District Board of Directors, at its April 25 meeting, declared a drought watch in its service area, which includes Highlands Ranch, Solstice and portions of northern Douglas County.

Due to below average water supply and prolonged dryness, the Board has opted to issue a drought watch. The goal of the drought watch stage is to educate customers on how important efficient water use is to prevent additional drought measures that could lead to mandatory outdoor water use restrictions. Customers are encouraged to use only what they need.

In 2021, Centennial Water adopted a Drought Response Plan to provide guidance to the Board and stakeholders in navigating drought conditions. The tools identified in the plan are intended to help maximize available water supplies and reduce water use during times of water shortage caused by drought. Drought severity indicators are used to help form and support staff in its recommendations to the Board of Directors. The indicators address Centennial Water's available water supply and take into account environmental, social and economic factors.

According to the plan, a drought watch means Centennial Water will increase communication and education to its customers. The next step, Stage 1, if issued includes mandatory water use restrictions, including limited outdoor watering and new drought rates which apply when a customer exceeds their allotted water budget.

To read the full Drought Response Plan, visit the Drought Resource Center on Centennial Water's website at [centennialwater.org](https://www.centennialwater.org). To stay up-to-date on current conditions and get water conservation tips and information, customers are encouraged to sign up to receive a monthly Water eNewsletter. To sign up, send an email to info@centennialwater.org.

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Centennial Water & Sanitation District (Centennial Water) is the water and wastewater utility serving the communities of Highlands Ranch and Solstice. Centennial Water's mission is to provide safe, sustainable and reliable water and wastewater utility services to customers with superior quality and value. To learn more, visit us online at [centennialwater.org](https://www.centennialwater.org) or follow us on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#) or [LinkedIn](#).