



**COMMUNITY
CONNECTIONS
NEIGHBORHOOD
RESOURCE CENTER**

Serving Thornton

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WHO WE ARE

The city of Thornton's Community Connections Division serves as a one-stop resource shop for Thornton residents. Community Connections provides a wide-range of resources and services that support residents as they improve their quality of life in Thornton.

English-Spanish bilingual team members offer a tailored selection of programming and referrals to meet individual needs for food, clothing, shelter, social/mental health supports and beyond.

OUR MISSION

Enhancing lives through connection.

OUR VISION

Building a foundation of community empowerment where all in Thornton reach their maximum potential.

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GENERAL COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS SUPPORT

INFORMATION AND REFERRAL

English-Spanish bilingual team members offer a tailored selection of programming and referrals to meet needs for:



BASIC NEEDS & FINANCIAL



EDUCATION



EMPLOYMENT



FOOD ASSISTANCE



HEALTH SERVICES



HOMELESSNESS



HOUSING & SHELTER



MENTAL HEALTH & ADDICTION



SPECIAL POPULATIONS



TRANSPORTATION

TECHNOLOGY ACCESS

Free Wi-Fi and Tech Use

720-977-5800
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Free use of wi-fi, laptops, tablets, desktops, and workspace available to Thornton residents.

ENGAGEMENT

Donate

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Whether you'd like to contribute groceries or garden grown produce to a food bank, support students with school supplies, or adopt a family during the holidays, there are several opportunities to donate.

Volunteer

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Contribute your time to the neighborhood resource center assisting with occasional special events, routine volunteer assignments, or through serving on the City Council-appointed Thornton Assistance Funds Committee that recommends grants to nonprofit organizations.





HOUSING

UTILITY ASSISTANCE

Thornton Water Assistance Program

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gocot.net/WaterAssistance

This program helps low-income individuals and families struggling to pay their Thornton water bill. Qualifying water customers living in apartment complexes, homes, manufactured home parks, condominiums, and townhomes that receive water through the city of Thornton may apply for the program once per calendar year. Assistance received can be up to \$360 annual credit for a single-family home or \$80 for a master-metered community such as an apartment.

HOME IMPROVEMENT

Help for Homes

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This program provides a grant to income-qualifying Thornton homeowners to help with minor home repairs, including modifications that improve the health, safety, accessibility or energy efficiency of the home.

Code Community Assistance Program (CodeCAP)

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CodeCAP provides a grant to income-qualifying Thornton residents to help prevent or remedy city code violations.

Click and Haul

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gocot.net/ClickandHaul

Thornton will pick up approved household junk for a cost of only \$5 for income eligible residents. Residents not income eligible can also use this service, but at full price. Eligible items include furniture, appliances, mattresses/box springs, hot water heaters, fence panels, remodeling debris, etc. This service is by appointment only. To schedule, call 720-977-6200, visit gocot.net/ClickandHaul or email environmentalservices@ThorntonCO.gov.

CAPABLE Program

720-977-5800
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Operated by the Visiting Nurses of Colorado, the CAPABLE Program helps allow older adults to remain in their homes longer, achieve better health outcomes, and decrease medical costs. To qualify you must be at least 65 years old and income qualify. The program is provided for free.



TAX REBATE

Senior Property and Food Tax Rebate

Call for program details.
303-255-9471

Call to start your application.
720-977-5800

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Assistance@ThorntonCO.gov
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If you are 62 years of age or older, you may qualify for a property tax rebate and a sales tax rebate on your grocery bills. Qualifying seniors must have lived in the city of Thornton during the previous tax year, paid property taxes on a home within the city, and meet specific income criteria.



EMPLOYMENT

Employment Resources

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Contact us if you're unemployed or underemployed and looking for resources to support your job search.

Income Tax Assistance

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Each tax season, the IRS Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) program provides free basic tax return preparation services to income qualifying individuals.



FOOD

Healthy Farmers Markets

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Adams County Health Department, American Heart Association and Anythink Libraries join us in hosting markets each harvest season to provide fruit and vegetables to the neighboring community at an affordable cost. WIC and SNAP are accepted.

Community Gardens

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Community Connections provides a water credit to community gardens that are open to Thornton residents and donate a substantial amount of produce to area food banks. Gardens provide volunteer opportunities and increases food access for our community.

Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) Enrollment

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Community Connections serves as a SNAP application assistance site. Adams County Human Services staff will help you to apply for the SNAP food benefit which provides funds each month to purchase food from qualifying online and storefront locations.



HEALTH

Park Pass Recreation Program

303-255-7800

Connections@ThorntonCO.gov
ThorntonParks.com

Provides a 50% discount to entire households on city-sponsored recreation programs, IDs, and daily admission fees at the Trail Winds Recreation Center, Margaret W. Carpenter Recreation Center, Park Village Pool and City Pool.



MENTAL HEALTH

Tri-County Overdose Prevention Partnership

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The Tri-County Overdose Prevention Partnership is a community-based partnership committed to addressing prescription opioid misuse and overdose in Adams, Arapahoe and Douglas Counties. We support the work and help plan the annual International Overdose Awareness event to increase awareness and education about preventing an overdose.



HOMELESSNESS

Homeless Outreach Team (HOT)

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gocot.net/HOT

HOT is a group dedicated to investigating encampments and making contact with Thornton's unhoused population to provide referrals for shelter, food and other needed services.

HOTline

720-977-5900

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Use the HOTline to report an encampment, request outreach within Thornton city boundaries, and to learn more about how Thornton is addressing homelessness.



EDUCATION

School Supply Giveaway

720-977-5800

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With the help of community partners, volunteers and donors, Community Connections hosts a back-to-school event before the beginning of each school year to help equip students with the tools needed for success.





GRANTS

Community Development Block Grant (CDBG)

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Thornton receives CDBG funds each year from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) to use for housing and community development programs or projects that benefit low- and moderate-income residents. Projects may be completed by Thornton or through partnerships with nonprofits and housing service providers

Thornton Assistance Funds (TAF)

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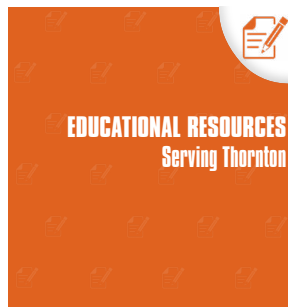
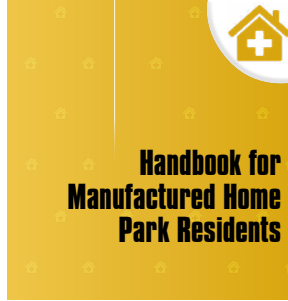
TAF provides funding to nonprofit organizations that help Thornton residents to meet their basic needs and achieve self-sufficiency. Basic needs are identified as food, housing, health and medical, or human services. Nonprofit organizations that help people move from relying on private or public assistance to providing for one's own needs are eligible for funding. Applications are accepted every January.



OTHER COMMUNITY RESOURCE GUIDES

Need more information about the services and resources offered?

Check out one of the guides below which are available online at gocot.net/Connections or Community Connections, 9471 Dorothy Blvd.



CONNECT WITH US

Visit: 9471 Dorothy Blvd.
(Monday-Thursday, 8 a.m.-5 p.m.)

Call: 720-977-5800
(Monday-Friday, 8 a.m.-5 p.m.)

Email: Connections@ThorntonCO.gov
(Monday-Friday, 8 a.m.-5 p.m.)

Web: gocot.net/Connections (24/7)

THORNTON CARES

Thornton Cares is a resource platform to help you find the programs and services you need.

Visit thorntoncares.com 24/7.

Any of the community-based resources or service providers listed on the Thornton Cares website thorntoncares.com, or to which city staff has provided a referral by email, phone or otherwise, should not be seen as an endorsement or recommendation by the city. Nor can the city guarantee the availability of any such resources or service providers.

