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Thornton Drought Status



This winter has been unusually dry and warm and, like many of our neighboring water providers across the Front Range, Thornton is in Drought Watch, closely monitoring the snowpack levels, weather patterns, and streamflow in the South Platte and Clear Creek water basins that bring water to our community. Snowpack in these basins is currently tracking well below the historical average, which can impact our water supply here in Thornton. If snowpack levels continue to trend below average, Thornton's drought status will likely change to Stage 1 Drought, which would result in asking water customers to limit outdoor watering to help maintain the water supply throughout the summer. Thornton Water customers are encouraged to be aware of the potential of worsening drought conditions and to check for updates on Thornton's drought status and watering rules at ThorntonWater.com/drought.

All water users, including residential, commercial, city and HOA properties, can help by waiting to water outdoors until May or June, watering less frequently and looking for and fixing leaks quickly. Now is a great time to evaluate your overall water use and identify ways to save water and money year-round. Start by tracking your daily water use through WaterSmart. Learn more and sign up at ThorntonWater.com/your-water-use.

Thornton offers rebates and services for residential, HOA, and commercial customers to save water and money. Visit ThorntonWater.com/Rebates for available rebates, services, and resources to help save water.

To learn more about how Thornton manages water supplies during drought, you can read Thornton's Drought Management Plan at ThorntonWater.com/drought or contact us at Water@ThorntonWater.com or 720-977-6600.

Upcoming Meetings AND EVENTS

Join us for Thornton City Council Meetings in the Council Chambers at 9500 Civic Center Dr.—everyone's welcome!

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| March 10 | March 31 |
| April 14 | April 28 |

Community Meetings

Thursday, April 2, 6-7:30 p.m.
 Hosted by Ward 1
 Community Connections
 9471 Dorothy Blvd.

Thursday, April 30, 6-7:30 p.m.
 Hosted by Ward 2
 Active Adult Center
 11181 Colorado Blvd.

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COMMUNITY MEETINGS

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| <p>THURSDAY, APRIL 2</p> <p>6-7:30 P.M.</p> <p>COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS 9471 DOROTHY BLVD.</p> | <p>THURSDAY, APRIL 30</p> <p>6-7:30 P.M.</p> <p>ACTIVE ADULT CENTER 11181 COLORADO BLVD.</p> |
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This is a wonderful opportunity to learn more about our community and share your thoughts with City Council and city staff, all in a relaxed and friendly atmosphere. Come with your questions and enjoy a bite to eat while engaging with new friends and neighbors.

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 PARKS, RECREATION & COMMUNITY PROGRAMS

For more information and a list of future 2026 meetings, visit goCOT.net/CommunityMeetings.

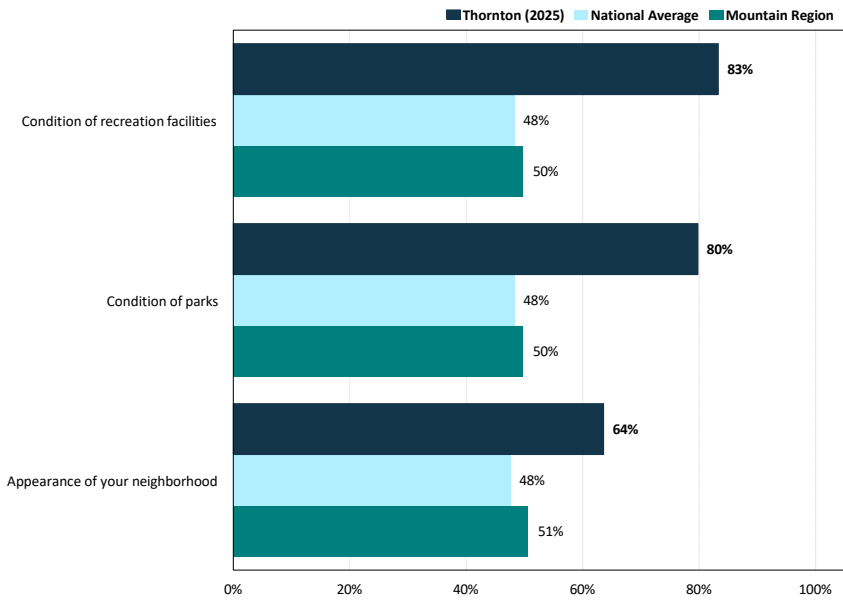
Thornton Community Survey Results

In January, Thornton received the results of a community survey, which showed residents have a high-level of satisfaction with key city services. Seventy-seven percent of respondents reported that they believe Thornton is heading in the right direction, and 75% of respondents rated the quality of life in Thornton as Excellent or Good.

The survey of residents took place during the Fall of 2025 with 821 surveys completed. ETC Institute conducted the survey for Thornton, and the firm is recognized as one of the leaders in this kind of community research. ETC Institute mailed a survey packet to a random sample of households in Thornton. One of the services ETC offers is a comparison of results with communities in Thornton's region, as well as nationally. These "benchmarking" comparisons demonstrate a level of satisfaction considerably above what other communities are reporting.

Parks and Recreation / Planning and Development

by percentage of respondents who said they were "satisfied" or "very satisfied"

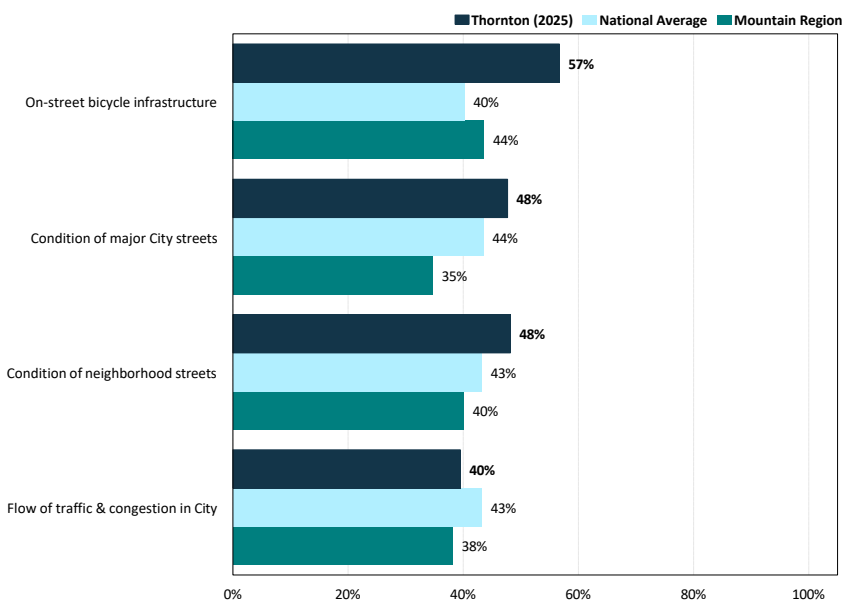


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Public Infrastructure

by percentage of respondents who said they were "satisfied" or "very satisfied"

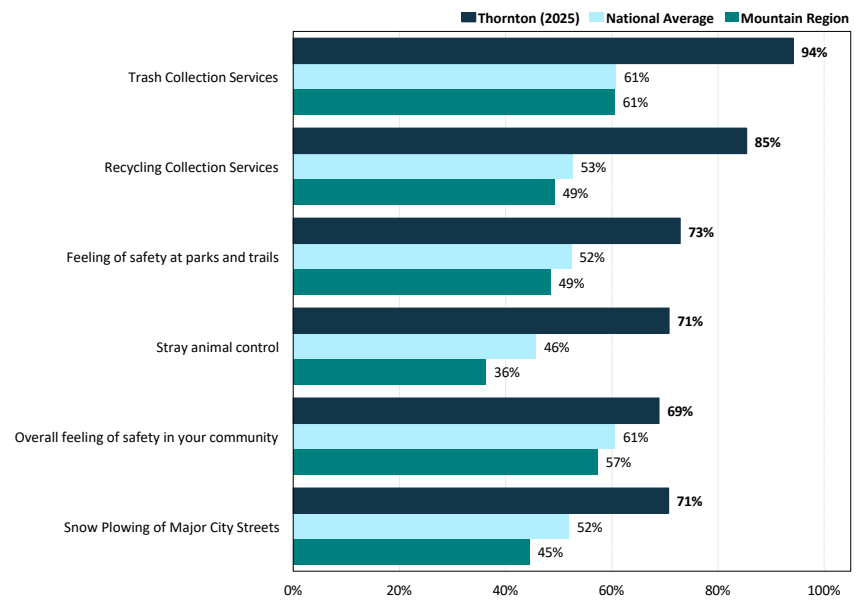


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Public Safety/ Public Utilities

by percentage of respondents who said they were "satisfied" or "very satisfied"



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Other key findings:

Public Utilities: Thornton residents were asked to rate their overall satisfaction with four aspects of Thornton's public utilities. Community members were most satisfied with trash collection services with 95% rating "satisfied" or "very satisfied", and recycling collection services (85%).

Planning and Development: Residents were asked to rate their overall satisfaction with four aspects of planning and development. Respondents were most satisfied with the appearance of their neighborhood with 64%, rating satisfied or very satisfied, and the quality of stores/restaurants/shopping centers 54%.

Parks and Recreation: Residents were asked to rate their overall satisfaction with nine items related to parks and recreation. They were most satisfied (rating "satisfied" or "very satisfied") that there was a park within walking distance of their home (85%), there is a trail or open space within walking/biking distance of their home (83%), and the condition of recreation facilities (83%).

Public Safety: Respondents were asked to rate their overall satisfaction with three aspects of public safety. Respondents were most satisfied (rating "satisfied" or "very satisfied") with the how safe they felt at city parks and trails (73%) and stray animal control (71%).

Public Infrastructure: Respondents were asked to rate their overall satisfaction with five aspects of public infrastructure. Respondents were most satisfied (rating "satisfied" or "very satisfied") with the condition of landscaping or streetscaping in medians and along streets (60%) and on-street bicycle infrastructure (57%).

Importance of Services: Respondents were asked to select the three services they believe are most important for the city to invest additional resources into improving. The quality/taste of water (30%), flow of traffic and congestion (27%), and overall feeling of safety in the community (25%) were the three services most important to respondents.

You can find complete survey results at ThorntonCO.gov.

Environmental Cleanup Underway at Former Thornton Shopping Center

Information provided by Thornton Economic Development, businessinthornton.com

You may notice increased excavation activity at the former Thornton Shopping Center site at 88th Avenue and Washington Street. This work is part of an important environmental cleanup process required before the property can move forward with redevelopment.

The project includes the removal and proper disposal of contaminated soil and related materials to ensure the site meets environmental safety standards. These active remediation efforts are expected to be completed by the end of the third quarter of 2026.

For project updates and background information, visit goCOT.net/thorntonshopctr.



Eat, Play and Connect in Thornton

Information provided by Thornton Economic Development, businessinthornton.com

Thornton Economic Development continues to work and make Thornton a destination for fun, food, and entertainment, with new businesses opening across the city.

A major highlight is Chicken N Pickle at The Grove Shopping Center near I-25 and 144th Avenue. The venue blends pickleball courts, crowd-favorite chicken dishes, an inviting outdoor area with field games, and a rooftop patio unlike anything else in the city. Pickleball excitement continues to build with The Picklr, now open next to Sky Zone at Thornton Town Center.

If you're looking for all-ages entertainment head to Malibu Jack's, an indoor theme park at Thornton Town Center. The venue features mini-golf, arcade games, go-karts, and more. You can host your child's next birthday party at Fun City Adventure Park, where high-flying trampolines, epic climbing walls, and ninja courses create fun for young thrill-seekers.

More exciting destinations continue to take shape across Thornton. Billy Birch Pub & Yard is open at 120th Avenue and Holly Street, featuring a spacious outdoor patio and beer garden. SomePlace Else Brewery, a family-owned brewcade focused on games and craft beer is open at 2360 E. 120th Ave. ViewHouse is coming to I-25 & 136th Avenue, next to Thorncreek Golf Course in 2027, bringing a high-energy restaurant and gathering spot that will add even more buzz to the area. K1 Speed is gearing up to open in Larkridge near Topgolf, delivering adrenaline-pumping indoor racing to Thornton. Alongside these openings, new food concepts like Deja Foods Grill & Taphouse and Crab & Grab Cajun Seafood & Bar are adding fresh flavors to Thornton's growing culinary scene.

From dining and entertainment to community gathering spaces, Thornton's newest businesses reflect a vibrant city made possible through the business-friendly leadership at the city to support smart growth and create exciting opportunities for all. For more information, visit BusinessinThornton.com.



Community Volunteer Recognition Program

The Community Volunteer Awards aims to highlight members of the community for their outstanding work for non-profits, schools, and/or other organizations that benefit the Thornton community.

Volunteers play a vital role in preserving Thornton's quality of life. The 2026 Volunteer Recognition Awards will highlight that spirit of service and celebrate the residents who make Thornton a more connected, caring, and vibrant place to live and work.

To nominate a volunteer for their exemplary work in the community completed in 2025, submit online at goCOT.net/volunteerawards, download a printable nomination form and mail it in, or fill out a paper nomination form and submit in person at the City Manager's Office, 9500 Civic Center Dr.

There are two award categories, Volunteer of the Year and Youth Volunteer of the Year, with one recipient per category. They will be recognized at Thorntonfest on June 6.



Volunteer Spotlight - from Softball to SnowBusters: Volunteers Power Thornton's Community Programs

Information provided by goCOT.net/volunteer

Larry Dodson has spent more than 20 years volunteering as a girls' softball coach in Thornton. A longtime resident, he first got involved as an assistant coach when one of his daughters joined a team and additional help was needed. The following year, he stepped into the head coach role and has continued coaching ever since.

Dodson especially enjoys working at the recreation league level, where he helps build team camaraderie while teaching fundamental skills to players of all abilities, from beginners to those preparing for more competitive



leagues. Passionate about both softball and baseball, he values seeing athletes gain confidence and improve throughout the season.

If you're interested in giving back, you can volunteer in a wide range of City of Thornton programs, including youth and adult sports, SnowBusters, tree planting events, and arts and culture initiatives. Each program relies on volunteers to help strengthen the community and enhance quality of life for residents of all ages. For more information about volunteering for Thornton programs, visit goCOT.net/volunteer.

Thornton City Council

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NEED HELP

Paying your water bill?

The Thornton Water Assistance Program helps low-income individuals and families to pay their water bills. All Thornton Water Utility (TWU) customers, including homeowners and renters, may apply for the program once every 12 months. The 2026 water credit for all eligible TWU applicants is \$528. City residents also qualify for an additional \$60 stormwater credit. Credits are distributed over 12 months. For more information, call **720-977-5815**, email Assistance@ThorntonCO.gov, or visit in person at Community Connections, 9471 Dorothy Blvd. during business hours.

FREE FOOD AND RESOURCE

Drive-thru events

Thornton Community Connections and Adams County Human Services partner to host a Free Food and Resource Drive-Thru event every third Friday of the month at 9471 Dorothy Blvd., from 8:30-9:30 a.m. If you need immediate food assistance you can call **211, 211colorado.org**, or call the Hunger Free Colorado Resource Hotline at **855-855-4626**. To find a Food Bank/Pantry near you, you can use the Food Bank of the Rockies Food Locator at foodbankrockies.org/find-food.

If you're able to financially support the efforts of the Food Bank of the Rockies, they have several giving options. Whether it's a one-time gift or monthly donations, your gift can make a huge impact on community support. Visit foodbankrockies.org/give/giving-opportunities to discover what option works best for you.

COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS

serves as an Adams County Human Services Outreach Site

Thornton Community Connections serves as an Adams County Human Services Outreach Site. If you have questions about or are interested in applying for benefits, such as the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP, formerly known as food stamps), Medicaid, and cash assistance, you can come by and get help on the second and fourth Tuesday of every month from 8:30 to 11:30 a.m. For more information, contact Community Connections at **720-977-5800** or Connections@ThorntonCO.gov.

NEED HELP WITH YARD CODE VIOLATIONS?

Let CodeCAP help

The Code Compliance Assistance Program (CodeCAP) assists income-eligible homeowners to fix code violations in their yards. Eligible projects include removal of hazardous trees, trash, debris, vehicles, and fence repair or replacement, drainage, erosion, and accessibility corrections.

For more information, visit goCOT.net/Housing or contact Community Connections at **720-977-5800** or email Housing@ThorntonCO.gov.

High-Speed Internet Services

Thornton is experiencing a fiber construction boom as multiple providers converge to expand options for the high-speed internet that powers our modern lives. Fiber-optic internet moves information as light pulses through tiny glass lines at speeds tens or even hundreds of times faster than legacy coaxial cable or copper wire technologies. Many companies are seeing the growing demand for higher speed internet service as an attractive business opportunity and entering the broadband market that has been historically dominated by a small handful of companies, who are also gradually modernizing their offerings. Seeing these trends and the service disparities across the city, Thornton sought interested parties in providing a citywide fiber-optic network in 2023 and secured an agreement with a fiber internet provider in 2024. In addition to the citywide provider, two other companies have secured location-specific agreements with the city and are actively doing fiber network construction, while a few more companies are seeking an agreement with the city for fiber network construction.

All fiber internet providers in Thornton, including the citywide provider, are private enterprises not owned or operated by the city. The city's role is to facilitate access via a permitting process in a manner that does not hinder competition while ensuring permitted construction does not damage city-owned utilities and infrastructure. Utility providers, including fiber internet companies, place their lines and equipment in the public right-of-way or in utility easements granted as each neighborhood was developed.

Right-of-way is everywhere outside of privately owned lots and can be thought of as roads and sidewalks, although residential property lines are often several feet behind the back of the sidewalk. Utility easements are portions of private lots where utilities have the right to install and maintain lines and equipment necessary for providing utility service. Gas lines are typically installed in front lot easements while electrical lines and communications (cable, phone, fiber) are commonly installed in easements along the rear property line, although utility configurations can vary by neighborhood.

Fiber internet companies are required to provide residents notification of upcoming construction activities at least 48 hours before those activities commence. Thornton residents can expect to see construction crews for a few weeks to a few months from each company that chooses to serve their neighborhood. The process generally involves marking the areas of proposed construction, locating and marking existing utilities, installing conduits and fiber lines, installing junction boxes and service boxes, making all the connections between fiber lines ("splicing"), and restoring the construction areas. Thornton's permits require contractors to restore their construction areas to equal to or better than pre-construction condition. Residents with restoration or other construction concerns will get the fastest response by contacting the company directly. More information about fiber construction and the companies working in Thornton is available at goCOT.net/engineering.



Beware of Construction Permit Scam

Thornton is warning residents about a state-wide scam targeting permit applicants. Scammers, pretending to be local governments, are emailing fake invoices, demanding payments, and threatening fines. While these emails may look official, they are not. All official communications from the City of Thornton use [@ThorntonCO.gov](https://twitter.com/ThorntonCO).

Thornton's permit portal can be found at goCOT.net/permits and ensures safety when engaging in the permit process.

If you have concerns or additional questions, call **303-538-7295** or email citydevelopment@ThorntonCO.gov.



Stay Informed with the Thornton Police Weekly Briefing

Information provided by ThorntonPD.org

The Thornton Police Department knows that keeping residents informed is key to a safe and connected community. That's why we're excited to bring you the Weekly Briefing e-newsletter. Delivered every Wednesday, it gives you a clear, easy-to-read snapshot of the most important public safety updates directly from your police department.

Each edition highlights key information that matters to residents, including:

- Crime data and significant incidents – helping you understand trends and stay aware of crime in your neighborhood.
- Latest news and announcements – from department initiatives to safety alerts.
- Safety tips and helpful resources – practical guidance for protecting yourself, your family, and your property.
- Employee profiles – meet the officers and staff working behind the scenes to serve the community.
- Opportunities to provide tips or leads – giving residents a way to support investigations and public safety efforts.
- Upcoming events – from community outreach programs to public meetings.

Signing up is easy. Just visit thorntonpd.org/weeklybriefing or scan the QR code below.

THORNTON POLICE DEPARTMENT
WEEKLY BRIEFING
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Redesigned Police Vehicle Graphics Improve Visibility and Safety

Information provided by Thornton Police

Residents may begin noticing a new look on Thornton Police Department vehicles as updated graphics are rolled out across the fleet. The redesign focuses on improving visibility and safety, making police vehicles easier to recognize both day and night. The new graphics feature state-of-the-art reflectivity and a modern design that supports quick identification when it matters most.

"This redesign was driven by a strong desire to improve visibility and safety for both our officers and the community," said Thornton Police Commander Fred Dudley. "Our goal is for Thornton Police vehicles to be quickly recognizable and to continue strengthening the sense of safety and trust throughout the city." The final design was selected through a collaborative process involving the Police Department Vehicle Committee, City Communications, and Artworks. The updated design supports future technologies and reflects the department's continued commitment to trust and excellence.



Eggcessible Eggstravaganza

Saturday, April 4 | 9 a.m.-12 p.m.
 Community Park | York Street & Thornton Parkway

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 ADAPTIVE & INCLUSIVE EGGCESSIBLE EGG HUNT
 Call 720-977-5702 for adaptive and inclusive information.

Don't forget your basket! Parking is limited.
 Visit goCOT.net/eggstravaganza for start times by age or call 303-255-7800 for more details.

Your Thornton

TRASH & RECYCLE CALENDAR

City trash/recycling customers can access their 2026 collection calendar, sign up to receive reminders, print a schedule, or add it to their personal iCal, Google Calendar, or Microsoft Outlook Calendar at goCOT.net/trashrecycling.

Customers can also download our City of Thornton Recycles mobile app from the App Store and on Google Play.

Visit goCOT.net/trashrecycling, email environmentalservices@ThorntonCO.gov, or call **720-977-6200** for details about any of the programs listed below.

Landfill Day - Saturday, March 21, 7 a.m.-2 p.m. Republic Services Tower Landfill, 19260 E. 88th Ave., Commerce City. The gate fee is waived for Thornton residents to take non-hazardous debris. One vehicle load per household. Pickup trucks, cars, and small single-axel trailers only. Electronics and liquids will not be accepted. Mattresses are subject to an additional fee. All loads must be covered. Restrictions and limitations apply. Proof of residency is required.

Tree Branch/Organics Drop-off - Saturday, April 11, 8 a.m.-12 p.m. Thornton residents may bring tree branches and organic material to the Thornton IMC, 12450 Washington St. north entrance off 126th Avenue. Restrictions and limitations apply. Proof of residency is required.

Help Us on your Pickup Day - Please have containers out by 7 a.m. and leave plenty of room for us to work. Place containers at least 4 feet from vehicles and obstructions and two-feet away from each other.

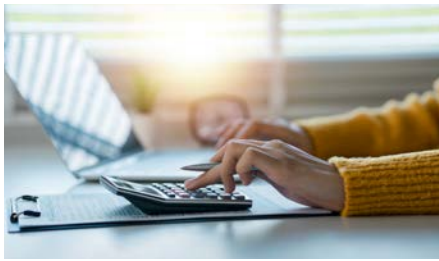
COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS

Thornton's one-stop resource shop

Thornton Community Connections English/Spanish bilingual team members inventory community-based programs offered by non-profits, the faith-based community, government organizations, and other partners so we can best connect community members with the services they need. From basic needs for food, clothing, and shelter, to social and mental health support, contact us to make the connection. Community Connections is located at 9471 Dorothy Blvd. Office hours are Monday-Friday, 8 a.m.-5 p.m. Call us at **720-977-5800**, or email us at Connections@ThorntonCO.gov.

THORNTON TAX REBATE APPLICATIONS

Thornton residents may be eligible for 2025 Property Tax and Food Sales Tax Rebates. These programs are open to all qualifying residents, including renters, regardless of age. Eligibility is based on participation in programs such as SNAP, LEAP, or Medicaid, or by meeting the city's income guidelines, which are the same as those used for the Water Assistance Program. Applications are available online at goCOT.net/assistanceapp. For help, call **720-977-5815**.



IN-PERSON PAYMENT OPTION

for Thornton Utility Customers

One less stop: pay your bills where you shop.

Thornton has a new in-person payment option for utility customers. Payments can now be made at Walmart and King Soopers locations through CheckFreePay, a nationwide walk-in bill payment service. Hours of availability vary by location; however, in-person payments are generally accepted seven days a week until 9 p.m.

Payments must be made using cash or a debit card and will be credited to the city on the following business day. A transaction fee will be assessed by the retailer for use of this service. Customers must present their 13-digit account number and the 9-digit biller ZIP code, 802294326 (no dash), when making a payment.



Start Your Spring Planting and Landscaping Preparations Now

Information provided by ThorntonWater.com

Now is the best time to start planning your springtime planting and landscaping projects. Thornton Water offers multiple residential rebate programs to help you revitalize your home landscape and save water over the long term:

- Residential water-wise landscape rebate program is open now. Transform a section of your yard into a water-wise oasis for low-water plants and receive up to \$2 per sq. ft. back in your wallet.
- Residential rebates for irrigation controllers, rain sensors, and toilets are now open. Prepare for irrigation season and improve the efficiency of your internal water fixtures with helpful and practical rebate offers for WaterSense-labeled products.
- Resource Central's Lawn Replacement Program - Applications open March 9. Thornton Water customers can receive up to \$750 toward discounted lawn removal services or water-wise plants to help save water and transform your yard into a beautiful water-wise garden.



Before



After

- Garden in a Box kits go on sale March 11 at ResourceCentral.org/gardens/shop. Thornton Water customers can receive a discount on professionally designed, low-water garden kits that make it easy to transform your yard into a beautiful, water-wise landscape.
- Slow the Flow Sprinkler Evaluation - Trained technicians complete an on-site visual inspection of your system, identifying problem areas, as well as performing several system tests to create an efficient watering schedule for your yard. Available starting in June.

Visit ThorntonWater.com/rebates to sign up for these programs and learn more. HOAs and businesses can also save water and money through available rebates, services, and resources from Thornton Water.

Visit ThorntonWater.com for more information or contact us at Water@ThorntonWater.com or **720-977-6600**. For questions about your bill, contact Thornton Utility Billing at UtilBilling@ThorntonCO.gov or **303-538-7370**.

Nominate Your Neighborhood for a Clean-Up

Information provided by goCOT.net/connections

Remember what your yard, and your neighbors' yards, looked like last fall? If they could use some attention, consider nominating your neighborhood for a Spring Neighborhood Clean-Up.

Twice a year, city staff, City Council Members, fellow residents, and local landscaping businesses volunteer to provide free yard maintenance services. This one-time event is designed to assist residents who are unable to maintain their yards on their own and can serve a neighborhood group of up to eight homes, all located within two adjacent city blocks.

Services are provided for both front and back yards and may include mowing, weed whacking, edging, bush trimming, light tree trimming, raking and debris clean-up.

To participate, talk with your neighbors and select a neighborhood captain. A minimum of three homes is required, and applications will only be considered from organized neighborhood groups. Each participating household must complete an application, and all applications must be submitted together by Wednesday, April 15, 2026, at 5 p.m.



Have questions? Contact Mayra Ramirez at Mayra.Ramirez@ThorntonCO.gov or **720-977-5818**. For more information about the Neighborhood Clean-Up Program and to obtain an application, visit goCOT.net/Housing.

Interested in volunteering for the Spring Neighborhood Clean-Up? Join our crew—meals and equipment are provided. Civic groups are welcome. For volunteer details and registration, visit goCOT.net/cleanup.

A Friendly Snow Reminder: Clear Sidewalks Within 24 Hours of Snowfall

March and April can be one of the snowiest months for Thornton. When it does snow, property owners are required to keep sidewalks safe and accessible for everyone and must remove snow and ice from sidewalks adjacent to their property within 24 hours after a snowfall event ends. The requirement applies to all residential, commercial and multifamily properties as well as undeveloped properties. Sidewalks should be clear enough to allow safe passage for pedestrians, including children walking to school, older adults and people using mobility devices. Failure to comply may result in enforcement action, including a minimum fine of \$150.

If you have questions about sidewalk maintenance requirements, or need to report obstructed sidewalks, contact Thornton Code Compliance at **303-538-7517** or **code@ThorntonCO.gov**.

You might also consider becoming a Snowbuster volunteer and help remove snow from public walkways and driveways for seniors and residents with disabilities. The service supports Thornton residents who are unable to arrange or afford snow removal on their own. If you're interested in volunteering, call **303-255-7831** to get started and be matched with a neighbor in need.



Mark Your Calendars for These Upcoming Events with Thornton Arts & Culture

Information provided by Thornton Arts & Culture, ArtsThornton.com

Conversations with the Divine: Mixed Media Art by Yazmin Atmore

Now through March 20

Denver-based artist Yazmin "Yazz" Atmore presents a vibrant, immersive exploration of spirit and humanity through mixed media.



Floral Altars Workshop

Saturday, March 14, 11 a.m.-1 p.m.

Ages 11 and older. Free with registration (# 191515-A).

You can also watch a video profile of Atmore and see her work at ThorntonCO.tv and click on 'Local Interest'.

Protected & Exposed: Mixed-Media Artworks by Jalaina Joy Felker

April 13-June 19

Artist Jalaina Joy Felker uses digital manipulation, collage and painting to explore the complexities of womanhood. By abstracting the female form, her work examines objectification in media and the scrutiny women face within a patriarchal society.

The opening reception is Thursday, April 24, 6-8 p.m. For more information or to register, visit goCOT.net/registration.



Intuitive Layers: A Mixed-Media Workshop

Saturday, June 13, 11 a.m.-1 p.m.

Ages 10 and older. Free with registration (# 291521-A).

Oz Gallery is located at 9209 Dorothy Blvd. Exhibits are open Tuesday-Friday 12-5 p.m.; and second Saturdays 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Admission is free. For more information, visit ArtsThornton.com or call **720-977-5880**. To register, visit goCOT.net/registration.

Arts Thornton Music Series

Thornton's new Arts Thornton Music Series celebrates live music, dance and performance art for all ages. Each event offers something new, from energetic rhythms to inspiring performances. Performances take place on the third Friday of each month from March through September. Single tickets are available through TicketSpice, with pricing varying by performance. For more information, please visit ArtsThornton.com. The series is sponsored by the Thornton Arts Sciences and Humanities Council, the Scientific and Cultural Facilities District (SCFD) with additional support from SCFD partner organizations.

Colorado Ballet comes to Trail Winds

Friday, March 20, 6-7 p.m.

Trail Winds Recreation Center Multipurpose Room, 13495 Holly St.

This all-ages program features professionally performed excerpts from Coppélia, The Nutcracker, A Midsummer Night's Dream and Galatea (My Fair Lady). The interactive presentation combines performance, storytelling and discussion to introduce ballet technique and theatrical storytelling.



Playground Ensemble: Graphic Scores

Friday, April 17, 2:30-4 p.m.

Active Adult Center, 11181 Colorado Blvd.

The Playground Ensemble, a leading new music group in the Rocky Mountain region, will present an interactive performance in which audience members create drawings that musicians interpret and perform in real time. The ensemble is known for collaborating across artistic disciplines to explore innovative forms of chamber music.



For more information about these events, please visit ArtsThornton.com.

What's happening in Thornton?

Visit ThorntonCO.gov for meetings and events.

Thornton Advances PFAS Treatment Project, Secures Money from Manufacturers

Information provided by Thornton Infrastructure



Thornton continues to move forward with efforts to reduce PFAS in its drinking water while holding manufacturers of the chemicals financially accountable.

PFAS, short for per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances, are a family of manufactured chemicals widely used in consumer and industrial products to make them resistant to fire, dirt, grease, water, oil and stains. Because of their strong chemical bonds, PFAS do not break down easily and have entered air, soil, food and water sources. "Thornton is working with a design engineer and contractor to build a PFAS removal treatment process at the Thornton Water Treatment Plant on Thornton Parkway," says Thornton Water Treatment and Quality Manager Martin Kimmes. "The project design is 95% complete, with construction expected to begin by June and overall completion anticipated in late 2028."

In the meantime, city staff are using source water blending techniques at the water treatment plant

to keep PFAS levels below the Environmental Protection Agency's Maximum Contaminant Levels, which become enforceable in April 2029. "Thornton anticipates prolonged drought conditions would limit the effectiveness of blending, which prompted the city to move ahead with permanent PFAS treatment," says Kimmes. The total project budget is \$85 million.

In parallel with treatment efforts, Thornton has pursued legal action against PFAS manufacturers. Thornton has received \$8.4 million from a settlement with 3M and \$1.28 million from DuPont. An additional \$5.8 million from 3M will be paid in installments, and settlements with several smaller manufacturers are expected in the coming months.

All settlement funds are returned to Thornton's Water Fund to help offset costs associated with PFAS treatment and mitigation.

For more information on Thornton Water Quality, visit goCOT.net/qualitywater.

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9551 Civic Center Dr., 80229

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12450 Washington St., 80241

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Thornton Community Center
2211 Eppinger Blvd., 80229

Thornton Active Adult Center
11181 Colorado Blvd., 80233

Thornton Arts & Culture Center
9209 Dorothy Blvd., 80229

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13495 Holly St., 80602

Thornton Community Connections
9471 Dorothy Blvd., 80229

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| Alliance Business Assist. Center... | 720-674-3547 |
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| Arts & Culture Center..... | 720-977-5880 |
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| Building Permits | 303-538-7250 |
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