



**COTTONWOOD**  
**WATER AND SANITATION DISTRICT**

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Re: Drinking Water Notification

The attached notice; “Important Information About Your Drinking Water” is a standard notice from the Colorado Department Public Health and Environment (CDPHE). This notice is related to a violation for requirement of testing results for backflow prevention devices in the District. These devices prohibit the backward flow of water into the drinking water system.

The CDPHE recently issued a change in the reporting schedule requiring backflow inspections/testing. 100% of the devices within the District need to be inspected on a yearly basis and reported passing tests to the CDPHE by April 1 or within a period of time per their variance criteria. Both requirements were not met within the deadline set forth by the CDPHE, hence resulting in a “violation” status for our water system earlier this month.

As of April 1, 2022, all backflow devices in the District, except for the unit for one (1) property, were inspected, tested and reported to the CDPHE. In addition, as of June 6, the remaining backflow unit was inspected, tested and reported to the CDPHE which resulted of the “violation” status removal by the CDPHE on June 15, 2022.

The District Operation Staff monitors the water quality of your drinking water on a daily basis throughout the year and there was no indication of any water contamination during the time the District was under the violation status. We apologize for any inconvenience caused to you by this violation.

Please call the District with any questions.

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# IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT YOUR DRINKING WATER

Cottonwood Water and Sanitation District

## Failure to Test Backflow Prevention Devices

Este informe contiene información muy importante sobre su agua potable. Tradúzcalo o hable con alguien que lo entienda bien.

Our water system recently violated a drinking water requirement. Although this situation is not an emergency, as our customers you have a right to know what happened, what you should do, and what we are doing to correct this situation.

The state drinking water program requires that all public drinking water systems test a percentage of the backflow prevention devices annually. We received a violation because our water system did not test the required percentage.

We also failed to notify you of the violation/situation in a timely manner.

NOTE: This advisory is NOT related to COVID-19. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) has stated that the “Virus that causes COVID-19 has not been detected in drinking water.” For additional information on COVID-19 and drinking water, you can refer to the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment’s website: <https://covid19.colorado.gov>.

### What does this mean? What should I do?

- **You may want to use an alternative drinking water supply (e.g. bottled). If you have specific health concerns, consult your doctor.**
- Uncontrolled cross connections can lead to a back pressure or siphonage event that may allow contaminants or disease-causing organisms to enter the drinking water, which can cause diarrhea, nausea, cramps, and associated headaches.
- If you have an infant, severely compromised immune system, are pregnant, or are elderly, you may be at increased risk and should seek advice from your doctor about drinking this water. General guidelines on ways to lessen the risk of infection by bacteria and other disease-causing organisms are available from EPA’s Safe Drinking Water Hotline at 1- 800-426-4791.

### What is being done?

- **A certified backflow tester has tested the devices and all have passed. Also, samples have been taken from the area frequently to show there have not been contaminants in the water distribution system.**

We anticipate resolving the problem by **6/6/2022**. For more information, please contact **Cottonwood Water** at [cottonwoodwater@mulhernmre.com](mailto:cottonwoodwater@mulhernmre.com) or **303-792-9509**, or **188 Inverness Drive West Suite 150 Englewood, CO 80112**.

*\*Please share this information with all the other people who drink this water, especially those who may not have received this notice directly (for example, people in apartments, nursing homes, schools, and businesses). You can do this by posting this notice in a public place or distributing copies by hand or mail. \**

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