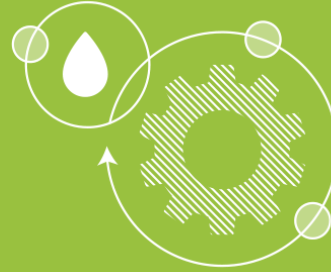


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## Water Wise Garden Open House - June 21

If you are new to gardening or looking to refresh your landscape, join us at the Margaret W. Carpenter Recreation Center Demonstration Gardens on Saturday, June 21, from 9 to 11 a.m. This Water-Wise Garden Open House will help you get inspired, learn more about water-wise landscaping, and see water-wise plants, trees, and shrubs in person to help you plan your landscape. CSU Master Gardeners and Thornton Water staff will be available to speak with you about your garden, discuss best practices, provide insight into your upcoming projects, and more!



[Sign up for the open house today!](#)

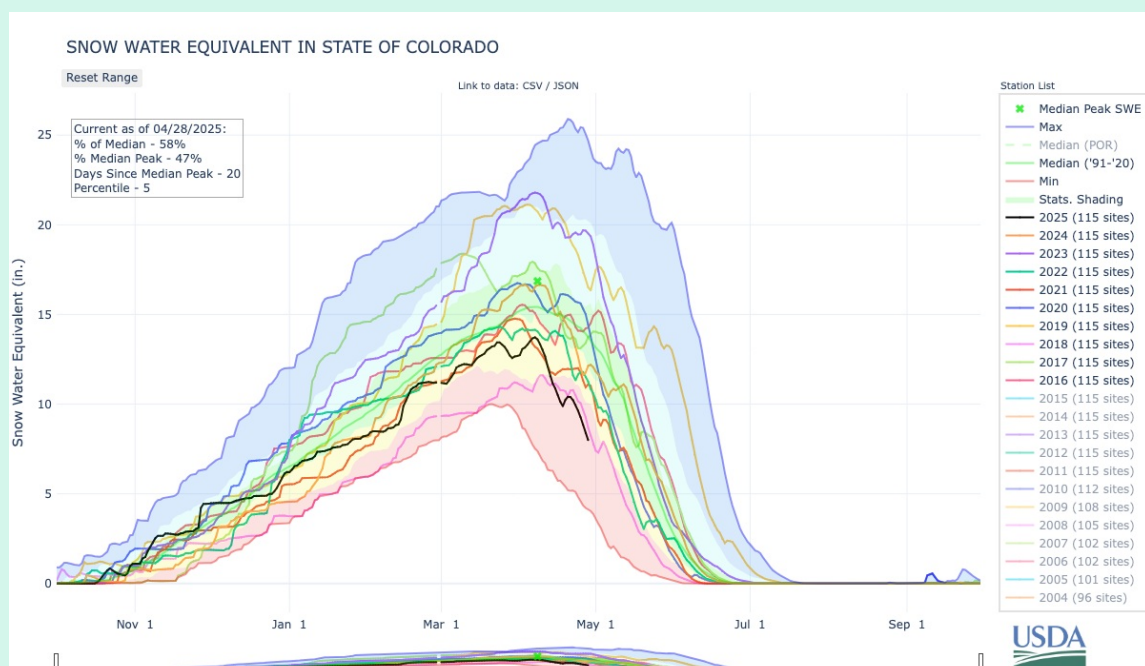
*Join master gardeners and landscape experts to learn how to transform your landscape into a water-wise oasis.*

## Water Saving Tip of the Month

**Thornton is in Drought Watch - Let Nature Do the Watering!**

With the weather getting warmer, you may be tempted to turn on your sprinklers and irrigation systems using the same schedule they were set to when you turned them off. We suggest letting nature do the watering for as long as possible, and watering only once or twice a week early in the irrigation season if it doesn't rain. Thornton is in "Drought Watch," meaning drought conditions are expected to persist along the Front Range, and customers are encouraged to be efficient with their water usage to help maximize water resources.

Watering infrequently and using the cycle and soak method will encourage deeper, healthier roots for your turf and plants, decreasing watering needs throughout the summer. Remember to follow the Thornton [Water Use Rules](#) and use the Watering Guide to maximize your watering efficiency!



Snow water equivalent monitoring as of May 5, 2025 shows the snowpack in the mountains, where Thornton’s water supply comes from, is 68% of the median.

## Water Quality Corner

### Water Supply Optimization (“Ditch Riders”)



*Maintaining water quality extends beyond the lab and into the field, where Thornton Water employees regularly monitor and maintain water infrastructure.*

The Thornton Water team is hard at work optimizing access to water supplies! Staff routinely cleans debris from water supply ditches and sets headgates to proper levels to allow water to flow into Thornton’s reservoirs.

A headgate is a structure that helps control water flow at a ditch leading to storage reservoirs. This is how water is supplied to water treatment plants. Headgates have new technology that improve the efficiency of setting the level of inflowing water. This headgate can also self-adjust the level of inflowing water if debris obstructs the flow, minimizing staff monitoring resources and maximizing our water dependability!

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