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Imagine a Day Without Water

Today, Thornton is joining up with [TheValueofWater.org](https://www.thevalueofwater.org) to **Imagine a Day Without Water**. From the first sip of water or coffee in the morning to running your dishwasher at night, water quietly powers nearly every part of our daily lives. It is so ingrained in our routines that it's easy to forget how essential water is, until we imagine a day without it. Water fuels our bodies and minds, nurtures the health of our community, and keeps our homes and businesses running. Together, we are proud to be a water-wise city that values and respects the role water plays in our world.

Join us in protecting this precious resource by taking one small action today. Fix a leak, sign up for [WaterSmart](#), or just take a moment while you enjoy your morning coffee to appreciate the clean, reliable water that flows through Thornton every day. Learn more about water-saving efforts in our community in our [latest blog post](#).



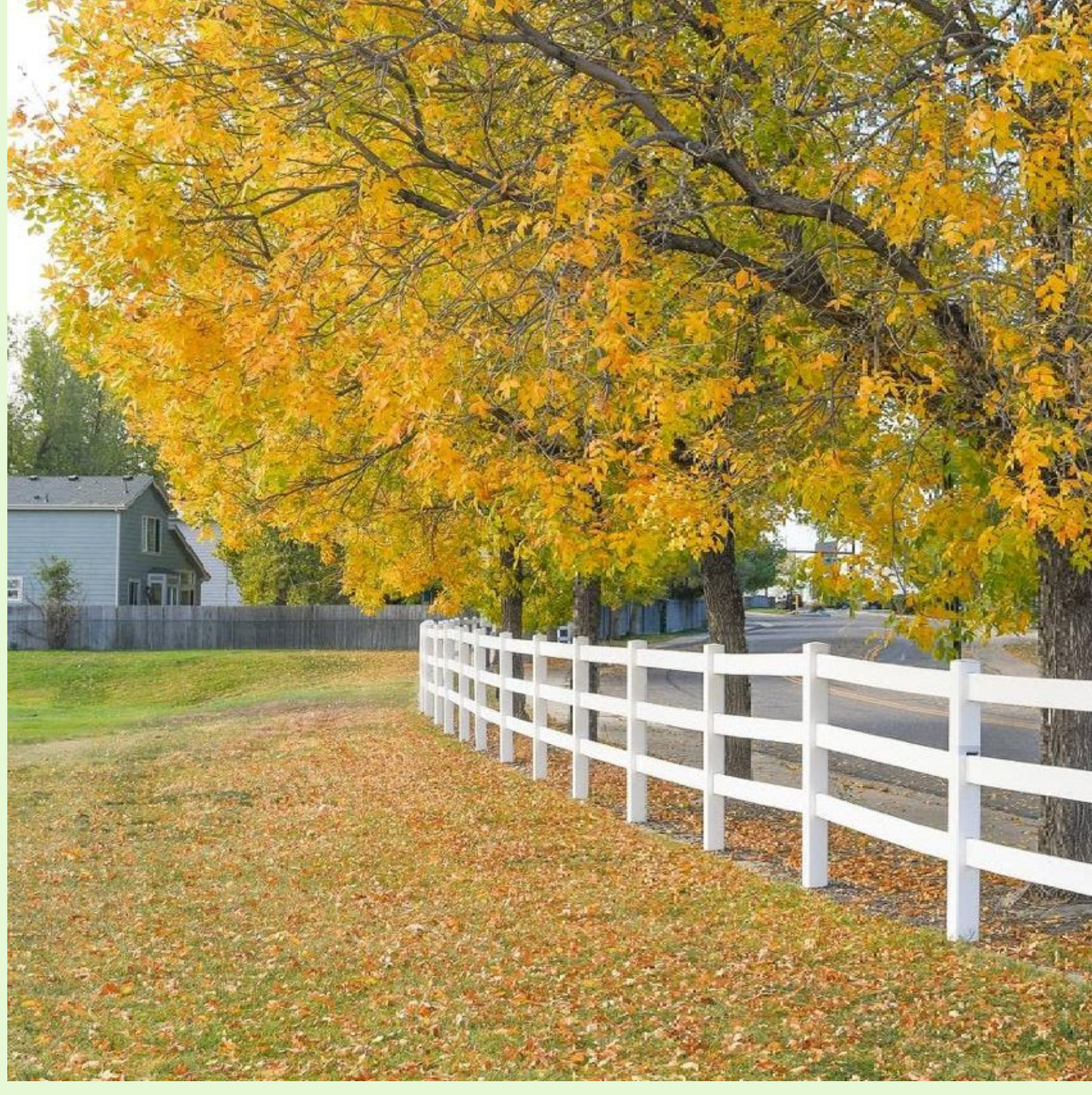
Explore all the ways that water enhances your life and learn how Thornton works to deliver clean, reliable water to your tap 365 days a year [on our blog](#). Image courtesy of The Value of Water Campaign.

Preparing Your Yard for Cold Weather

Fall is here, and it's time to prepare your yard and home for colder weather! Early cold weather preparation for your lawn, garden, and trees can help prevent damage to your yard and pipes caused by freezing temperatures.

- **Fertilize your lawn** in the fall to give your grass nutrients in the winter months to encourage stronger roots and to help it bounce back and green up next spring.
- **Replenish mulch around trees and shrubs** to keep roots warm, prevent erosion, and contain moisture in the soil.
- **Stop outdoor irrigation.** As freezing temperatures become more consistent, stop watering your lawn and plants and allow them to go dormant.
- **Provide supplemental water as needed.** Trees and shrubs often require additional, regular watering over the winter. During extended dry periods (e.g., more than two weeks without snow cover), provide supplemental water twice a month. The best time for winter watering is on warmer days, when there is no snow cover and the temperature is above 40 degrees. Visit [CSU extension](#) for more cold weather watering tips.
- **Tidy up debris.** Deadhead perennials and clean up any unwanted debris. Feel free to keep some plant material and leaves to act as a natural mulch and home to beneficial pollinators through the winter months.
- **Winterize your sprinkler system.** Blow out all remaining water, wrap your backflow preventer pipes with foam pipe protectors, and insulate components from the cold.

For more tips and tricks, visit the [maintenance section on our H2Overhaul page](#) or read our blog on [cool weather preparations](#).



Fall weather preparation is more than just raking leaves! Advance preparation helps keep your lawn, garden, and trees healthy through the cold season.

Finding and Fixing Leaks Just Got Easier



Finding and fixing leaks in your home just got easier with the new [Checking for Water Leaks and Hidden Water Waste Checklist](#) on the Thornton Water website.

Learn how daily water use data in the [WaterSmart portal](#) can help you catch leaks early and how to identify and solve big and small leaks in your toilets, faucets, water pipes, and sprinkler systems.

Leaking sprinkler valves can cause a lot of excess outdoor water use. Catch them early to keep your water bill in check!

Water Quality Corner

Water Taste and Smell in Thornton

Ever wondered why water tastes different depending on the time of year? When it comes to water, there are many factors that cause differences in how it tastes and smells. Thornton's water contains a variety of safe, natural minerals and nutrients picked up from the source, which varies depending on where the water comes from. Based on demand, Thornton adjusts which water sources are used and how the source waters are blended throughout the year. Taste and smell of source water is monitored weekly, and adjustments are made in the water treatment process to reduce the levels of components in finished water.

If you prefer a consistent flavor to your water, you can adjust the taste of your tap water at home by:

- Chilling the water uncapped in a refrigerator for 30-60 minutes.
- Adding a few drops of lemon juice or a lemon slice or two.
- Using an activated carbon filter at the tap or in a pitcher.
- Installing an under-sink water filtration system.

Read our blog on [water's taste and smell](#) for more information.



The water from your faucet in Thornton can sometimes have a distinct taste or smell, but thorough testing ensures it meets all federal and state water quality standards. Learn more in our [Water Quality Report](#).

Questions? Give us a call!
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