

# IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT YOUR DRINKING WATER

## Cherry Creek Valley Water and Sanitation District

### Had the following Violation Identified During a Drinking Water Inspection

Este informe contiene información muy importante sobre su agua potable. Tradúcelo 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.

A routine drinking water inspection conducted on Tuesday, 4/30/2024 by the state drinking water program identified the following violation that may pose a risk to public health.

#### **Identified Violation**

Cherry Creek Valley Water and Sanitation District did not achieve the backflow prevention annual compliance ratio of greater than or equal to 0.90 for the 2023 annual reporting year and was issued a M619 - Management: Backflow Prevention Annual Compliance Ratio (T2) Violation on Wednesday, 5/29/2024.

M619 - Management: Backflow Prevention Annual Compliance Ratio (T2): Supplier has not achieved the backflow prevention annual compliance ratio. This is a backflow prevention and cross-connection control (BPCCC) treatment technique violation of Regulation 11, Section 11.39(6)(a)(iii).

Backflow prevention assemblies prevent contaminants from a property's irrigation, fire suppression lines, or certain domestic lines from entering the public drinking water supply. State regulations require property owners who have these connections to have their backflow prevention assemblies inspected and certified annually. In accordance with Regulation 11, Section 11.39(3)(d), suppliers of water must ensure that backflow prevention assemblies and methods used to control cross-connections are tested or inspected annually by the supplier or a certified cross-connection control technician.

Out of the 861 backflow prevention assemblies connected to Cherry Creek Valley Water's distribution system, 743 were tested or inspected for the 2023 annual reporting year. The property owners of the other 118 backflow prevention assemblies failed to provide proper documentation that these connections were protected. Ultimately, triggering the M619 - Management: Backflow Prevention Annual Compliance Ratio (T2) Violation.

## **Date Correction is Required**

Thursday, 9/26/2024.

## **Steps We Are Taking**

Cherry Creek Valley Water has reminded the property owners that one or more containment assemblies require annual testing. Reiterating, if the backflow prevention assembly is not meeting requirements, Cherry Creek Valley Water will impose monetary penalties and/or suspend water service to the property until the backflow prevention device is in compliance.

Cherry Creek Valley Water is also revisiting its process with non-compliant property owners to ensure this violation does not occur again in the future. In addition to the multiple notifications already provided to these property owners, Cherry Creek Valley Water will increase the frequency with which it reviews customer compliance data and offer cross-connection control services to non-compliant property owners.

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

- 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.
- There is nothing you need to do at this time. If a situation arises where the water is no longer safe to drink, you will be notified within 24 hours.

We anticipate resolving the problem by **Thursday, 9/26/2024**. For more information about Cherry Creek Valley Water and Sanitation District's Backflow Prevention Program or this violation, visit [ccvwater.org/backflows](http://ccvwater.org/backflows) or contact **Patricia VanCleave** at **303-755-4474** or [cbackflows@ccvwater.net](mailto:cbackflows@ccvwater.net).

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