

# IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT YOUR DRINKING WATER

City of Creede

## Failure to Test Backflow Prevention Devices

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.

### 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 inadvertent contamination of the drinking water. We failed to complete the testing requirements for backflow prevention devices.
- 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?

- Update the BFP/Cross Connection Control plan and perform surveys & testing

We anticipate resolving the problem by **12/31/2019**. For more information, please contact **Scott Johnson** at **publicworks@creedetownhall.com** or **7196582276**, or **2223 N. Main Street**.

*\*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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