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May 19, 2018 marked the second anniversary of the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) issuing a newly established Health Advisory Level related to the Perfluorinated Compounds (PFCs) discovered in the City of Fountain's groundwater well supply. Over the past two years, we have developed a strong partnership with the U.S. Air Force and have worked diligently on plans, equipment and procedures in anticipation of re-introducing treated groundwater to our community's drinking water system this month.



GAC Pilot Testing at Fountain Well #1

In June and August of 2017, the U.S. Air Force delivered and installed Granular Activated Carbon (GAC) treatment units at two of our wells located near downtown Fountain. GAC is an effective treatment method, which has been pilot

tested over the last 1 ½ years and is proven to remove PFCs from water.

Much of the focus surrounding the water contamination has been on the financial impact to our community. In October 2017, I accompanied Mayor Gabriel Ortega to Washington, D.C. to meet with a key senior official from the Department of the Air Force, as well as participate in discussions with congressional staff members from Congressman Lamborn's office and those of Senators Gardner and Bennet.

The result of those meetings was an executed Environmental Services Agreement and Memorandum of Understanding dated March 9, 2018 with the U.S. Air Force. These documents secure financial assistance for alternative water-source purchases, treatment filter replacements, water sampling expenses and labor for groundwater treatment. Additionally, the U.S. Air Force plans to secure contracts that will provide Fountain with long-term treatment solutions no later than September 30th of this year.

This month, and likely by the time you receive this newsletter, our Water Department will have tested and obtained the necessary permits required in order for the City of Fountain to re-introduce treated and safe groundwater into our water system.



Installation of GAC Filter Unit at Aga Park.

To do this, we will have obtained water samples at the site of the GAC treatment units to ensure it meets all drinking water standards and that the PFCs are at non-detect levels (which is much lower than the standard issued by the EPA). Our groundwater will not be introduced to our water system unless it meets these standards. I want to assure you that it is, and always will be, our commitment to provide safe drinking water to our community.

Curtis Mitchell
Utilities Director



Rainwater Harvesting Class

Nourished by Nature

Rain barrels capture water from your roof and hold it for later use on lawns, gardens and indoor plants. Join us at the Fountain Library and discover how to use nature to help nourish your garden. Learn about the legislative history, process of planning, constructing and maintaining a rainwater harvesting system. Find out how to direct the flow of this precious (and free) resource to help your yard and pocketbook flourish!

Register today!

Free to participate.
Class size is limited.
Visit FountainUtilities.org or
call (719) 322-2029.

Saturday, July 14th

9:00 - 11:00am

Fountain Library

230 South Main Street
Fountain, CO 80817

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Tap Into Tips! June Watering

Water each zone for the amount of time provided in the chart, three times a day, two days a week, allowing the water to soak in for at least one hour between cycles. To reduce moisture loss from evaporation, water before 10am and after 7pm. Recommended watering times may vary dependent on weather. Remember to monitor your lawn health and adjust watering accordingly.



JULY OFFICE CLOSURES

All City offices will be closed:

- Wednesday, July 4th (in observance of Independence Day)
- Wednesday, July 18th (from 11am - 2pm in observance of the annual City employee picnic)

The Fountain Utilities Customer Service Center will be closed:

- Thursday, July 26th (from 7:30am - 10am)*
- *The Fountain Utilities Customer Service Center is closed from 7:30am - 10am on the fourth Thursday of every month.



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