

City of Calhoun February 2026



Henry County Water Company CUSTOMER ADVISORY

WATER QUALITY PREVENTATIVE MAINTENANCE PROGRAM

WHO

Customers in the water systems effected by this Preventive Maintenance Program include Henry County Water Company, Henry County PWSD#3, Henry County PWSD#4 and the Cities of Urich, Calhoun and Blairstown.

WHAT

In a continuing effort to distribute high quality potable water, Henry County Water Company will conduct a routine Water Quality Preventative Maintenance Program. The program will involve temporarily switching disinfectants from the present chloramines to free chlorine in order to optimize water quality within the distribution system. The process will also include flushing of the distribution system to clean the water mains.

WHEN

Free chlorine generally is used for approximately one month, or until the distribution system has been completely flushed. The switch to free chlorine will begin **February 2nd, 2026** and the process should be finished approximately **April 1st, 2026** when the system is switched back to chloramines.

COMMENTS

During the Preventative Maintenance Program, some customers may notice temporary taste, color or odor differences in their water. This is a normal component of the process and customers should be reassured that water quality remains safe for drinking, bathing, cooking and other uses. Most customers will not notice any change.

There are three groups of water users that should take special precautions during the Preventative Maintenance Program:

- 1) Hospitals and kidney dialysis providers/patients,
- 2) Fish, pond, pool and aquarium owners/operators, and
- 3) Some businesses that use water in their production process.

Those who fall into any of the above categories are strongly encouraged to seek professional advice concerning removal methods for chlorine and chloramines from their water supply.

This maintenance program is being performed at this time of year when water usage is low, as to not stress the water distribution system during times of higher demands, such as summer. You may see crews performing flushing operations at hydrants to insure chlorinated water is dispersed through the entire water system.

The temporary switching to free chlorine and flushing of water mains helps optimize water quality by:

- Removing and reducing biofilm from the water distribution system pipes
- Reducing the long-term potential for forming disinfection byproducts (TTHM's and HAA5)
- Removing sediments and other material that has accumulated in pipes

- Reducing the formation of nitrates and nitrites (nitrification)
- Reducing taste and odor complaints
- Decreasing corrosion potential in pipes
- Improving overall drinking water quality

During the switch to free chlorine there may be a temporary change in water quality characteristics. Customers may see some of the following during this maintenance process:

- A slight discoloration or cloudiness in the water
- A slight chlorine odor or taste
- Minor fluctuations in water pressures while flushing is occurring
- Minor discolorations in the water due to flushing the system
- Utility crews operating fire hydrants to flush the system
- A temporary increase in the formation of disinfection byproducts (TTHM's and HAA5)

Once the distribution system has been completely and adequately treated and flushed, the disinfection process will be switched back to chloramines and reintroduced into the distribution system. Henry County Water Company will post a notice in the Daily Democrat to notify all customers of the completion of the Program. We appreciate your patience and understanding as we work to maintain the highest water quality delivered to all our customers.

Additional information can be obtained from the Missouri Department of Natural Resources in the Publications section of their website under Public Drinking Water. A publication entitled *Nitrification and Temporary Conversion From Chloramine to Free Chlorine* can be found at <http://dnr.mo.gov/pubs/pub2646.htm> .

2026 PET TAGS DUE: If you own a pet, you must register it annually with the City Clerk. The cost of registration is \$2.50 per animal. Please bring a copy of the pet's current rabies vaccination with you at the time of registration. Remember that all dogs must be kept on the owner's property at all times or restrained by a leash. Dogs are not allowed to run at large. If you fail to register your animal or let your pet run loose, you may receive a summons.



APRIL ELECTION: The City of Calhoun accepted candidate filings through December 30, 2025 for the April 7, 2026 election for the positions of two Aldermen-At-Large. As of the closing date, the 2 incumbents, J.C. Manley and Harold Ensor filed for the positions. There will also be a question presented to Calhoun citizens asking if the City of Calhoun should provide for city-wide solid waste collection services to all residential single-family homes, up to four-plexes, within the City's corporate boundaries. This means that if passed, all residential homes would be required to have trash service as contracted by the City of Calhoun and all associated costs would be listed on your water bill. If passed, this service would not go into effect for a minimum of 2 years as required by state statute, to allow time for notification to current collection companies.



CALHOUN COLT SHOW

COLT SHOW OFFICER ELECTIONS where recently held and results are as follows:

President: Rick Acosta
 Vice-President: Steven Goff
 Secretary: Christina Mantonya
 Treasurer: Michelle Maupin

As always, we encourage the community to get involved to help keep this hometown tradition alive! The next meeting will be on Monday, February 23, 2026 at 6:00 p.m. at the Colt Show Building. Hope to see you there!!

The 2026 Colt Show Commemorative Book Ad campaign has kicked off! If you had an ad last year, you will be receiving the renewal information in the mail. We are shooting for a March 1st deadline to give us enough time to prepare the book and have it back prior to the 117th Calhoun Colt Show that will be held September 11, 12 & 13, 2026. 2026 ad prices are as follows:

Item	2026 Pricing	X	Description
The "X" marks the advertising option you prefer			
Platinum Sponsor	\$500+		Full Page Book Ad, 4X4 Banner, booth, electronic logo, promoted at ALL CS events or specific event sponsor
Gold Sponsor	\$200+		Full Page Book Ad, 2x4 banner, booth space
T-Shirt Ad & Full-Page Book Ad	\$130		(1 free T-shirt included) Size _____
Full Page Book Ad	\$65		
Half Page Book Ad	\$55		
Quarter Page Book Ad	\$45		
New Banner	\$130		
Renewal Banner	\$105		

The Colt Show Book is our biggest fundraiser. We are a 501c3 organization and your support is tax deductible. If you have any questions or would like to place a new ad, please contact Tina Redding at 660-694-3634 or Shelly Acosta at 660-233-0243.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR!!



COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Monday, February 9th – City Council Meeting – 7 p.m. – City Hall
Friday, February 13th – Harvesters Food Pantry – Approx. 1 p.m. – Calhoun Square
Saturday, February 14th – Valentine’s Day
Saturday, February 14th – Colt Show Sock Hop – 6-9 p.m. – Colt Show Building
Monday, February 16th – Presidents’ Day – City Hall Closed
Monday, February 23rd – Colt Show Meeting – 6 p.m. – Colt Show Building

JOKE OF THE MONTH

A plane was taking off from Kennedy Airport. After it reached a comfortable cruising altitude, the captain made an announcement over the intercom.

“Ladies and Gentlemen, this is your captain speaking. Welcome to Flight 293, nonstop from New York to Los Angeles. The weather ahead is good and therefore we should have a smooth and uneventful flight. Now, please sit back and relax.....Oh my God!”

The passengers sat in silence, waiting for terrible news.

Then, the captain came back on the intercom and said “Ladies and Gentlemen, I am so sorry if I scared you earlier, but while I was talking, the flight attendant brought me a cup of coffee and spilled the hot coffee in my lap. You should see the front of my pants!”

A passenger in coach replied, “That’s nothing. You should see the back of mine!”

