



Celebrating Small Town Life

Keeping Our Water Safe

Protection of the City's water supply and distribution system is a priority of the Environmental Utilities Department. A critical element of this effort is the Backflow Prevention and Cross Connection Control Program.

A cross connection is defined as the connection of a public water supply to any other water source that could potentially contaminate the water supply. Backflow, or back-siphonage, can occur any time a connected water source is operated at a higher pressure than the public water system, either purposefully or accidentally.

To prevent and manage these potential problems, the City has an active Backflow Prevention and Cross Connection Control Program consisting of the following:

- **Pipes are color-coded** – Blue for water; purple for reclaimed; and green for sewer.
- **Backflow prevention devices are required where a cross-connection or backflow could occur** – For example: most commercial and industrial sites; properties with in-ground irrigation, wells or other water supplies; and properties in the reuse area.
- **Backflow Inspection** – All backflow protection devices are to be inspected once a year. Residential devices are inspected by the City. Commercial devices are inspected by the owner and results reported to the City.
- **Backflow Repairs** – If the backflow inspection identifies a problem, the backflow device must be repaired. Residential devices are repaired by the City. Commercial devices are the responsibility of the owner.

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