

BACKFLOW PREVENTION

Cross Connection Control (Backflow Prevention) Notice:

LAWN SPRINKLERS – Federal, state, and local regulations require every municipal water supplier to develop, implement, and maintain a comprehensive Cross Connection Control program designed to safeguard the public water supply.

What are backflow preventers?

Water normally flows in one direction, although under certain circumstances, it can flow in the opposite direction, or “backflow.” When backflow occurs, water runs backward through the water system. This could potentially introduce contaminants such as bacteria, pesticides, and chemicals into your clean drinking water. Backflow can occur when water pressure changes, during a water main break, when firefighters use hydrants, and at other various times.

Who is responsible?

Backflow preventers are the property of the water customer, and they are responsible for the required annual testing and maintenance performed by a certified tester. Most plumbing contractors and irrigation companies are certified to test backflow preventers. See link below to find local testers in your area: <https://www.aquabackflow.com/backflow-testing-companies/>

Backflow preventers may be found at any number of locations on your water systems. Typically, commercial & industrial customers will have backflow preventers just after the water meter and on wet fire protection systems. Lawn irrigation systems or other water connections also require backflow protection.

Lawn sprinkler systems are typically installed or opened at the start of the spring. New York State Plumbing Codes require backflow preventers to be tested after installation, annually, after re-installation, after relocation, and after repairs.

Where can I get more information?

Aqua Backflow (AQB) has been contracted by Liberty New York Water (LNYW) to assist in managing the data associated with the Cross Connection Control program. If you have or require backflow protection, you may be contacted by them regarding compliance (testing, repairs, installations). They can be reached at 847-742-2296 if you have questions or call LNYW customer service at 877-426-6999. AQB and LNYW **DO NOT** test, install, or repair backflow preventers.

Remember that Cross Connection Control programs are designed to safeguard public health. We ask for your cooperation with our program, its enforcement, and any requests for information that come from AQB or LNYW staff.