

Important Notice for N/CG Customers

Suggestions for Irrigation Backflow Inspection

(This does not apply to fire sprinkler systems which are tested separately)

Federal and State regulations as well as District Policies require that a backflow prevention device be installed where there is the possibility of a cross-connection with the public water supply. *Each device is required by law to be tested annually to insure that it is working properly.* These regulations are for your protection.

The District has contracted with American Backflow Inspectors (ABI) to perform the required testing. The cost will be \$42 *per test*. The District along with American Backflow Inspectors would like for every customer to pass their test on the FIRST visit. By taking a few basic precautions, it will greatly increase your opportunity to have a passing result. It is the District's responsibility to see that each device is tested. It is American Backflow Inspectors responsibility to see that the device is tested properly and it is your responsibility to see that it is READY to be tested. We take our responsibility very seriously.

American Backflow Inspectors will begin testing backflow devices beginning May 1st. Prior to their arrival; they will attempt to issue you a courtesy call to let you know when they will be inspecting in your area, however failure to reach you does not relieve you of the responsibility to be ready for the test. We suggest that you take the following steps to insure that your device is ready:

- Have your irrigation contractor flush the line prior to installing your winterized backflow preventer. This will help eliminate debris in the line that can get into the backflow preventer and cause a failure.
- You can have your irrigation contractor energize the system up to the number 2 shut off valve (see diagram). You do NOT have to start using the irrigation system at this time, but the water MUST be on up to the number 2 shut off valve on the backflow preventer for a test to be conducted. **If the water is not on, it will result in a failed test and an additional \$42 charge.**
- Have your irrigation contractor clean and inspect your device and check for obvious problems, such as leaks, cracks, missing parts, etc. Be sure the device meets the minimum height requirement of 12 inches above grade (mulch is considered grade). Have your irrigation contractor check your backflow preventer's internal parts thoroughly as part of their spring start up procedure.
- If your phone number has changed, is unlisted or you would like to leave a different number where you can be reached, please call ABI at 366-8983. They cannot contact you if they do not have a valid phone number.
- Even if you do not plan to use your irrigation system, it MUST either be tested or completely removed. To be considered completely removed, the backflow device must be removed and the piping cut and capped below grade. Please let us know if you have removed your device and we will conduct a survey.

If you would prefer to obtain your test results via Email, please send your name, address and email to: Americanbackflow@abibackflow.com.

(See diagram on reverse side)

To see a schedule of when American Backflow Inspectors, Inc. will be testing in your area, Please visit their web site.
www.abibackflow.com/

If you have a backflow device, please read the "suggestions"
On the other side Carefully!

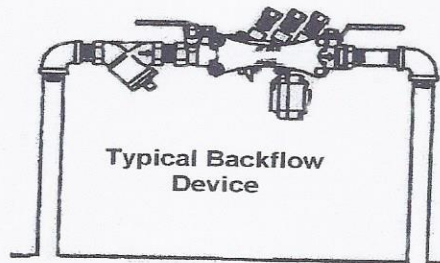


Diagram of typical backflow device.

