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Cross Connection Control (Backflow) Program

Salida, CO – The Colorado Department of Public Health & Environment (CDPHE) requires every water supplier to develop and implement a comprehensive cross connection control program for the elimination of existing cross connections and prevention and protection from all future cross connections.

Backflow preventers may be found at any number of locations on your water systems. Typically, most commercial customers will have backflow preventers just after the water meter and also on wet fire protection systems. They may also have lawn irrigation systems which require backflow protection. Note too, that there may be other water connections throughout commercial or industrial facilities that also require backflow protection.

Residential backflow preventers may exist and be required on lawn irrigation systems, wet fire protection systems, hot water heating (boiler) systems, swimming pool fills, water features, etc. Backflow preventers may also be required if there is another water source on the site such as a well, pond, river, etc.

Backflow preventers are the property of the water customer and the responsibility lies with the customer for annual testing and maintenance. The water customer must contract with a licensed tester to perform the required annual tests. Most local plumbers are certified to test backflow preventers.

The City of Salida has elected to move forward with an eco-friendly online cross connection control (backflow preventer) tracking program. Aqua Backflow was hired to implement and oversee Salida's backflow program. Aqua Backflow has customers across the country and they specialize in cross connection control management. Aqua Backflow can be reached at 866-777-2124 with any questions. Salida's Public Works Department can be reached at 719-539-6257.

Impacted customers requiring a backflow device and testing should expect to see notifications in the future. Regulations for cross-connection control can be found in Article IV of Chapter 13 in the Salida Municipal Code.

The Salida Cross Connection Control Program is designed to safeguard public health. We ask for your cooperation with our program, its enforcement, and any requests for information that come from Aqua Backflow or City staff.

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