

Cross Connection Control Notice: LAWN SPRINKLER WINTERIZATION

The Indiana Department of Environmental Management (IDEM) requires every water supplier to develop and implement a comprehensive cross connection control program for the elimination of existing cross connections and prevention or protection from all future cross connections on potable drinking water systems. Regulations are enforced to keep our drinking water safe.

Residential backflow preventers may be found 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.

Note that lawn sprinkler systems should be getting winterized soon. If your backflow preventer is located outdoors, it is recommended that it be removed and stored someplace warm for the winter. Insulation and/or heat tape may be insufficient and allowing it to freeze can be a costly mistake.

Plumbing codes and/or local and state rules and regulations require that your backflow preventer be tested immediately upon installation/re-installation, relocation, or at an interval not exceeding one year. These annual tests must be performed by a certified tester and be submitted to the city's contractor, Aqua Backflow, for compliance through the online portal of TrackMyBackflow.com.

The Evansville 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 Utility staff.