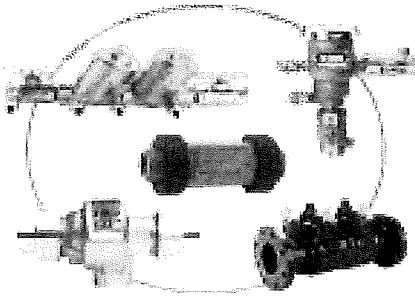




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At the 1933 Chicago World's Fair, 98 people died from Dysentery due to sewage from the toilets that backed up into the water system. More recently, the neighbors to a food processing company discovered that their water was tainted with apple juice; not a health hazard to most but the coffee probably tasted funny. These events and many others like them are the result of cross connections. A cross connection is any potential or actual physical connection between potable water and a non potable fluid. These connections can range in severity from severe hazards (involving sewage or hazardous substances) to aesthetic problems (juice, dirt, etc.).



Without protective assembly devices, (referred to as backflow prevention assembly devices), the potable water supply can become contaminated by any customer in the system. A Cross Connection Control Program is required by the Washington State Department of Health and the United States Environmental Protection Agency (through the Safe Drinking Water Act) to protect the public from contaminated water. This program calls for facility inspections to identify and eliminate cross connections as well as annual testing of backflow prevention assemblies.

Although many people are not aware of it, we see common backflow preventers every day. The average household sink, whether in the bathroom or a kitchen, utilizes an air gap to prevent the potable water supply from becoming contaminated. Other appliances that utilize water (namely, clothes washers) have built-in backflow preventers as well. Some businesses, specifically hospitals and shops that use hazardous chemicals, are isolated from the rest of the system with heavy duty backflow prevention assemblies.

Your City or Water district is responsible for protecting you from contaminated water. Customers assist with the success of this program by attaining the proper permits for plumbing changes (including new irrigation installation). Arrange for a test of the backflow assembly by a certified backflow tester. Then call your City/Utility District for an inspection of the backflow assembly installation. You will need 3 copies of the Test Report, one for the Certified Backflow Tester, one for your City Inspector/Utility District Inspector, and one for your records.

Testers with Current Certifications

Company	Tester	Address	Phone	Cell/Pager	Renewal Date
	Andersen, Jacob	, ,			
Backflows Northwest	Brevick, Andrew	12819 SE 38th St, Bellevue, WA 98006	(509) 847-8705		1/1/19
	Chris Sutton	12819 SE 38th St, Bellevue, WA 98006	(509) 847-8705		1/1/19
	Holmes, Caleb	12819 SE 38th St, Bellevue, WA 98006			1/1/19
	Jansen, Tyler	12819 SE 38th St, Bellevue, WA 98006			1/1/19
	Radeliffe, Scott	12819 SE 38th St, Bellevue, WA 98006	(509) 847-8705		1/1/19
Cascade Fire Protection	O'Brien, Kevin	5104 W. Brinkley Rd., Kennewick, WA 99338	(509) 783-9773		
CHELAN BACKFLOW	Field, Jeff	315 E Iowa Ave, Chelan, WA 98816	(509) 630-0021		2/1/19
	Field, Wesley	315 E Iowa Ave, Chelan, WA 98816	(509) 630-0021		1/1/19
	Slater, Brian	315 E Iowa Ave, Chelan, WA 98816	(509) 630-0021		1/1/19
Chelan County PUD	Hurst, Thomas	1150 Hawley St, Wenatchee, WA 98801	(509) 661-4543		1/1/19
	Stegemann, George	, ,			1/1/19
Chelan Pud #1	Catlett, William	1150 Hawley St, Wenatchee, WA 98801	(509) 661-4543		1/1/19
H2O Connection	Eller, Robert	604 Briarwood Dr., East Wenatchee, WA 98802	(509) 860-2020		1/1/19
	Williams, Jason	7130 N. Dryden Rd, Cashmere, WA 98815	(509) 885-6920		1/1/19
H2O Connections NW	Behrle, Benjamin	7130 N Dryden Rd, Cashmere, WA 98815	(509) 885-6920		1/1/19
Inland Fire Protection	Juan Valle	, Wenatchee, WA	(509) 884-6717		12/31/19
Inland Fire Protection, Inc.	William Wilson	3028 GS Center Rd., Wenatchee, WA 98801	(509) 884-6717		1/1/19
JM Waterworks	McWiggins, Julia	614 Pearl St. S., wenatchee, WA 98801	(509) 860-2553		1/1/19
Plumbco, Inc	Dan Wood	229 E. Peters Rd, Wenatchee, WA 98801	(509) 630-8463		10/25/18
Simplex Grinnell	Beville, Casey	, ,			

This list is provided as a convenience to our customers, and it may not include all available Backflow Assembly Testers. We do not recommend or guaranty any Testers. It is your responsibility to verify proper and current certification and other licensing requirements before hiring anyone to perform work on your premises.