

BACKFLOW ASSEMBLY REQUIREMENT

We appreciate your assistance in making the Orange Tree Water System safe and reliable. The following information will advise the Property Owner of the requirement to meet the Cross Connection Plan of 1996.

In 1996 the State of Florida Department of Environmental Protection (FDEP) required Utilities to formulate a Cross Connection Plan outlining the devices necessary to prevent non-potable water mixing with the provided Domestic or Public Water Source provided by the purveyor.

Every connection within our Franchise Area depends on non-potable water for Irrigation sources. This mandated the purveyor to install Reduce Pressure Principle Systems (type of backflow) installed at every connection to the Domestic Water Source. Hose Bibs are required to have Vacuum Breaker(s) on all water outlets threaded for hose attachment.

The assemblies are installed, initially tested, and certified by the purveyor at the time connection is established to the Domestic Water System. The associated costs are paid by the Builder.

Annual Testing Certification / Repair Certification Reports must be remitted to the Utility within 30 days of work being completed. Annual certification is to be completed in October. Customer's who fail to provide such annual certification to the Utility will be disconnected from the system. The Property Owner is required to hire a representative that meets the following criteria: State of Florida Testing Certification and Repair Certification for Backflow Assemblies, active State of Florida Underground Utility Contractor License or State of Florida Plumbing Contractor License, valid General Liability Insurance, Workman's Compensation policies. The purveyor requires copies of the above to be kept on file. All third party contractors must receive written approval by the purveyor prior to performing work in the area. Costs associated with annual certification, repairs, and or overhaul testing is the sole responsibility of the Property Owner.

If an address within the Franchise Area is found without Backflow Assembly water services will be immediately terminated by the Utility. Service will not be restored until such time an authorized device is placed into service and connected to the meter. The Utility reserves the right to inspect the site and must have a valid Certification Report in hand prior to restoring services.

The Property Owner is responsible for paying all associated fees, penalties, and costs surrounding termination and restoration of services. At no time is the Utility responsible for loss of services at a site due to removal of, tampering with, and non-compliance with the approved Cross Connection Plan of 1996. Orange Tree Utility Co., at no time will be responsible for costs associated with reinstallation of any landscaping or grass removal associated with the repair or reinstallation of the Backflow Assembly.

My signature below indicates I have read and fully understand the above referenced information regarding the need to sustain a Cross Contamination Plan in perpetuity with the State of Florida, and EPA Drinking Water Standards.

Service Address Community/Development

Customer Name (Printed) Signature Date