



Dear Homeowner Representative,

This year, your subdivision/development will take part in Canton's Residential Cross Connection Control Program (RCCCP). One of the most serious public health threats to a drinking water supply system is a cross connection. A cross connection is an arrangement of piping that could allow undesirable water, sewage, or chemical solutions to enter your drinking water system as a result of back flow. Cross connections with potable piping systems have resulted in numerous cases of illness and even death. Due to a State mandate – as part of compliance with Public Act 399, Part 14A – a Residential Cross Connection Control Program has been implemented by Canton Township.

Most residential contamination risks come from the large number of underground irrigation systems. It's estimated that over 11,000 homes in Canton have underground irrigation systems and will need to have their backflow devices tested. Due to the large number of homes, Canton has divided the community into five zones that will be tested on a five-year rotating cycle. HydroCorp has been contracted to locate all backflow devices in Canton. All inspections will be done outside of your home and it no time should any HydroCorp employee ask to gain entrance.

Should HydroCorp find a backflow device on your property, you will need to get your device tested by a State certified tester. A list of certified testers can be found at <http://watercustomer.com/>. The cost of the test is the homeowner's responsibility however, HOA's may have the ability negotiate group rate discounts.

As a representative of a homeowner's group or development, we encourage you to share this information with your neighbors. To help better educate you on the program, we've included the following list frequently asked questions:

I've never had an inspection before. Why do I need one now?

Canton has had a CCC program for a number of years, which began with inspections of all of the commercial and industrial accounts. As a natural progression of our program we are now inspecting residential customers as required by the State.

Who is responsible for completing the repairs if necessary?

If you are the owner of the home being inspected, you are responsible for any needed repairs. Renters may have to refer to their lease agreements in order to determine whether they are responsible for repairs.

Is this inspection mandatory?

Yes. These inspections are conducted in order to ensure compliance with state regulations to maintain the safety of your drinking water.



What happens if I refuse to have the inspection done or to correct any problems it identifies?

Penalties for refusing to cooperate with inspections and/or refusing to make needed repairs are can include termination of water service, a fine, or both.

Why do I need to test my backflow prevention assembly?

Just like any other mechanical device, backflow prevention assemblies are prone to wear and tear, and do break down from time to time. Regular testing is required in order to ensure that your device remains in proper working order.

How often should I test my backflow prevention assembly?

Canton is requiring homeowners to test their system once every five years beginning in 2020.

Why doesn't Canton pay for the testing of my backflow preventer?

A lawn irrigation system is not a required component of the water system. Homeowners who choose to install a lawn irrigation system as a convenience are responsible to assure the backflow preventer is properly installed and maintained in accordance with State laws and regulations

Can any plumber test my irrigation backflow devices?

No. It has to be an ASSE certified tester on the State of Michigan approved list. Visit <http://watercustomer.com/> to find a certified tester near you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Brad Byrd".

Brad Byrd
Superintendent
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