



## Backflow Preventers Keep Your Water Safe

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- There is a fee of \$36.75 to have your Backflow Prevention Assembly tested
- If you wish to have someone else perform the test, please inform us, and send us the results once you receive them
- You may mail the results to:

Attention: Cross Connection  
Control Coordinator  
Brunswick County Public  
Utilities P.O. Box 249 Bolivia,  
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*Cross-Connection &  
Backflow Prevention*

# Make Sure Your Backflow Prevention Assembly is Tested

## What is a backflow prevention assembly?

Backflow prevention assemblies (backflow preventers) are mechanical devices that prevent water from flowing backwards from a potentially contaminated source into the public water supply. They help keep your water safe to drink.

## Why do I need one at my home?

All residential homes with lawn irrigation systems are required to have a backflow preventer because water can be siphoned from the yard into the public water supply if pressure is lost on the water main serving your home.

## Are backflow preventers required on water lines other than irrigation systems?

Yes, commercial businesses and industries are required to have backflow preventers to protect the public water supply from cross contamination. Examples include hospitals, schools, and restaurants.

## How do I get my system tested?

We send out a reminder letter when it is almost time for your systems test, and the letter includes all the information you need. You do have the option to have it tested by a third-party inspector, but we ask you inform us of this within 30 days of receiving the letter.

## Why and how often do I need to have my backflow preventer tested?

Like any mechanical device, a backflow preventer is subject to failure. Current regulations require backflow preventers to be tested bi-annually by a certified tester to ensure that they are still functioning properly. We ask you have your system tested bi-annually.

**Keeping your water safe is easy. Take these following precautions to protect your drinking water:**



Never submerge hoses in buckets, pools, tubs, or sinks.

Always keep the end of the hose clear of possible contaminants.

Do not use spray attachments without a backflow prevention device. The chemicals used on your lawn are toxic and can be fatal if ingested.

