

# Backflow Prevention Survey

We're asking all our commercial and industrial users to help us inventory existing backflow devices and identify potential areas where backflow can occur on their property by completing this survey. Not sure if something applies to your property? Check box on the survey that says "MAYBE" and we can help.

Thank you for  
working with us to protect  
your drinking water.

**By Mail**  
Mail this survey to  
**Connersville Utilities**  
P.O. Box 325  
Connersville, IN 47331

Back Flow Devices	Yes	No	Maybe
Do any existing backflow prevention assemblies exist?			
Last date your backflow device was tested.			
Potential Cross-Connection Sources Where Backflow Can Occur (Connected to Public Water) Please check all that apply	Yes	No	Maybe
Private Well, spring or cistern			
Lawn irrigation/sprinkler system supplied by public water			
Water storage tank			
Janitorial chemical dispenser			
Chemical storage tanks			
Fire protection sprinkler system			
Solar heating system			
Medical equipment			
Industrial equipment			
Dual water supplies cross connected			
Drink, carbonated vending machines			
Water softner			
Water filtration system			
Boilers			
X-Ray developing tank			
Sterilizers of all kinds both medical and dental			
Other:			

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Contact email and/or phone: \_\_\_\_\_

## Connersville Utilities BACKFLOW PREVENTION PROGRAM



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 Working together to protect your drinking water supply

Important information on backflow prevention and identifying cross-connections.

# Protect Your Drinking Water



A **plumbing cross-connection** is an actual or potential connection between the public water supply and any source of contamination or pollutant. Through this connection, contaminated substances could **backflow** into the public system and your drinking water supply without proper plumbing precautions.

Water traveling through the utility distribution system is pressurized. If the water system loses pressure, such as during a water main break, maintenance of the system or flowing of a fire hydrant, the flow of the water may be reversed. If a customer has made a cross-connection with hazardous substances or even non potable water, these substances can backflow into the public water system and create a risk to public health.

**Working together to protect your drinking water supply.** Connersville Utilities and all our customers share the responsibility to help safeguard the public water supply. We are working closely with the Fayette County Department of Health and our customers to identify potential backflow issues so your drinking water maintains the highest possible quality.



## Where Can the Contamination Occur?

Backflow to the public water supply can occur anywhere a customer connects water pipes, water fixtures or even a hose to non potable water or chemicals

**In tubs, sinks and buckets...** Hoses left submerged in swimming pools, kitchen or laundry sinks, bath tubs, animal watering troughs or buckets can pull untreated water into your drinking water.

**Through your faucet...** A faucet submerged into another liquid can be a cross-connection whereby the substance could backflow into your plumbing.

## How can you prevent backflow from occurring?

Self-inspecting your facility is a great way to look for potential cross connection sites. When deemed necessary, the installation of an approved backflow prevention assembly must be installed and tested.

## Steps to protect your drinking water

- 1** Help us **identify potential locations** in our service area where backflow can occur. Mail the attached short survey.
- 2** If necessary contact Connersville Utilities to **schedule a free assessment** with our staff to assist you in finding and removing any potential cross-connection sources.
- 3** Remove any **cross-connections** you find or install backflow prevention devices (available at hardware stores) where needed. A Connersville Utilities representative is available to assist you with this process if needed.
- 4** If you have a **backflow prevention device installed by a certified plumber, have it tested annually** or after any repairs.

**Need help?...** Whether you found a cross-connection in your home or business or you aren't even sure where to start looking, we can help.

We have licensed technicians who are available to help you identify where backflow can occur on your property.

**The service call is free!**  
**Contact Connersville Utilities**  
**765-825-2158**