

Annual Backflow Certification

Cross Connection Control Resolution #001-2001 Reminder.

Homeowner's Responsibility:

If you have any cross flow connections, such as automatic sprinklers, fountains, swimming pools, hot tubs, ponds, etc., directly connected to the association's water system, you must send "Proof of Backflow Certification" to Chateaux Water Association by May 31 each year.

Failure to comply with this requirement, within the allotted timeframe, will be cause for water service to be discontinued/shutoff.

Please disregard this section if you do not have, nor do you plan to install, any directly connected cross flow connections as mentioned above.

Regulatory Requirement:

The Idaho Department of Environmental Quality and the Idaho Rules for Public Drinking Water (IDAPA 58.01.08; section 552-06) require that a backflow prevention device be installed between all cross flow connections and the Association's water supply system. In addition, annual testing of these devices is required to be performed by Idaho State certified testers to ensure that they meet backflow prevention standards. The intent is to keep our water safe from foreign contaminants.

The governing board, of Chateaux Water Association, is required to oversee the program and to ensure that all water patrons supply proof of compliance; signed by a certified tester.

Association Compliance – New Cross Flow Connections:

Whenever a new cross flow connection is installed, the homeowner's responsibility is to:

- a) install a backflow prevention device,
- b) have the backflow device tested by an Idaho State certified tester and,
- c) send "Proof of Backflow Certification" to Chateaux Water Association within 5 days of installation.

Association Compliance – Existing Cross Flow Connections:

Existing backflow prevention devices must be tested every year by an Idaho State certified tester and the "Proof of Backflow Certification" must be sent to Chateaux Water Association on or before May 31; all at the homeowner's expense. This applies to all cross flow connections whether or not they are being used.

Association Compliance – Cross Flow Disconnections:

Proof of all cross flow disconnections must be sent to Chateaux Water Association on or before May 31 in order to be exempted from the "existing cross flow connection" certification requirement.

Certified Testers:

Certified testers are usually available through any certified sprinkler system purveyor.

If You Have Questions:

For further information or if you have any questions, please contact the office at 772-4887 or contact any of the Board members.