

Westside Water Cross Connection Control Policy

It has always been the practice of Westside Water to prohibit and prevent cross connections. To this end WWA has adopted and will pursue the following cross-connection control program.

1. Cross Connection Declared Unlawful. Pursuant to WAC 248-54-490, the installation or maintenance of a cross-connection, unless protected by an approved backflow prevention device pursuant to WAC 248-54-285 is prohibited.
2. Backflow Prevention Devices to be Installed. Backflow prevention devices shall be installed at the service connection, and/or within any premises, and/or at any other location determined by the water purveyor when the nature and extent of activities on the premises or the material stored on the premises would present an immediate and dangerous hazard to health should a cross-connection occur, even though such cross-connection does not exist at the time the backflow prevention device is required to be installed. The determination of when and where the backflow prevention device or devices shall be required, shall be made by WWA upon its inspection of the premises. Said determination shall be made by WWA pursuant to WAC 248-54-85, and the American Water Works Association, Pacific Northwest Section's Second Edition of "Accepted Procedure and Practice in Cross-Connections Control". Backflow prevention devices required by this section shall be installed under the supervision and with the approval of WWA or its agents. The device shall be located in an area approved by the WWA which is readily accessible for maintenance and testing and where no part of the device will be submerged.
3. Annual Testing of Backflow Prevention Devices. Backflow prevention devices shall be inspected and tested by a certified tester annually, or more often where inspections indicate the necessity. The devices shall be repaired, overhauled or replaced whenever they are found defective by a certified tester. Inspection, scheduling of tests, record keeping and any and all costs incurred shall be the responsibility of the owner of the device. When any backflow prevention device is tested by a certified tester, and approved, it shall be tagged by the certified tester and in a form sufficient to allow WWA to determine when said test was performed and approved.
4. Regulation of Water Supplies. Use and operation of any water supply system when said system is connected in any way to the public water supply system is hereby prohibited, unless approved in writing by WWA.
5. Adoption of Rules, Regulations and Procedures. Rules and regulations of the Department of Health regarding public water supplies entitled, "Cross-Connection Control Regulation in Washington State", (WAC 248-54-285, and the 'American Water Works Association, Pacific Northwest Section's Second Edition of "Accepted Procedure and Practice in Cross-Connection Control" are hereby adopted and made a part of this policy.
6. Inspection for Cross-Connections. WWA will inspect premises periodically where potential hazards may exist. WWA will notify, in writing prior to inspection, the person whose name the water service was established. Failure to allow such an inspection within 10 days of the mailing of a notice of said

inspection shall be grounds for the discontinuance of water service to the premises without further notice.

7. Abatement of Unlawful Cross-Connections and Installation of Backflow Prevention Devices.

- a. In the event that WWA or its agents determine that a cross connection does exist, written notice shall be sent to the person in whose name the water service is established in the records of WWA, or, alternatively, a copy of such written notice shall be posted on the premises served.
- b. The notice shall fully describe the cross connections to be corrected and shall demand that the owner contact WWA in person, within 10 days from the date of said notice, to acknowledge receipt of the notice and to present to WWA a plan to correct the problem. The notice shall state that water service to the premises may be discontinued if the owner does not present a plan for the correction of the problem. The problems shall be corrected within 10 days of the presentation of the plan.
- c. The plan shall include a statement of what the owner is going to do to correct the violations, the materials and parts to be used for the corrections, the name of the person or firm that will make the corrections and a time table for the completion of the corrections. WWA then shall either approve or disapprove the plan, in writing as follows:
 - i) If approved, corrections shall be carried out by the owner in accordance with his, "plan of correction". In the event that the corrections are not made in accordance with the "plan of correction", WWA shall discontinue water service to the premises.
 - ii) If disapproved, WWA will notify the owner, in writing, that the plan is disapproved and the reasons for the disapproval. The owner will then be required to make the required corrections and resubmit the plan within 10 days. Failure to comply will be cause for discontinuance of water service to the premises.
- d. WWA may require such interim measures be taken by the customer as it deems necessary to protect the public water supply until the violations are fully corrected.
- e. In addition, in the event that the problems present an immediate danger of contamination to the public water supply, WWA may terminate water service with out further notice, provided, however, notice will be posted on the premises at the time service is discontinued.

8. Miscellaneous Control Devices.. WWA reserves the right to require any premise to have installed, as a condition of water service, a pressure reducing valve, backflow prevention device, pressure relief valve, check valve or similar devices at such locations as WWA deems necessary to protect WWA's facilities.

9. Responsible Charge. Island Water Management is responsible for implementing the cross-connection control program for WWA. The contact person is: Doug Dolstad, WDM 2, CCS