



PLAINVIEW WATER DISTRICT

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Dear Consumer

The Plainview Water District would like to clarify the requirements of our Cross-Connection Control Program. The District must comply with the New York State Sanitary Code ("Sanitary Code"). The Cross Connection Control chapter of the Sanitary Code requires a water supplier to protect its public water system in accordance with acceptable procedures designed to contain potential contamination within the premises of the user. Like the District, all consumers are also required to comply with the Sanitary Code, as well as the requirements of the District's Ordinances.

The Sanitary Code imposes upon the District two main areas of responsibility with respect to backflow protection. First, the District must perform an inspection of all premises which have not already installed an approved backflow prevention device. Backflow devices are required for, but no limited to:

- a) All new residential services must be equipped with an approved double check valve assembly (DCVA)
- b) All non-residential services must be equipped with an approved reduced pressure zone (RPZ) device.
- c) All fire service and by-pass lines must be equipped with an approved DCVA.
- d) Underground sprinkler systems that employ chemicals require an approved RPZ device.
- e) Services with or that can have an interconnected private well must be equipped with an approved RPZ device.
- f) All underground sprinkler systems and swimming pools with direct fill capability must have installed a minimum of a DCVA.
- g) All wet-pipe systems utilizing antifreeze, corrosion control additives or other substance, or which is located near an alternative source of supply shall be equipped with an approved RPZ device.

Once the District has determined that a premise requires a backflow prevention device, the owner is notified and requested to install and maintain an approved device.

The District's second main area of responsibility under the Sanitary Code involves monitoring a testing program. A backflow prevention device should have been initially tested at installation. Thereafter, the Sanitary Code requires annual testing by a New York State Department of Health Certified Backflow Prevention Device Tester. The Professional Tester must then file a report with the District which, in turn, must submit same to the County Health Department.

For further information please contact the Cross Connection Control Department at (516) 931-6469 X 127 or 142. Additional information can be found on the District website at www.plainviewwater.org or the NYS Department of Health Website at www.health.ny.gov/environmental/water/drinking/cross.

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