

## **Backflow Assembly Test Requirements**

### **Proof of certification (BAT and equipment calibration)**

It is your responsibility to provide proof of certification and equipment calibration to maintain your name on our list of testers. It is understood that proof of certification may not be immediately available after the start of each year and so a brief grace period will be allowed at the beginning of each year if the tester was certified the previous year. Please be aware though, in accordance with Department of Health regulations, tests reports from testers that are not certified at time of testing, or equipment that is not calibrated at the time of testing will be rejected and returned to the sender. It is suggested that you mail a copy of your BAT wallet card and your equipment calibration as soon as you receive them. Testers that do not have a current copy of their BAT card and proof of current equipment calibration will be removed from the list after February 25 of each year until the documentation has been received.

### **Detector assemblies**

Please read and record the meter reading on all detector type assemblies. The City of Walla Walla test form includes a field to record this number. These meter readings are not used for billing, but are used to indicate whether unauthorized use may have occurred. This is an important part of ensuring the appropriate level of backflow prevention has been assessed for the type of water use, particularly where the domestic service has been assessed as high risk but an unauthorized tap has been made with the fire system which has a lower level of backflow prevention.

### **Initial inspection and testing of backflow assemblies**

Please remember to call for an inspection following the installation of backflow prevention equipment for the protection of the City water system. This is required by Walla Walla Municipal Code 13.05. Failure to call for an inspection following the installation or replacement of a backflow prevention assembly constitutes a violation and may result in removal from the tester registry.

The City's Cross Connection Standard plans may be found by accessing City Documents under the Quick Links or City Government tabs on our main page.