

Village of Utica
"What a Great Place to Call Home"

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Backflow Prevention and Cross-Connection Control for Public Water System Customers

Dear Residential Water Customer:

Backflow prevention and cross-connection control is a requirement of the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency and the Village of Utica Public Water System. The purpose of the backflow prevention program is to prevent any cross contamination from flowing back into the public water system.

The Ohio EPA requires that the public water system inform its customers and residents of backflow prevention practices.

Please find the attached brochure from the Ohio EPA regarding backflow prevention and cross-connection control as well as the Village of Utica ordinance regarding backflow protection.

If you have a backflow prevention device or pressure booster pump system installed at your residence that the Village has not been notified of prior to this mailing or if you have any questions regarding backflow prevention, feel free to call the Village office at 740-892-2696.

Respectfully,

Glen Richards
Village Administrator

Village of Utica Ordinance

921.15 BACKFLOW PROTECTION.

(a) If, in the judgment of the Village Administrator, an approved backflow prevention device is necessary for the safety of the public water system, the Village Administrator will give notice to the water consumer to install such an approved device immediately. The water consumer shall, at his own expense, install such an approved device at a location and in a manner approved by the Village Administrator and shall have inspections and tests made of such approved devices as required by the Village Administrator.

(b) No person, firm or corporation shall establish or permit to be established or maintain or permit to be maintained any connection whereby a private, auxiliary or emergency water supply other than the regular public water supply of the Village of Utica may enter the supply or distributing system of said Municipality, unless such private, auxiliary or emergency water supply and the method of connection and use of such water supply shall have been approved by the Village Administrator and by the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency.

(c) It shall be the duty of the Village Administrator to cause surveys and investigations to be made of industrial and other properties served by the public water supply where actual or potential hazards to the public water supply may exist. Such surveys and investigations shall be made a matter of public record and shall be repeated as often as the Village Administrator shall deem necessary.

(d) The Village Administrator or said Administrator's duly authorized representative shall have the right to enter at any reasonable time any property served by a connection to the public water supply or distribution system of the Village for the purpose of inspecting the piping system or systems thereof. On demand, the owner, lessees or occupants of any property so served shall furnish to the Village Administrator any information which the Village Administrator may request regarding the piping system or systems or water use on such property. The refusal of such information, when demanded, shall, within the discretion of the Village Administrator, be deemed evidence of the presence of improper connections as provided in this section.

(e) The Village Administrator is hereby authorized and directed to discontinue, after reasonable notice to the occupant thereof, the water service to any property wherein any connection in violation of the provisions of this section is known to exist, and to take such other precautionary measures as he may deem necessary to eliminate any danger of contamination of the public water supply distribution mains. Water services to such property shall not be restored until such conditions have been eliminated or corrected in compliance with the provisions of this section.

(f) The water consumer shall, on any premises on which any containment principle backflow preventer required by rules 3745-95-04 and 3745-95-05 of the Ohio Administrative Code ("device") is installed, have thorough inspections and operational tests made to the backflow preventers at the time of installation or repair, and as may be reasonably required by the Village Administrator and or Utilities Superintendent, but in all cases at least once every twelve months. These inspections and tests shall be at the expense of the water consumer and shall be performed by a person qualified to inspect and test backflow preventers. These devices shall be repaired, overhauled or replaced at the expense of the consumer whenever they are found to be defective.

Records of such inspections, tests, repairs and overhaul shall be kept by the water consumer and submitted on the proper form to the Village of Utica within 10 days of the inspections tests, repairs and/or overhaul, but no later than March 1 of the following year.

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