

Letter Requesting Members to Complete Backflow Prevention Questionnaire

June 10, 2010

Dear Wolf Creek Property Owner Association Member,

Washington State drinking water regulations, WAC 246-290-490, require public water systems to develop and implement backflow prevention programs (also called cross-connection control). Backflow or cross-connection control programs help protect public health by preventing contamination of the drinking water as it is delivered to water system customers, and backflow prevention is required under our CC&Rs. The attached brochure explains what a cross connection is, describes typical household cross connections and what you can do to help protect your drinking water.

As part of our efforts to keep your drinking water safe, we are conducting a cross-connection control hazard survey of members served by our system. The purpose of the survey is to help us determine if any of our members have special plumbing or activities on their premises that could increase the risk of contamination to our water system.

For most residences, the cross-connection control hazard posed to our water system is minimal. This is because your household plumbing should have been installed in compliance with the Uniform Plumbing Code. The Uniform Plumbing Code generally provides adequate protection of your water potable water piping and our public water distribution system from cross connections. However, members need to have backflow prevention installed. The WCPOA can arrange to have this done for you at your expense if you like. WCPOA-arranged installation can be requested at the end of the questionnaire.

Please complete the attached questionnaire by checking the applicable boxes on the table; and return the completed, signed questionnaire by July 31, 2010 to WCPOA, PO BOX 152, Winthrop, WA 98862.

Thanks in advance for filling out the questionnaire. We appreciate your cooperation in helping us to protect the drinking water we deliver to our members. If you have any questions about the survey or how to fill out the questionnaire, please contact me at 509-996-3112. We will review your questionnaire and determine whether we need to contact you for further information.

Sincerely,

Pete Soderquist
Cross Connection Control Program Manager

Cross Connection Survey Report Form for WCPOA
Due Back to WCPOA by July 31, 2010

Member Lot Number _____

Member _____

Address _____

Date _____

1. Do you currently have a backflow preventer on your property at the service connection (meter)? Yes No
 - a. If YES, what kind? _____.
 - b. If YES, there is no need to fill out the rest of the form, except to sign, date and mail in.

2. Do you currently have a backflow preventer on your property somewhere between the service connection meter and the first plumbing branch from your main water line? Yes No
 - a. If YES, what kind and where is it located? _____

 - b. If YES, there is no need to fill out the rest of the form, except to sign, date and mail in.

3. Do you have any of the following?

ITEM	YES	NO	If YES, installed in conformance with the Uniform Plumbing Code?	
			YES	NO
Underground Sprinkler System				
Drip Irrigation System				
Active (vs. passive) solar heating system				
Utility sink with threaded faucet				
Fire sprinkler system				
Ghost (unidentified) pipes				
Espresso/beverage machine (hard-plumbed)				

ITEM	YES	NO	If YES, installed in conformance with the Uniform Plumbing Code?	
			YES	NO
Water Softener				
Dishwasher				
Icemaker				
Hot Water Tank				

4. Do you use any of the following?

ITEM	YES	NO
Swamp Cooler (hard-plumbed)		
Hot Tub (hard-plumbed)		
Swimming Pool (hard-plumbed)		
Jacuzzi (hard-plumbed)		
Greenhouse & Greenhouse equipment (hard-plumbed)		
Landscape Pond (hard-plumbed)		
Waterbed		
Antifreeze flush kits		
Insecticide sprayers attached to a garden hose		
Dog dishes, kiddie pools, car wash buckets		

5. Are your hose bibs all anti-siphon? Yes No

6. Does anyone on the premises use a portable dialysis machine or any medical equipment attached to your plumbing? Yes No

7. Do you have a bathtub that fills from the bottom, or does not have an overflow drain and is not air-gapped? Yes No

8. Do you have a water softener or any other treatment system connected to your drinking water supply? Yes No

9. Do you have an auxiliary water supply on your property? Yes No

a. If YES, please explain _____

10. Do you use livestock water troughs? Yes No

11. Is your home or building elevated above your water meter? Yes No

12. Does a creek, river, irrigation ditch, or spring run near your property and do you pump or draw water from this source? Yes No

a. If YES, please explain _____

13. Do you have a booster pump, well pump or any other type of water pump?
Yes No

14. Do you receive irrigation water from a different source than the potable WCPOA water supply system? Yes No

a. If YES, please explain _____

15. If you answered YES to any portions of Questions 3 through 14, please explain if and how backflow to the WCPOA water system is prevented for each situation (use additional pages if more room is needed).

16. Do you have any other situation that you are aware of that could create a cross-connection (backflow) to the water supply (such as additional buildings or locations on your property with plumbing connected to the drinking water system)? Yes No

a. If YES, please explain _____

Member Signature _____

This form will be kept on file for future reference with the Water Operations Manager.

IF YOU WOULD LIKE THE WCPOA TO ARRANGE TO INSTALL A BACKFLOW PREVENTION DEVICE FOR YOU AT YOUR EXPENSE, PLEASE INDICATE BELOW AND WE WILL CONTACT YOU REGARDING COST AND SCHEDULE.

Yes, please contact me at: _____

No, thanks