

## Letter Requesting Members to Complete Backflow Prevention Questionnaire

Dear Wolf Creek Property Owners 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 our 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. The results of your survey will be reviewed with you by our Water System Manager, who is also a DOH certified Cross Connection Specialist (CCS).

Some members may need to have additional backflow prevention measures installed to protect themselves and the system. If you'd rather, the WCPOA can arrange to have this done for you at your expense. WCPOA-arranged installation can be requested at the end of the questionnaire, or upon review of your questionnaire during or after the onsite visit.

**Please complete the attached questionnaire by checking the applicable boxes on the table; and return the completed, signed questionnaire within 30 days 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 our Water System Manager, Pete Soderquist at 509-996-3112. He will review your questionnaire and contact you for further information if needed, and/or schedule a review.

Sincerely,

WCPOA Board of Directors

# Cross Connection Survey Report Form for WCPOA

**Reply Due WCPOA Within 30 days**

Member Lot Number \_\_\_\_\_

Member \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

1. Do you currently have a backflow preventer on your property at the service connection (meter)?            Yes            No
  - a. If YES, what type? \_\_\_\_\_.
  - 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 between the service connection/ meter, and the first plumbing branch from your main water line?  
Yes                            No
  - a. If YES, what type 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.

**CAUTION: IF YOU HAVE ANSWERED YES TO EITHER QUESTIONS 1 OR 2 – DO YOU HAVE PROTECTION AGAINST THERMAL EXPANSION ON YOUR WATER HEATER?: YES\_\_\_ NO\_\_\_**

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 (or plans to install one)				
Drip Irrigation System				
Active (vs. passive) solar heat				
Utility sink with threaded faucet				
Fire sprinkler system				
Ghost (unidentified) pipes				
Espresso/beverage machine (hard-plumbed)				
Water Softener				
Dishwasher				
Icemaker				
Hot Water Tank				
In-floor heating				
RV Hookups				

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/Fertilizer sprayers attached to a garden hose		
Dog dishes, kiddy pools, car wash buckets		
Photography developing/printing chemicals		

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. A shower head attached to a hose? Yes No

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

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

a. If YES, please explain \_\_\_\_\_

11. Do you use livestock water troughs, or keep chickens? Yes No

12. Do you have a frost-free hydrant? Yes No

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

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

a. Is this system connected in any way to the potable water system? Yes No

b. If YES, please explain \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

a. If YES, please explain \_\_\_\_\_

17. If you answered YES to any portions of Questions 3 through 18, please explain if and how backflow to the WCPOA water system is prevented for each situation (use additional pages if more room is needed).

18. 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, AND WE WILL CONTACT YOU REGARDING COST AND SCHEDULE.

Use this space for further explanation, and please contact Pete Soderquist at 509.996.3112 if you have any questions. Thanks again, WCPOA Board of Directors