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It's that time of year again to have your backflow prevention assembly tested at:
Location:

A backflow prevention assembly is required and installed when there is an outside sprinkler system (residential and commercial) or pop dispensing machines, automatic fire sprinkler systems, coffee machines, ice makers, boilers, any appliance that is directly connected to the water system (commercial).

In 2008, the City of Sandpoint began requiring testing of backflow prevention assemblies within our water system. Federal and State authorities are requiring that this become a priority for the City. Records indicate that your location has, or should have, a backflow prevention assembly. In accordance with the Clean Water Act, the Uniform Plumbing Code, and Idaho Rules for Public Drinking Water Systems IDAPA 58.01.08 Section 543 and 552.06.a,b,c,d, <http://adm.idaho.gov/adminrules/rules/idapa58/0108.pdf>, annual testing is required to ensure that the backflow prevention assembly is working properly.

Backflow prevention assemblies prevent cross connection contamination. A cross connection can be defined as, "any actual or potential physical connection between a potable water line and any pipe, vessel, or machine containing a non-potable fluid, such that it is possible for the non-potable fluid to enter the potable water system by backflow."

In the past, cross connection incidents have resulted in many serious problems. Testing your backflow prevention assembly ensures that you and the rest of the public on the city water supply are not at risk. Common systems which require a backflow prevention assembly are: irrigation systems, boilers, fire protection systems, soda fountain machines, espresso machines, ice machines, chemical feed lines, etc. There are numerous other systems which also qualify. If the test finds that your assembly is not working properly, a record of the repair work and a report of a satisfactory final test must be sent to the water purveyor.

Testable backflow prevention assemblies are: double check valve assemblies (DCVA), reduced pressure backflow assemblies (RPBA), pressure vacuum breaker assemblies (PVBA) and the spill resistant vacuum breaker (SVB).

There are many **Idaho State licensed** testers in the area which you may hire to test your assembly. You can find test companies listed on the back side of this page. Others may be available as well. Testers are required to provide the customer a copy of the report and send a report to the City of Sandpoint Public Works Department, which will be keeping track of test reports. The last test date was: According to City code you have until: 8/1/2015 to complete this test.

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Backflow Testers List

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If required testing is not accomplished, or if the required backflow prevention assembly is nonexistent, the City of Sandpoint may shut off the water supply to the premises to ensure the protection of the water system.

If you no longer have a back flow assembly or have disconnected the assembly, please contact this office for a quick inspection and we will remove your name from the list.

Suitable test companies include:

Water Systems Mgt, Inc	208-265-4270
Turf Care	208-265-4545
Selkirk Sprinklers	208-290-1561
Coeur D Alene Sprinkler	208-676-8384
Advanced Sprinklers	208-687-1955
Lee's Services	208-687-4869
Freds Plumbing	208-772-2846
Water Wizard Sprinklers	208-627-2885
Sprinklers Northwest	208-818-8838
Divco	509-496-2226
North Idaho Sprinklers	208-773-2796
MAC Backflow	509-599-6314
Three Amigos	208-255-4380

For questions about this program please call or email me at:

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