



Cross Connection Control Notice: LAWN SPRINKLER WINTERIZATION

The STATE OF ILLINOIS REGULATORY AGENCY requires every water supplier to develop and implement a comprehensive cross connection control program for the elimination of existing cross connections and prevention or protection from all future cross connections on potable drinking water systems. Regulations are enforced to keep our drinking water safe.

Lawn sprinkler systems should be winterized soon, if not already. If your backflow preventer is located outdoors, remember to either blow it out or remove & store it someplace warm for the winter. You may cover it outside with a blanket, towels, or similar temporarily until it is removed. Insulation and/or heat tape may also be used, but all would be insufficient protection for the winter. Allowing it to freeze is a costly mistake.

Once removed, remember where you stored it. You will need to give the backflow preventer to your lawn irrigation contractor or plumber next spring to re-install it. Note that the Plumbing Code requires that your backflow preventer be tested upon re-installation every season by a certified tester.

Residential backflow preventers may be found on lawn irrigation systems, wet fire protection systems, hot water heating (boiler) systems, swimming pool fills, water features, etc. Backflow preventers may also exist or be required if there is another water source on the site such as a well, pond, river, etc.

The City of Darien Cross Connection Control Program is designed to safeguard public health. We ask for your cooperation with our program, its enforcement, and any requests for information that come from our program management firm of Aqua Backflow or Utility staff. Program questions can be directed to Aqua Backflow at info@aquabackflow.com or by calling 847-742-2296.