



## Public Service Announcement

### Backflow Preventer

#### What is a backflow preventer?

A backflow preventer is a device that's installed on your home's water pipes that allows water to flow in one direction but never in the opposite direction. Its sole job is to prevent drinking water from being contaminated due to backflow.

Think of it as a one-way gate that allows water from the city's public water supply to flow into your home's piping but stops water if and when it ever tries to flow backwards into the main water supply.

#### How do I know if I need a backflow preventer?

If you have a home irrigation system, you are required to have a backflow preventer installed. Most commercial businesses also require a backflow preventer. Calling a local plumber can be a great first step in determining if your home or business needs one.

