



CITY OF BUHL BACKFLOW PREVENTION PROGRAM

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IF YOU DO NOT HAVE AN INGROUND SPRINKLER SYSTEM, THIS DOES NOT APPLY TO YOU.

❖ When should I have my backflow device tested?

Your backflow device must be tested annually by a certified tester, typically prior to turning on your in-ground sprinkler system for the season. \* Official due dates will be provided in a separate mailing. Most tests are not due until June 1st.

❖ Are we the only city in Idaho enforcing backflow regulations?

No, this is a statewide requirement. A backflow testing program requirement has been in place for many years and is a DEQ requirement for public water systems. Larger cities such as Nampa and Meridian have been doing this for years along with United Water in Boise. Smaller cities have been slowly brought into compliance by DEQ.

❖ What is a backflow device?

A backflow device can be many different types of mechanical protection to keep dangerous chemicals from entering the city water system. The most common is a double check valve which is commonly used on irrigation systems. Depending on the situation there are other devices that provide greater protection. The type of device required is mandated by DEQ based upon the water connection and the danger presented.

❖ What if my sprinkler system is not working or not in use?

If your sprinkler system is not operational or no longer in use, the city will require documentation verifying that the system has been disconnected from the city water supply. \*If you are unsure whether your system is disconnected or whether you have a backflow device, please contact City Hall. We are happy to assist you before you schedule an appointment with a certified backflow tester.

❖ What happens if I don't comply?

Because this program is mandated by the DEQ, the City of Buhl is required to maintain 100% compliance. If testing is not completed and documentation is not submitted as required, enforcement actions may be taken to ensure compliance.

Important Backflow Assembly Survey- Please Complete and Return to Buhl City Hall

Form with fields for Name On Account, Physical Address, Phone Number, and SYSTEM INFORMATION (Underground Sprinkler System, Fire Sprinkler System, Boiler, Hot Tub/Spa, Alternate Water Source, Other Connections).

This notice is part of a series of communications regarding required backflow testing.