



NOTICE

Backflow Prevention and Cross Connection Program

This notice is intended to give a general overview of the Town's new Backflow Prevention and Cross Connection Control Program which came into effect on July 15, 2013 as per By-law 2013-31.

The Town's Backflow Prevention and Cross Connection Control Program is intended to minimize the potential for contamination of the Town's drinking water supply. The program involves identifying cross connections between potable and non-potable sources and ensuring that these connections are removed or that protective devices are installed to prevent the contamination of the Town's drinking water supply.

Participation in the Town's Backflow Prevention and Cross Connection Control Program is not optional. All Industrial, Commercial, Institutional (ICI) and Multi-Unit Residential properties connected to the Town's municipal water system are required to participate.

HOW THE PROGRAM WORKS

Program Initiation

- All ICI and Multi-Use Residential property owners must ensure that a cross connection survey be completed by a qualified contractor
- The Town will provide all property owners with the Town's Approved Qualified Contractor Registry and cross connection survey forms.
- After the cross connection surveys have been completed, results must be sent to the Town's Backflow Prevention Coordinator for review
- After surveys have been reviewed, a compliance notice will be issued addressing the survey findings and indicating any corrections that need to be made

Program Maintenance

- Annual testing of backflow prevention devices by qualified contractors will be required
- Cross-connection surveys are required to be conducted by qualified contractors every five years, or upon a property's change of occupancy or facility use

RESPONSIBILITIES OF PROPERTY OWNERS'

Cross-Connection Survey: The property owner / occupant (for which the By-law applies) is required to have a qualified contractor carry out a cross-connection survey of all plumbing in each building or structure every five years and submit a report to the Town's Backflow Prevention Coordinator.

Backflow Prevention Device Installation and Testing: The property owner (for which the By-law applies) is required to have appropriate backflow prevention devices installed as required, to have a qualified contractor perform backflow prevention device testing annually for each installed testable device and to submit a report to the Town's Backflow Prevention Coordinator.

APPROVED QUALIFIED CONTRACTOR REGISTRY

The Town will maintain a list of qualified contractors approved to perform cross connection surveys and backflow prevention device testing. The Approved Qualified Contractors Registry will be made available on the Town website at:

www.thebluemountains.ca/backflow.cfm

We also suggest that customers verify that contractors have appropriate insurance coverage and discuss all costs before proceeding with any work associated with this program. Contractors operate independently from the Town and are solely responsible for any work performed. All costs associated with the requirements of the Town's Backflow Prevention and Cross Connection Control Program will be the responsibility of the property owner. The Town will not cover any of the costs associated with changes necessary to meet compliance with the program.

Please complete the attached request for information and return to:

**Backflow Prevention Coordinator
The Town of the Blue Mountains
32 Mill Street, Box 310
Thornbury, ON, N0H 2P0**

For more information or if you have any questions, please contact:

Backflow Prevention Coordinator

Telephone: 519-599-3131 Ext. 286 Fax: 519-599-7723

Or email us at: backflowprevention@thebluemountains.ca

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***Please note that this notice is for informational purposes only. You will be notified by the Town of The Blue Mountains when you will be required to have these services performed.**