

When was your backflow preventer last tested?

It is required by Federal and State Regulations that this device be **tested annually** by a certified tester to make sure it is protecting you the way it is meant to. This test must occur one year from your last test date and be submitted to our office within 15 days of the test.

Visit our website for a list of certified testers and a test report for your tester to complete. The list of testers is only a suggested list; anyone who is certified in Virginia to test backflow preventers is acceptable. It is likely that the company that turns on your irrigation system each spring can help you.

Visit: www.loudounwater.org and click on Cross Connection/Backflow for more information. You should be able to find the answers to many of your questions here. If not, please call us at 571.291.7878.



Help protect our water supply. Have your sprinkler system tested for proper backflow protection. What is backflow protection? Find out inside.

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About your sprinkler system...

has it been tested for backflow protection?

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Did you know...



The International Plumbing Code states that the water supply to your irrigation system must have an approved **backflow preventer**.

The backflow preventer that is installed as a part of your irrigation system protects your family's water, as well as other Loudoun Water customers, from a reverse flow of water ("back" flow) from your irrigation system.

One example of backflow is a drop in water pressure, which could cause the water in the pipes of your irrigation system to be pulled into the pipes in your house. Without proper backflow protection, fertilizers or other chemicals near your sprinkler heads could possibly end up in the water you drink.

The most common backflow preventer for an irrigation system, and the one Loudoun Water recommends, is a testable device called a reduced pressure principle backflow preventer (RP). This provides the ultimate protection, but only if it is working properly.



Water You Thinking? recommended lawn & garden watering schedule

Irrigation and landscape experts recommend watering every three days for healthy green plants and grass (under dry conditions). Too much watering does not help roots grow, promotes mold and wastes water! We support the following recommended watering schedule to promote healthy plants and turf and spread out the water demand in our system.

- **odd home addresses: WEDNESDAY AND SATURDAY**
- **even home addresses: THURSDAY AND SUNDAY**
- **commercial and multifamily customers: TUESDAY AND FRIDAY**
- **avoid watering from 10:00 AM-4:00 PM**

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