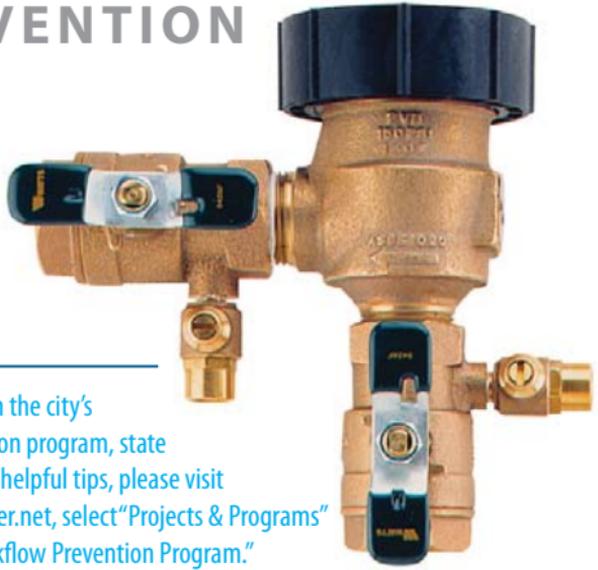


BACKFLOW PREVENTION



For information on the city's backflow prevention program, state requirements and helpful tips, please visit www.boulderwater.net, select "Projects & Programs" then click on "Backflow Prevention Program."

Many water customers don't realize that the brass "thing" sticking up above ground near the lawn sprinkler system actually protects their drinking water quality and is called a backflow prevention assembly. Sprinkler systems can provide a route for bacteria, dirt and raw water sources to get into the water supply. Backflow prevention assemblies help keep contaminants out of our drinking water.

State regulation already requires installation and annual testing of backflow assemblies on commercial and large multifamily properties for all domestic, fire and metered irrigation lines (separately metered lawn sprinkler lines). Single family residences are not typically required to comply. However, the city highly recommends that every customer with an irrigation system have a backflow prevention assembly installed and tested annually.

If you have a sprinkler system, make sure to take the following steps:

- ▶ **SPRING:** Test the backflow prevention assembly.
- ▶ **FALL:** Drain the system and insulate the assembly from freezing.



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