



BACKFLOW PREVENTION ASSEMBLY TESTING AND MAINTENANCE PROGRAM

Many business and home owners have backflow prevention assemblies (BPA's) installed either at their service connection (at the water meter) and/or within their building or home. These assemblies are installed to help protect the quality of water in the public water system by preventing the backflow of potentially contaminated water through cross connections. Per City Ordinance, Florida Regulations and Plumbing Codes, BPA's must be performance tested on an annual basis to ensure they are working properly to protect the public water supply.

This year the City of West Melbourne implemented the ***BACKFLOW PREVENTION ASSEMBLY TESTING AND MAINTENANCE PROGRAM*** to assist businesses and home owners test these BPA's. We have had many favorable comments about this new program. We have also had a few questions about the program that we would like to address with this memo. For your convenience here is a brief overview of the program:

HOW THE PROGRAM WORKS

The City of West Melbourne has hired Hydro Corp, Inc. to review and qualify BPA testing contractors, and assign BPA testing work through a selection process to certified, licensed and insured, and experienced contractors. As a result of a competitive bidding and selection process Parrott Backflow Testing has been selected as the contractor for testing non-fire protection assemblies. Fire protection assemblies will be tested by Florida Fire & Backflow. **The testing fees will be paid for by the City of West Melbourne. Also, the contractor will immediately process all test forms and paper work directly.**

If your BPA requires repair or replacement due to a failed test or damage, the contractor will provide you with a Notice that will contain a list of contractors who can complete the necessary work. You will choose who will repair your valve. The costs for the repair and installation services have also been competitively bid through our program manager, HydroCorp. You may also choose to find your own licensed plumber or you may contact our program manager to assist you with finding a qualified firm to perform the repairs. Note that the home/business owner is responsible for fees related to the repair or replacement of BPA's and will pay the contractor directly for such services. **Any BPA's that have failed must be repaired and retested within 30 days of the testing revealing the need for such repairs.**

All of the BPA testing will be coordinated through our program manager, Hydro Corp, Inc. If you have any questions about this program please contact HydroCorp at 1.800.690.6651, extension 5016, and ask for Amy. Please provide us with any feedback. We value your input.