

13.04.140

13.04.140 Damage to city property.

The customer shall be liable for any damage to a meter or the equipment or property owned by the city which is caused by an act of the customer or his tenants, agents, employees, contractors, licensees or permittees, including the breaking or destruction of seals and locks by the customer on or near a meter.

If the meter is damaged from hot water from the customer's line, the customer shall be required to pay for the cost of repairs of the meter and for the loss of revenue occasioned by the damage, and the customer shall immediately make the necessary corrections in his or her own water lines to prevent further damage to the meter. (Ord. 514 § 14, 1961)

13.04.150 Cross-connections.

A. Health Regulations. It is unlawful to cross-connect the city water supply and any source of water unless such connection and source is approved by the city.

B. Plumbing Code. Customers shall install, maintain and operate their plumbing systems using the city's water supply in accordance with the Oregon State Plumbing Code.

Swimming pools, wading pools or other such devices shall be constructed so that the conduit or pipes supplying the water from the city's distribution system, at the point of outlet of the supply conduit or pipe, shall be at least one foot above the top of the pool or curb or deck.

C. Siphon or Injector Pumps. It is unlawful for any person to install, maintain or use any water siphon or injector type pump operated for drainage purposes which uses the water supply from the city's distribution system.

D. Lawn and Garden Sprinkling Systems. Customer lines leading to lawn or garden sprinkling systems using the water supply from the city's distribution system shall contain an Oregon State Health Division approved double check valve backflow device or an approved reduced pressure ("RP") backflow device to prevent back-siphonage of water that may be standing on the lawn in the event of interruption of service. Such devices shall upon installation be inspected by a certified backflow device tester and shall be tested annually by a certified backflow device tester, all costs of inspection, repair and maintenance shall be borne by the customer. Plans for lawn or garden sprinkling systems shall be approved by the water department before installation.

E. Protection Against Circulating Flow. Where a customer is served by more than one service connection and the connections are interconnected on the customer's premises, a standard check valve approved by the water department shall be installed and maintained by the customer in each of the customer's lines leading from the service connections. (Ord. 93-969 § 1; Ord. 514 § 15, 1961)

13.04.160 Ground wire attachments.

The customer shall be liable for any damage to city property occasioned by electrical ground wire attachment to any plumbing. (Ord. 514 § 16, 1961)

13.04.170 Access to premises.

The duly authorized agents and employees of the water department shall have the right to enter or leave the customer's premises at all reasonable times for any purpose properly connected with the service of water to the customer. (Ord. 514 § 17, 1961)



Drinking Water Backflow Prevention Program

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The City of Sherwood supplies drinking water to the community that meets all EPA and Oregon Health Division requirements for public health and safety. Even though the water that reaches your home or business is safe, it can be contaminated within your own piping system, and could degrade water quality in the rest of the City water system, should that water backflow into the City water mains. Most modern water-using fixtures and appliances (sinks, toilets, and clothes washers) have built-in backflow prevention features, but there are some that don't. Yard irrigation systems, boilers, solar collectors, fire sprinkler systems, spas, and swimming pools are examples of systems that typically do not have these features and require added protection. Backflow prevention assemblies can be installed for these fixtures, on the customer's piping system, to keep water that has passed through the meter from flowing back into the City water system.

The City administers a backflow prevention program to ensure that backflow prevention assemblies are installed where necessary and tested annually by an Oregon Health Division certified tester. This program is required by Oregon law to ensure drinking water quality. Public Works currently monitors over 900 backflow prevention assemblies within the City.

Oregon Administrative Rule 333-61-070 requires that backflow prevention assemblies be tested annually to ensure that they work properly. It is the responsibility of the property owner to have this test done and to make sure that a copy of the test report is sent to the Public Works Department. If an assembly is not tested annually, Public Works will notify the property owner asking them to comply. If the property owner does not voluntarily test their assembly, the City may be forced to turn off water service to that property. State law requires the City to discontinue water service until testing is complete.

If you have a backflow prevention assembly on your property, please do your part to ensure a safe drinking water supply for everyone. Make sure your assembly is tested annually and, if needed, make any repairs immediately. Like fastening your seat belt or putting on a life jacket, backflow prevention is a safety measure against events that might occur. Hopefully, the backflow prevention assemblies you install will never be needed. However, once installed and properly maintained, backflow prevention measures help keep the water safe. If you have any questions about the Backflow Prevention Program or to find out whether you need a backflow assembly, please call Public Works at 625-5722 between 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. The Public Works Department thanks you for your cooperation, and so do all the water drinkers in Sherwood.

Attached is a list of testers provided by the State of Oregon for the customer's convenience. This list is not intended to solicit service or recommend backflow assembly testers. These testers are private individuals or companies. They are not employed by, nor should they be considered agents of the City of Sherwood. The prices quoted by the testers are not based on any City or State pricing standard, they are set by the individual testers. **Your backflow tester should test, repair and replace any defective parts of your backflow device.**