

Northridge Water Company Cross Connection Policy

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The purpose of this policy is to protect the water supply of Northridge Water Company from contamination or pollution from any cross connections; and to assure that approved backflow prevention assemblies are tested when put into service and at least on an annual basis thereafter. This ordinance is in compliance with Oregon Administrative Rule (OAR) 333-061-0071 and the Uniform Plumbing Code (UPC) as adopted by the State of Oregon.

The installation or maintenance of any unprotected cross connection which would endanger the water supply of Northridge Water Company is prohibited. Any such cross connection now existing or hereafter installed is hereby declared unlawful and shall be immediately protected or eliminated.

The control or elimination of cross connection and the criteria from determining degrees of hazard and prescribing appropriate levels of protection shall be in accordance with the UPC and or OAR's.

Water service to any premise shall be contingent upon the customer providing appropriate cross connection control if determined necessary. Determinations and enforcement shall be the responsibility of Dan Perkins Northridge System operator in conjunction with Jackson County plumbing/building inspector. Water service may be refused or terminated to any premises where an unprotected cross connection may allow contamination or pollutants to backflow into the public drinking water system.

Authorized employees of Northridge Water with proper identification, shall have free access at reasonable hours of the day, to all areas of a premise or building to which drinking water is supplied for the purpose of conducting hazard assessment surveys.

Water service may be refused or terminated, or maximum backflow protection may be required, to the premise where access to perform surveys is denied, where unprotected cross connections are located, or in the event that installed assemblies are not tested and maintained as required by State and local regulations.

Before any water service is terminated, a "due process" of notifying the customer and providing a reasonable time for compliance to be achieved will be observed according to the operating procedures of Northridge Water Company. However, in the event of an actual backflow incident which endangers the public health, water service may be terminated immediately and not be restored until the cross connection is either eliminated or adequately protected.

Adopted this 19th day of December, 2011



James Plummer, System Owner