



Fact Sheet on Backflow Prevention Program

You may be required to install a backflow prevention assembly after the water meter. East Bay Municipal Utility District Backflow Prevention Section will assist you in determining if a backflow prevention assembly is required. **Please call (510) 287 - 0874 to schedule with a Backflow Inspector/ Cross-Connection Control Specialist to survey your property.**

If you are required to install a backflow assembly, please be advised of the following:

- It is the customer's responsibility to install, test, maintain, and bear all costs for an approved backflow assembly at the service connection.
- The customer has 30 days to complete installation and testing of a backflow prevention assembly (check the due date on Notice of Requirements form).
- Local city and county permits may be required. Please contact your local city/county permitting office.
- The backflow assembly must be installed directly after the meter.
- The backflow assembly's minimum height is 12" above grade to a maximum of 36" above grade and a 12" perimeter around the assembly is necessary for service and repair (assemblies are not allowed below grade in a pit).
- The assembly must be on EBMUD's approved list, if the water will be used for consumption, the assembly needs to be a lead-free assembly.

After the installation of a backflow assembly:

- A test must be performed by a tester on EBMUD's Certified Backflow Testers List. Send the test by mail within 30 days of notification. Mail to: **EBMUD, Backflow Prevention Section MS# 47, PO Box 24055, Oakland, CA 94623**
- Call and schedule a follow up inspection by an EBMUD Backflow Inspector to verify that assembly is correctly installed.
- When a "Notice of Correction" or "Notice of Requirement" is issued, failure to install and test a backflow assembly may result in service interruption/termination.

For all fire services four inches and over, you must flush the underground piping prior to service activation. EBMUD Backflow Section needs to witness the flush, Backflow Section requires at least a 48 hour notice prior to scheduling the flush. Please schedule with the local Fire Marshall / Fire Inspector before calling EBMUD. Only EBMUD is allowed to operate a street valve, all contractors must coordinate with EBMUD Backflow Section. If you are given a 'Notice of Requirement' to install backflow protection on your fire service, an underground fire service flush will not be performed until you install the proper backflow protection.

For more information about EBMUD's Backflow Prevention Program, call (510) 287-0874. We are open Monday - Friday, 7:00 AM - 3:00 PM.