



City of North Port
North Port Utilities Department
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Attention residential customers with an existing backflow prevention device:

On March 24, 2020, City Commission approved Ordinance 2020-02, amending City Code Section 78-129 to eliminate the residential “opt-in” program. This program previously permitted customers to appoint the City as their agent for the purposes of completing the testing, installation, repair, and replacement requirements of the Cross-Connection Control Program, more commonly known as the Backflow Program.

If you previously opted-in to this program, you will now be required to independently coordinate with a licensed plumber who is also a certified backflow device tester to comply with the testing requirement and submit the required documentation to the Utilities Department by the testing due date.

In accordance with Florida Department of Environmental Protection (FDEP) Rule 62-555.360 and Section 78-1229 of the City Code, all residential testable devices are required to be tested biennially. If you have a testable backflow prevention device on your property, you will receive two separate notifications at 60 days and 30 days prior to the testing due date in order to allow sufficient time for you to comply with the testing requirement. These notices will be sent separately from your monthly utility bill. Please be aware that if passing test results are not received by the due date listed on these notifications, you will be considered non-compliant and subject to a non-compliance fee and the possibility of disconnection of service.

In accordance with the FDEP Rule 62-555.360 and Section 78-129 of the City Code, if your property does **not** contain one of the hazards listed below, you may be eligible to replace your current device with a non-testable, inground dual-check device, which is subject to mandatory replacement every five years.

- Active well
- Auxiliary or reclaimed water system
- Irrigation system connected to the Utilities distribution system

However, if one of the above hazards exist on your property, a testable, above-ground device is still required.

If you are interested in replacing your existing device, contact our Utilities Field Operations Office to schedule a site visit to confirm that no hazards exist on your property. Once device replacement has been approved by the Utilities Department, installation may be completed at the property owner’s expense by a certified technician in compliance with City Building and Administrative Code and after the required permit has been obtained through Neighborhood Development Services. Written certification of device installation must be submitted to the Utilities Department upon completion.

For more information of device and testing requirements, contact our Utilities Field Operations Office at 941-240-8000 or visit the City’s website at www.cityofnorthport.com