

# City of Hubbard

## BACKFLOW PROTECTION PROGRAM

### Required by OHIO E.P.A.

#### Backflow Information

Backflow is defined as the reversal of the normal direction of water flow within a piping system. Normally, water flows from the Hubbard distribution system into the user's home or business. When a backflow occurs, the water flows from the house or business into the Hubbard water distribution system.

#### Effects of Backflow

If this happens, more than just water may be carried back into the Hubbard water distribution system. The backflow could contain mixtures or substances that can cause effects ranging from mild irritation to serious illness or death. The piping arrangement in which a backflow could occur is called a cross connection.

#### About the Backflow Program

Regulatory authority for the Backflow Program rests with the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency and enforcement of the program rests with the water supplier. [View Chapter 3745-95 Backflow Prevention and Cross-Connection Control](#) from the Ohio Administrative Code.

#### City Responsibilities

Hubbard, as the supplier of water, has the responsibility for providing our water customers with safe and potable water. This responsibility begins at the source and ends at the point of delivery which is defined by the Ohio Administrative Code as the outlet side of the water meter on the buildings service line. The City of Hubbard's responsibilities include:

- \* **Periodical survey of user's premises to determine if there are any cross-connection and to evaluate the water –use practices**
- \* **Have a review of drawings for new buildings prior to construction to determine the degree of hazard and perform a site inspection during or immediately after construction-the City of Hubbard contracts with the Trumbull County Health Board for these inspections.**
- \* **Requiring the water user to eliminate the hazards or to protect the public water system by the installation of a backflow device at the service connection.**
- \* **Requiring the water user to ensure that all of the backflow-devices are in proper, working order.**

#### Backflow Device Testing

If your house or business has a backflow prevention device, you will receive a letter each year reminding you to have your backflow device tested. IF YOUR BACKFLOW DEVICE IS NOT TESTED, OR IF THE WATER DEPARTMENT DOES NOT RECEIVE THE RESULTS OF THE TESTING, **THE CITY OF HUBBARD MUST SHUTOFF YOUR WATER SUPPLY FOR THE PROTECTION OF THE REST OF THE USERS OF THE WATER DISTRIBUTION.** MORE INFORMATION CONCERNING THE CITY OF HUBBARD BACKFLOW PROGRAM CAN BE FOUND WITH ORDINANCE 4-13 OR IF YOU WOULD HAVE QUESTIONS CONCERNING THE

PROGRAM, PLEASE CONTACT OUR BACKFLOW PROGRAM COORDINATOR AT 330-534-3636 OR THE SERVICE DIRECTOR OF THE CITY OF HUBBARD AT 330-534-7755.

**Certified Backflow Plumbers**

A list of certified backflow assembly plumbers can be found at the State of Ohio Department of Commerce website. The list is located under the tab Industrial Compliance and Labor. Next go the Bureau of Building Code Compliance, Inspections and scroll down to Search List of Certified Licensed Professionals.

**Backflow Prevention Test Results**

Results of the testing of your Backflow device can be faxed to 330-534-6287, emailed to [bflow1@sbcglobal.net](mailto:bflow1@sbcglobal.net) or mailed to City of Hubbard, Backflow Cord., PO Box 307, Hubbard, Ohio 44425.