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Cross Connection Control and Backflow Prevention News
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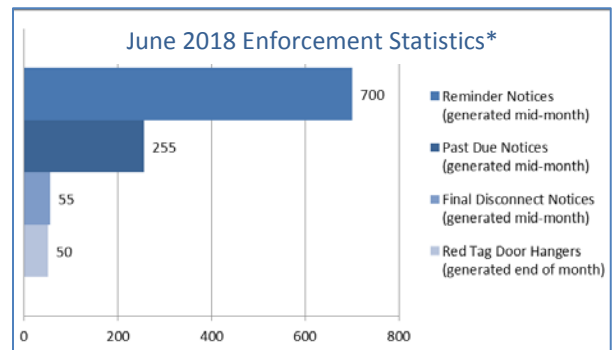
In 2018, City Utilities repealed the 1974 "Fort Wayne Water Utility Cross Connection Regulation" and replaced it with formal language inserted by ordinance into the Fort Wayne Code of Ordinances ("Code"), Chapter 52. You may find the Code online at www.cityoffortwayne.org/city-code.html. The changes included adding and updating definitions to mirror state law or be more descriptive; defining procedures for temporary water service connections; and adding a section to specify when backflow prevention is required consistent with the City Utilities Design Standards Manual. It is important for backflow testers to know that City Utilities now reserves the right to reject test reports from individuals that are found to be in violation of the Code or state law. Hopefully City Utilities will never need to utilize this enforcement action, but it is now especially prudent that testing companies report test results in a timely and truthful manner.

❖ **TEMPORARY ("CONSTRUCTION") METER PROGRAM & BACKFLOW PREVENTION REQUIREMENTS**

Effective April 1, 2018, backflow prevention is required on all temporary water meters due to the varying types of direct or indirect cross connections and varying degrees of hazards that can occur at temporary water service connections. Either an approved Reduced Pressure Principal Assembly (RP) or an approved Air Gap (AG) must be installed on the downstream side of the water meter and upstream of any cross connection. Test results for RPs must be provided by the customer before the temporary water meter will be issued. Tests for AGs will be performed and reported by a City Utilities Certified Backflow Device Tester at the time the temporary water meter is to be picked up. If you need a temporary water source to test a backflow device that will be utilized on a temporary water meter, call City Utilities' Water Maintenance and Service Department at **260-427-1182** to schedule a time to use a water source near their office at 415 E. Wallace Street.

❖ **NEW INFO FOR TESTERS ON WEBSITE & NEW TESTER BUSINESS LISTING–*PLEASE REVIEW*!**

City Utilities has further improved our webpage to assist you with your operations. There is now a page with information specifically for testers. It includes a new chart of monthly enforcement statistics to help you anticipate the number of service calls you may receive. Also posted on the webpage are instructions on scheduling service orders. In addition, City Utilities is working to enhance our Backflow Tester Business Listing to better serve our customers. We hope this will narrow your call load to only those customers for whom you provide service. New sections in the listing have been added to specify which device types and customer types you service. These categories were selected based on data from TrackMyBackflow.com. Please review the enclosed listing and contact Jessica Caplinger at 260-427-2543 or Jessica.Caplinger@cityoffortwayne.org if any selections are incorrect. Please also check that your preferred phone number and web address are listed. This newly formatted list will be published on **August 31, 2018** so please let us know if corrections are needed before then. If there is anything else that you would find helpful to have readily available on our website, please let us know.

June 2018 Enforcement Statistics*

- Reminder Notices (generated mid-month): 700
- Past Due Notices (generated mid-month): 255
- Final Disconnect Notices (generated mid-month): 55
- Red Tag Door Hangers (generated end of month): 50

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❖ **FILING FEE FOR NEW DEVICES**

As you're aware, Aqua Backflow entered test results for newly installed or newly found devices as a courtesy for testing companies during the first two years of Fort Wayne City Utilities' transition to TrackMyBackflow.com. Test results for new devices must now be entered, and paid for, by the testing companies. Upon receipt of an emailed, faxed, or hard copy test report, Aqua Backflow or City Utilities will add the device info into the system for you, and you will be provided the Hazard ID # so you may enter the test measurements as usual. To ensure the new device is processed quickly, you may email the test report to Info@aquabackflow.com and CrossConnectionControl@cityoffortwayne.org. If the project is being reviewed by City Utilities Development Services, you should also copy Rick.Seals@cityoffortwayne.org. All new devices are reviewed by City Utilities before being added to TrackMyBackflow.com. This ensures that they are installed on the correct address and service line on the website and that the appropriate device is installed commensurate with the degree of hazard.

❖ **UPCOMING CROSS-CONNECTION CONTROL DEVICE TESTER CERTIFICATION CLASS THIS FALL**

City Utilities is planning to host a Cross-Connection Control Device Tester Certification Class tentatively scheduled for October 2018 at City Utilities' Water Maintenance and Service Department located at 415 E Wallace Street in Fort Wayne. Watch for an emailed invitation and be sure to register early as space is limited!

Sincerely,

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City Utilities welcomes your suggestions for information you would like to see on our webpage or recommendations that could make our program more effective. Please contact our office if you have ideas, questions, or concerns regarding the Cross Connection Control & Backflow Prevention Program.

Please post and distribute this newsletter to the staff in your office.

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