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WHAT IS BACKFLOW AND CROSS-CONNECTION?

Cross-connections are points in a public water system where it is possible for contaminating fluids to be pulled into the water system. Water systems depend on water pressure to keep water flowing through the pipes in the proper direction. Anything that causes a drop in water pressure can cause a reverse flow, or backflow, or even a back suction into the water pipes.

CROSS-CONNECTION CONTROL AND BACKFLOW PREVENTION PROGRAM

No question about it, our primary job is to protect the integrity of our customer's drinking water. To ensure that our customers draw a clean glass of water when opening the tap, we continue to emphasize the Cross-Connection Control program, working with customers to prevent contamination of any kind.

HOW CAN YOU PREVENT CONTAMINATION OF YOUR DRINKING WATER?

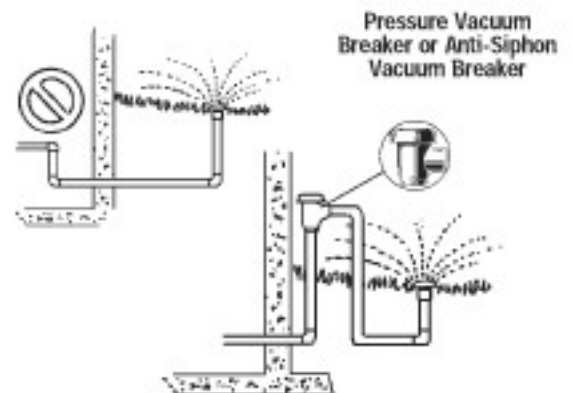
Protect your drinking water by taking the following precautions:

Don't:

- Submerge hoses in buckets, tubs, sinks, ponds, etc.
- Use spray attachments without a backflow prevention device
- Use a hose to unplug blocked toilets, sewer, etc.

Do:

- ✓ Keep the ends of hoses clear of all possible contaminants.
- ✓ If not already equipped with an integral (built-in) vacuum breaker, buy and install hose bib type vacuum breakers on all threaded faucets and around your home. These devices are inexpensive and are available at hardware stores and home improvement centers.
- ✓ Install an approved backflow prevention assembly on all underground lawn irrigation systems.



WHAT IS THE LAW?

Utah Code requires public water suppliers to protect their water systems from cross-connections and prevent backflow situations. Public water suppliers must evaluate any cross-connection hazards posed by their customers. If a customer has a cross-connection hazard, the customer will be required to eliminate the hazard and/or install a backflow prevention device.