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**BACKFLOW DEVICE TESTING FOR 2022**

 Service Location: 70 WESTERN AVE

Our records indicate that your residence or business has either a ***testable backflow device, or an RPZ***, on the water service, which requires annual testing to comply with Hampden Water District’s Cross Connection Program and the regulations of the State of Maine Drinking Water Program. The State of Maine’s Cross-Connection Rules, (10-144A CMR 226, Section (9)(B)) state, “It shall be the responsibility of the supplier and owner to ensure that all cross-connections are tested and inspected on a regular basis as specified in the supplier’s program.”

Because any backflow preventer can fail, periodic testing (depending on the degree of hazard) and inspections are necessary. This testing shall be performed at the expense of the owner and done by a ***certified backflow tester***. Any device that fails during the test, shall be repaired immediately. Any costs for parts and repairs are to be assumed by the owner and failure to correct any malfunctions will result in termination of the service in order to protect other consumers.

There is ***one document*** enclosed with this letter. The first side is a list of the certified backflow testers and their contact information. This list is for your convenience and is not meant to be complete. You may wish to check with your local plumber or maintenance person for their recommendations also. The second side is a form that the certified tester needs to complete and then a copy **must be returned to us *no later than October 31, 2022*** This information is also available on our website at [www.hampdenwaterdistrict.org](http://www.hampdenwwaterdistrict.org).

Hampden Water District requires that each testable device, unless requiring more frequent checks, be tested annually and the results sent to the District, so that we will remain in compliance with state requirements. To ensure safe drinking water is delivered to all of our customers, HWD may terminate your water service if you fail to have your backflow device tested by *October 31, 2022*.

If you believe the hazard (i.e. pool, hot tub, sprinklers, etc.) has been removed, please call us and schedule an appointment to reassess the degree of hazard and your backflow testing requirements.

Thanks,

Hampden Water District