



BACKFLOW PREVENTION ASSEMBLY TESTING PROGRAM

Many businesses have backflow prevention assemblies (BPA's) installed either at their service connection (at the water meter) and/or within their building. These assemblies are installed to help protect the quality of water in the public water system by preventing the backflow of potentially contaminated water through cross connections.

Per Florida Department of Environmental Department (FDEP) Regulations 62-555.360, National Plumbing Code and City Ordinance Chapter 86, Part I, Section 86.120, BPA's **must be** performance tested annually for commercial properties to ensure they are working properly to protect the public water supply.

St. Lucie West Services District (SLWSD) recognizes that the time and cost to obtain a qualified tester, test the BPA's, and then submit the appropriate test form(s) within a specified time period can be a burden.

Therefore, SLWSD has implemented a **BACKFLOW PREVENTION ASSEMBLY TESTING PROGRAM** to assist businesses/property owners' test these BPA's; to eliminate the hassle and save you time.

The Florida Department of Environmental Protection **requires** testing on a biennial basis for residential properties and annually for commercial properties.

HOW THE PROGRAM WORKS

St. Lucie West Services District (SLWSD) has hired a program management firm, HydroCorp, to review, identify, and qualify BPA testing contractors, and assign BPA testing work through a selection process to a certified, licensed, and insured, and experienced contractor.

The selected contractor (TBD) will be contacting you in the last quarter of each calendar year (Oct 1-Dec 31st) to test your backflow prevention assembly.

SLWSD will show an annual charge for this service for each device tested by SLWSD on the account holder's bill the month following the test date.

SLWSD does offer an Opt-Out option for each device for this program. The owner of the BPA would be charged an Opt-Out fee per device, and will have to hire a contractor, and submit the paperwork to SLWSD for each device for filing.

If your BPA requires repair due to a SLWSD tester confirmed failed test or tester discovered device damage, the SLWSD contractor will advise you of the requirements and SLWSD shall provide you with a list of registered repair technicians.

The Repair shall be made within 30 days, retested by your hired contractor, and the passing test report shall be submitted to SLWSD.

All of the BPA testing and repair services are required to be coordinated through our program manager, HydroCorp. If you have any questions about this program, please contact HDI at 1.800.690.6651, extension 5016, and ask for Amy Lynn.