

# CHAPTER 20: WATER SERVICE

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## ARTICLE I. IN GENERAL

### Section 20-101 Water Works for the Town of Maxeys

The water works shall be under the immediate control and supervision of a person designated by the Mayor and Town Council. who shall perform all acts that may be necessary for the prudent, efficient and economical management and protection of water works

**Section 20-102            Service Area**

1. All structures and buildings located in the service area of the Town of Maxeys as established by House Bill 489 and approved by the Georgia Department of Community Affairs shall utilize the Town's water system, and shall comply with all the rules and regulations, including the fees and charges for the use thereof, promulgated by the governing authority of the Town of Maxeys.
2. Extensions to the system shall be made only when the consumer shall grant or convey, or shall cause to be granted or conveyed, to the Town of Maxeys a permanent easement of right of way across any property traversed by the water lines.

**Section 20-103            Application for Water; Consumers Responsibility and Liability**

1. Water furnished by the Town of Maxeys shall be used for consumption by the consumer or tenant, members of his/her household and employees only. The consumer shall not sell water to any other person to use said water. Water shall not be used for irrigation, fire protection, nor other purposes except when water is available in sufficient quantity without interfering with the regular domestic consumption in the area served. Disregard for this rule shall be sufficient cause for refusal and/or discontinuance of service.
  - A. Customers shall prevent unnecessary waste of water and keep all water outlets closed when not in actual use. Outlets must not be allowed to run for any purpose other than the use for which they were intended. When any such waste occurs, the water service may be terminated.
  - B. Where meter or meter box is placed on the premises of a consumer, a suitable place shall be provided by the consumer therefore, unobstructed and accessible at all times to the meter reader.
  - C. The consumer shall furnish and maintain a private cut-off valve on the consumer's side of the meter.
  - D. In order to be received as a consumer and entitled to receive water from the Town's water system, all applicants must offer proof that any private wells located on their property are not physically connected to the lines of the Town's water system and all applicants by becoming consumers of the Town's water system they will not permit the connection of any private wells on their property to the Town's water system.
  - E. Application for the use of water shall be made to the Town Clerk by the owner or agent of the property to be benefitted, designate the location of the property and stating the purpose for which the water may be required.
  - F. Master meters are not allowed for any residential, commercial or industrial service unless specifically reviewed and recommended by the Town Engineer and approved by the Mayor and Council. All building units shall be individually metered.

**Section 20-104            Charges for Initial Water Service**

Meter installation and connection fees shall be determined by resolution by the Mayor and Council.

**Section 20-105            Plumbing**

1. All plumbing, including pipes, valves, fittings and interior fixtures shall meet the applicable minimum health and sanitation standards of the State of Georgia and the Town of Maxeys.
2. Customer shall be responsible for any pressure reduction devices desired by the customer on his side of the service meter.

**Section 20-106            Town's Responsibility and Liability**

1. The Town of Maxeys shall run a service line from its distribution line to the property line where the distribution line exists or is to be constructed, and runs immediately adjacent and parallel to the property to be served.
2. The Town may make connections to service other properties not adjacent to its lines upon payment of reasonable costs for the extensions of its distribution lines as may be required to render such service. Such costs shall be in addition to the installation fee and connection fee shown in Section 104.

3. The Town may install its meter at or near the property line, or at the Town's option, on the consumer's property within three feet (3') of the property line. If located on the consumer's property. The Town shall have the right of ingress and egress to the meter for reading, servicing and other purposes as related to the Town's water system.
4. The Town reserves the right to refuse service unless the consumer's lines or piping are installed in such a manner as to prevent cross-connection or backflow.
5. The Town reserves the right to modify their water system and adjust the operating pressure up or down as deemed necessary for the operation of the system. The Town shall maintain minimum pressure in compliance with EPD regulations. The Town shall not be responsible for a maximum pressure or exceedence thereof.
6. Under normal conditions the consumer will be notified of any anticipated interruptions of Service by the Town of Maxeys.

**Section 20-107 Water Restrictions**

1. In case of water shortage, the Mayor and Town Council may by resolution place any restrictions upon the use of water, which they deem necessary and in accordance with the Town Ordinance and EPD rules and regulations.
2. Any person violating water restrictions set by the Mayor and Town Council of Maxeys shall be guilty of misdemeanor with a maximum fine not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00).

**Section 20-108 Use During Fire Alarm and Water Emergencies**

1. During all fire alarms and water emergencies the Town shall have the right to restrict all non-potable water use for the duration of the fire alarm or emergency plus the time for the Town's water system to recover as determined by the Town Engineer. Any person violating restriction during a period of water restrictions or emergency curtailment shall be guilty of a misdemeanor with a maximum fine not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00).

**Section 20-109 Water Rates**

Water rates shall be determined by resolution by the Mayor and Council.

**Section 20-110 No Free Service**

1. All water service shall be on a fully metered basis, and no free service shall be furnished.
2. The rate schedule set forth above contemplates a single user, such as one-dwelling, one-farm dwelling with appurtenances, or one-commercial operation.
3. Extraordinary circumstances, such as multiple dwelling units, industrial users, and fire protection, shall be governed by special contract agreements made by the Mayor and Town Council on recommendation of the Town's Engineer.

**Section 20-111 Fire Hydrant Meters**

1. Fire hydrant meter may be rented by the Town of Maxeys to private individuals, firms or corporations at a deposit of six hundred fifty dollars (\$650.00) and a usage charge of ten dollars per one thousand gallons (\$10.00/1,000 gals.) of water used. Any person tampering with fire hydrants without the authorization of the Town of Maxeys shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and shall be punished with a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00) plus the cost of water, if any, used.

**Section 20-112 Permit and Deposit**

1. Before connecting with the water system each customer shall obtain a permit from the Town Clerk and shall deposit fifty dollars (\$50.00) as security for the prompt payment of all accounts of the customer with the water system. Such deposit shall be returned to the customer upon termination of the services if all charges due to system have been paid, but in the event that the customer becomes in arrears in such charges, then such deposit shall be used in whole or in part in liquidation of same, and the deposit by the customer shall be construed as consent to such use. All such deposits shall be retained in a separate account to be accounted for at the termination of service, except in the case of a customer becoming arrears in charges, at which time the deposit may be withdrawn from the special account and applied to the payment of the delinquent charge.

**Section 20-113 Water Bills**

1. Water meters shall be read on the first (1<sup>st</sup>) day of each month, as nearly as possible, and bills shall be mailed on the first (1<sup>st</sup>) day of each succeeding month. All water bills shall be due on or before the twentieth (20<sup>th</sup>) day of the month following the reading of the meter, and if not paid by such date, a penalty of fifteen percent (15%) of the amount of the bill shall be added thereto and paid by the water customer.
2. **Complaints and Adjustments.** If the consumer believes his bill to be in error, he shall present his claim in person at the Town Hall of the Town of Maxeys before the bill becomes delinquent. Such claim, if made after the bill has become delinquent shall not be effective in preventing discontinuance of service as heretofore provided. The consumer may pay such bill under protest and said payment shall not prejudice his claim.
  - A. The Town will make a special meter reading at the request of a consumer for a fee of five dollars (\$5.00) provided, however, that if such special reading discloses that the meter was over-read, no charge will be made.
  - B. Water meters will be tested at the request of the consumer upon payment to the Town of the actual costs of making the test, provided, however that if the meter is found to over-register beyond three percent (3%) of the correct volume, no charge will be made.
  - C. If the seal of a meter is broken by other than the Town's representative or if the meter fails to register correctly or is stopped for any cause, the consumer shall pay an amount estimated from the record of his previous bills and/or from other proper data.
3. The customer can appeal any decision by the staff for partial adjustment of water bill or non-adjustment of water bill to the Mayor and Council. The decision of the Mayor and Council shall be final. During the period of dispute or appeal to the Mayor and Council the customer shall be expected to have paid the average water bill and any overage thereof shall be noted to be in appeal. During the appeal process time the customer's water service shall not be discontinued for lack of payment of the amount in appeal. If the customer appeals to the Mayor and Council, the appeals shall be presented by the customer to the Mayor and Council at the next Council meeting. The Mayor and Council will issue a ruling on the matter. Any payment resulting from a decision by the Mayor and Council on the appealed amount shall be deemed due and payable by the customer within seven (7) days or the service will then be subject to termination for non-payment. Guidelines and policies to govern the adjustment of water bills shall be developed by the Town and approved for use by the Mayor and Council.

**Section 20-114 Meter Reading, Billing, Collection**

1. Except as noted in Section 20-113.3 any bill for water that is not paid by the twenty-fifth (25<sup>th</sup>) day of the month, the Town Clerk shall notify the supervisor to disconnect service to that customer, and in no case shall service be reinstated to that customer, and in no case shall service be reinstated to the same property until the delinquencies shall have been paid in full.
2. Nonpayment by 30<sup>th</sup> of the month that the bill is due will allow the Town, in addition to all other rights and remedies, to terminate agreement. In such event, the water user shall not be entitled to receive, nor the Town obligated to supply, any water under this agreement.
3. When water service is discontinued and all bills paid, the security deposit shall be refunded to the consumer by the Town.

4. The Mayor and Council may by resolution provide for the return of security deposits to consumers who have no history of delinquency in paying their water bills for a period of twenty-four (24) consecutive months.
5. The Town reserves a right to discontinue its service without notice for the following additional causes:
  - A. To prevent fraud or abuse.
  - B. Consumer's willful disregard of the Town's rules.
  - C. Emergency repairs.
  - D. Insufficiency of water supply due to circumstances beyond the Town's control.
  - E. Legal processes.
  - F. Violation of Town cross connection and backflow prevention program or ordinance.
  - G. Violation of Town or State Plumbing Code.
  - H. Direction of public authorities.
  - I. Strike, riot, flood, unavoidable accident.
  - J. Customer disregard of leakage of water on customer side of meter.

**Section 20-115 Charges for Reconnection**

If the water supply to any premise is turned off for any reason, a charge of twenty-five dollars (\$25.00) shall be made for reconnecting the water.

**Section 20-116 Change of Rates**

Since the issuance and sale of water revenue obligations is predicated upon a covenant by the Town of Maxeys to maintain such rates for the services provided by the water system as shall produce income and revenues sufficient to pay the reasonable cost of the operation and maintenance of said system and to pay the principal of and interest on revenue obligation of the system punctually and promptly as the same shall become due, and to maintain a reasonable reserve therefore, the rates in this Chapter shall not be changed to the extent that the covenant above referred to will be impaired or adversely affected.

**Section 20-117 Unlawful Connection**

It shall be unlawful for any person or persons to make any connection to the water system without permission from the Town of Maxeys, or to reconnect service when it has been disconnected for non-payment of a bill for service. Upon conviction, there shall be a fine imposed of not more than one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00) plus the value of the water service obtained. Without records by the consumer to confirm the quantity of water service obtained, the minimum charge shall be five hundred dollars (\$500.00) for water to be levied. If records are presented confirming usage, the charge shall be ten dollars per one thousand gallons (\$10.00/1,000 gals.) for water usage.

**Section 20-118 Change of Occupancy**

Not less than three (3) days notice must be given, in person or in writing at the Town Hall of the Town of Maxeys to discontinue water service or to change occupancy. The outgoing party shall be responsible for all water consumed up to the date/time of departure or the time specified for departure, whichever period is longer. The new occupant shall apply for water service within forty-eight (48) hours after occupying the premises and failure to do so will make him liable for paying the water consumed since the last meter reading.

**ARTICLE II. TOWN OF MAXEYS CROSS-CONNECTION CONTROL ORDINANCE**

**Section 20-201 Purpose**

1. To protect the public potable water supply served by the Town of Maxeys from the possibility of contamination or pollution by isolating within its customers internal distribution system, such contaminants or pollutants which could backflow or back siphon into the public water system.
2. To promote the elimination or control of existing cross-connections, actual or potential, between its customers in-plant potable water system, and no-potable water systems by cross connection.

3. To provide for the maintenance of a continuing program of cross-connection control which will effectively prevent the contamination or pollution of all potable water systems by cross-connection.

**Section 20-202 Authority**

1. The Federal Safe Drinking Water Act of 1974, and the statutes of the State of Georgia, the water purveyor has the primary responsibility for preventing water from unapproved sources, or any other substances, from entering the public potable water system.
2. Town of Maxeys, Rules and Regulations, adopted.

**Section 20-203 Responsibility**

The Mayor, Town Clerk or other designee of the Town Council shall be responsible for the protection of the public potable water distribution system from contamination or pollution due to the backflow or back-siphonage or contaminates or pollutants through the water service connection. If, in the judgment of the Mayor, Town Clerk or other designee of the Town Council, an approved backflow device is required at the Town's water service connection to any customer's premises, the Mayor, or his delegated agent, Town Clerk or other designee of the Town Council, shall give notice in writing to said customer to install an approved backflow prevention device at each service connection to his premises. The customer shall, within ninety (90) days install such approved device, or devices, at his own expense, and failure to refusal, or inability on the part of the customer to install said device or devices within ninety (90) days, shall constitute grounds for discontinuing water service to the premises until such device or devices have been properly installed.

**Section 20-204 Definitions**

1. **Approved.** Accepted by the Mayor, Town Clerk, or other designee of the Town Council as meeting an applicable specification stated or cited in this regulation, or as suitable for the proposed use.
2. **Auxiliary Water Supply.** Any water supply, on or available, to the premises other than the purveyor's approved public potable water supply.
3. **Backflow.** The flow of water or other liquids, mixtures or substances, under positive or reduced pressure in the distribution pipes of a potable water supply from any source other than its intended source.
4. **Backflow Preventor.** A device or means designed to prevent backflow or back-siphonage. Most commonly categorized as airgap, reduced pressure principal device, double check valve assembly, pressure vacuum breaker, atmospheric vacuum breaker, hose bib vacuum breaker, residential dual check, double check with intermediate atmospheric vent, and barometric loop.
  - A. **Air Gap.** A physical separation sufficient to prevent backflow between the free-flowing discharge end of the potable water system and any other system. Physically defined as a distance equal to twice the diameter of the supply side pipe diameter but never less than one (1) inch.
  - B. **Atmospheric Vacuum Breaker.** A device which prevents back-siphonage by creating an atmospheric vent when there is either a negative pressure or sub-atmospheric pressure in a water system
  - C. **Barometric Loop.** A fabricated piping arrangement rising at least thirty-five feet (35') at its topmost point above the highest fixture it supplies. It is utilized in water supply systems to protect against back-siphonage.
  - D. **Double Check Valve Assembly.** An assembly of two (2) independently operating spring loaded check valves with tightly closing shut off valves on each side of the check valves, plus properly located test cocks for the testing of each check valve.
  - E. **Double Check Valve with Intermediate Atmospheric Vent.** A device having two (2) spring loaded check valves separated by an atmospheric vent chamber.
  - F. **Hose Bibb Vacuum Breaker.** A device which is permanently attached to a hose bibb and which acts as an atmospheric vent chamber.
  - G. **Pressure Vacuum Breaker.** A device containing one or two independently operated spring loaded check valves and an independently operated spring loaded air inlet valve located on the discharge side of the check or checks. Device includes tightly closing shut-off valves on each side of the check valves and properly located test cocks for the testing of the check valves.

- H. Reduced Pressure Principal Backflow Preventor.** An assembly consisting of two (2) independently operating approved check valves with an automatically operating differential relief valve located between the two (2) check valves, tightly closing shut-off valves on each side of the valve located between the two (2) check valves plus properly located test cocks for the testing of the check valves and the relief valve.
- I. Residential Dual Check.** An assembly of two (2) spring loaded, independently operating check valves without tightly closing shut-off valves and test cocks. Generally employed immediately downstream of the water meter to act as containment device.
- 5. Backpressure.** A condition in which the owner's system pressure is greater than the supplier's system pressure.
- 6. Back-siphonage.** The flow of water or other liquids, mixtures or substances into the distribution pipes of a potable water supply system from any source other than its intended source caused by the sudden reduction of pressure in the potable water supply system.
- 7. Commission.** The State of Georgia Water Supply and Pollution Control Commission.
- 8. Containment.** A method of backflow prevention which requires a backflow prevention preventor at the water service entrance.
- 9. Contaminant.** A substance that will impair the quality of the water to a degree that it creates a serious health hazard to the public leading to poisoning or the spread of disease.
- 10. Cross-connection.** Any actual or potential connection between the public water supply and a source of contamination or pollution.
- 11. Fixture Isolation.** A method of backflow prevention in which a backflow preventor is located to correct a cross connection at an in-plant location rather than at a water service entrance.
- 12. Owner.** Any person who has legal title to, or license to operate or habitat in, a property upon which a cross-connection inspection is to be made or upon which a cross-connection is present.
- 13. Person.** Any individual, partnership, company, public or private corporation, political subdivision or agency of the Georgia Environmental Protection Department, agency or instrumentality or the United States.
- 14. Permit.** A document issued by the Town, which allows the use of a backflow preventor.
- 15. Pollutant.** A foreign substance, that if permitted to get into the public water system, will degrade its quality so as to constitute a modern hazard, or impair the usefulness or quality of the water to a degree which does adversely and unreasonably effect such water for domestic use.
- 16. Water Service Entrance.** That point in the owner's water system beyond the sanitary control of the Town, generally considered to be the outlet end of the water meter and always before any unprotected branch.
- 17. Mayor.** The Mayor of the Town of Maxeys, or his delegated representative, the Town Clerk, or other designee of the Town Council, is invested with the authority and responsibility for the implementation of a cross-connection control program and for the enforcement of the provisions of Ordinance.

## Section 20-205 Administration

1. The Town will operate a cross-connection control program, to include the keeping of necessary records, which fulfills the requirements of the Georgia Environmental Protection Department.
2. The owner shall allow his property to be inspected for possible cross-connections and shall follow the provisions of the Town's program and the Georgia Environmental Protection Department Regulations if a cross-connection is permitted.
3. If the Town requires that the public supply be protected by containment, the owner shall be responsible for water quality beyond the outlet end of the containment device and should utilize fixture outlet protection for that purpose.

He may utilize public health officials, or personnel from the Town, or their delegated representatives, to assist him in the survey of his facilities and to assist him in the selection of property fixture outlet devices, and the proper installation of these devices.

**Section 20-206 Requirements**

**1. Town of Maxeys.**

- A.** On new installations, the Town will provide on-site evaluation and/or inspection of plans in order to determine the type of backflow preventor, if any, that will be required, will issue permit, and perform inspection and testing. In any case, a minimum of a dual check valve will be required in any new construction.
- B.** For premises existing prior to the start of this program, the Town will perform evaluations and inspections of plans and/or premises and inform the owner by letter of any corrective action deemed necessary, the method of achieving the correction and the time allowed for the correction to be made. Ordinarily, ninety (90) days will be allowed, however, this time period may be shortened depending upon the degree of hazard involved and the history of device(s) in question.
- C.** The Town will not allow any cross-connection to remain unless it is protected by an approved backflow preventor for which a permit has been issued and which will be regularly tested to insure satisfactory operation.
- D.** The Town shall inform the owner by letter, of any failure to comply, by the time of the first re-inspection. The Town will allow an additional fifteen (15) days from the correction. In the event the owner fails to comply with the necessary correction by the time of the second re-inspection, the Town will inform the owner by letter, that the water service to the owner's premises will be terminated within a period not to exceed five (5) days. In the event that the owner informs the Town of extenuating circumstances as to why the correction has not been made, a time extension may be granted by the Town but in no case will exceed an additional thirty (30) days.
- E.** If the Town determines at any time that a serious threat to the public health exists, the water service will be terminated immediately.
- F.** The Town shall have on file, a list of private contractors who are certified backflow device testers. All charges for these tests will be paid by the owner of the building or property.
- G.** The Town will begin initial premise inspections to determine the nature of existing or potential hazards, following the approval of this program by the commission, during the calendar year 2002. Initial focus will be on high hazard industries and commercial premises.

**2. Owner.**

- A.** The owner shall be responsible for the elimination or protection of all cross-connections on his premises.
- B.** The owner, after having been informed by a letter from the Town, shall at his expense, install, maintain, and test, or have tested, any and all backflow preventor on his premises.
- C.** The owner shall correct any malfunction of the backflow preventor, which is revealed by periodic testing.
- D.** The owner shall inform the Town of any proposed or modified cross-connections and also any existing cross-connections of which the owner is aware but has not been found by the Town.
- E.** The owner shall not install a by-pass around any backflow preventor unless there is a backflow preventor of the same type on the bypass. Owners who cannot shut down operation for testing of the device(s) must supply additional devices necessary to allow testing to take place.
- F.** The owner shall install backflow preventor in a manner approved by the Town.
- G.** The owner shall install only backflow preventor approved by the Town.
- H.** Any owner having an irrigation system, swimming pool, or other direct connection to the water system which creates a cross connection must have a permit and must comply with this Ordinance.
- I.** Any owner having a private well or other private water source must have a permit if the well or source is cross-connected to the Town's system. Permission to cross-connect may be denied by the Town. The owner may be required to install a backflow preventor at the service entrance if a private water source is maintained, even if it is not cross-connected to the Town's system.
- J.** In the event the owner installs plumbing to provide potable water for domestic purposes which is on the Town's side of the backflow preventor, such plumbing must have its own backflow preventor installed.
- K.** The owner shall be responsible for the payment of all fees for permits, annual or semi-annual device testing, re-testing in the case that the device fails to operate correctly, and second re-inspections for non-compliance with the Town's requirements.

- L. Residential Dual Check. Effective the date of the acceptance of this Cross-Connection Control Program for the Town of Maxeys all new residential buildings will be required to install a residential dual check device immediately downstream of the water meter. Installation of this residential dual check device on a retrofit basis on existing service lines will be instituted at a time and at a potential cost to the homeowner as deemed necessary by the Town.

The owner must be aware that installation of a residential dual check valve results in a potential closed plumbing system within his residence. As such, provisions may have to be made by the owner to provide for thermal expansion within his closed loop system, i.e., the installation of thermal expansion devices and/or pressure relief valves.

**Section 20-207 Degree of Hazard**

The Town recognizes the threat to the public water system arising from cross-connections. All threats will be classified by degree of hazard and will require the installation of approved reduced pressure principal backflow prevention devices or double check valves.

**Section 20-208 Permits**

The Town shall not permit a cross-connection within the public water supply system unless it is considered necessary and that it cannot be eliminated.

- 1. Cross-connection permits that are required for each backflow prevention device are obtained from the Town. A fee of one hundred dollars (\$100.00) will be charge for the initial permit and fifty dollars (\$50.00) for the renewal of each permit
- 2. Permits shall be renewed every five (5) years and are non-transferable. Permits are subject to revocation and become immediately revoked if the owner should so change the type of cross-connection or degree of hazard associated with the service.
- 3. A permit is not required when fixture isolation is achieved with the utilization of a non-testable backflow preventor.

**Section 20-209 Existing In-use Backflow Prevention Devices**

Any existing backflow preventor shall be allowed by the Town to continue in service unless the degree of hazard is such as to supercede the effectiveness of the present backflow preventor, or result in an unreasonable risk to the public health. Where the degree of hazard has increased, as in the case of a residential installation converting to a business establishment, any existing backflow preventor must be upgraded to a reduced pressure principal device, or a reduced pressure principal device must be installed in the event that no backflow device was present.

**Section 20-210 Periodic Testing**

- 1. Reduced pressure principal backflow devices shall be tested and inspected at least semi-annually.
- 2. Periodic testing shall be performed by the Town's certified tester or his delegated representative. This testing will be done at the owner's expense.
- 3. The testing shall be conducted during the Town's regular business hours. Exceptions to this, when at the request of the owner, may require additional charges to cover the increased costs to the Town.
- 4. Any backflow preventor which fails during a periodic test will be repaired or replaced. If repairs are necessary, the repaired device will be re-tested at owners expense to insure correct operation. High hazard situations will not be allowed to continue unprotected if the backflow preventor fails the test and cannot be repaired immediately. In other situations, a compliance date of not more than thirty (30) days after the test date will be established. The owner is responsible for spare parts, repair tools, or a replacement device. Parallel installation of two (2) devices is an effective means of insuring that uninterrupted water service during testing or repair of devices and is strongly recommended when the owner desires such continuity.

**Section 20-211            Records and Reports**

- 1.    Records.** The Town will initiate and maintain the following:
  - A.**    Master files on customer cross-connection tests and/or inspections.
  - B.**    Master files on cross-connection permits.
  - C.**    Copies of permits and permit applications.
  - D.**    Copies of lists and summaries supplied to the commission.
- 2.    Reports.** The Town will submit the following to the commission:
  - A.**    Initial listing of low hazard cross-connections to the state.
  - B.**    Initial listing of high hazard cross-connections to the state.
  - C.**    Annual update lists of items (A) and (B) above.
  - D.**    Annual summary of cross-connection inspections to the state.

**Section 20-212            Testing Responsibilities**

It shall be the Owner's responsibility to test or have tested by a certified backflow preventor tester acceptable to the Town all backflow prevention devices.