

Backflow Assembly testing must be completed *ONLY* by a certified backflow tester



## Finding a Certified Backflow Tester

The City of Payette's Water Department has assembled a list of certified backflow testers in our area.

This list can be found on our Website:  
[www.cityofpayette.com](http://www.cityofpayette.com)

You may use one of the testers listed or any other certified backflow tester of your choice.

It is your responsibility to confirm the price your backflow tester will charge and to pay the backflow tester directly for the testing service.

# Did you Know?

Idaho Law Requires  
All Backflow  
Assemblies to be Tested Annually?

The State of Idaho requires all homeowners to have their backflow assemblies tested annually to protect the City's water system from potential contamination from other water sources serving your property.

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# Backflow Prevention Testing Program

Important Information about  
Payette City Backflow  
Prevention Program and  
Your Responsibilities as a  
Property Owner

## WHAT IS BACKFLOW???

Water systems depend on water pressure to keep water flowing in the proper direction through pipes and hoses.

However, anything that causes a drop in water pressure can create a reverse flow, such as from a home's plumbing system back into the public water system. This is called backflow.

Two conditions can cause backflow:

**Backpressure** occurs when the pressure in a pipe or hose is greater than the pressure coming in.

**Backsiphonage** occurs when there is a negative pressure in one of the pipes or hoses.

### Why is Backflow Prevention Important?

Our community's water supply can become unsafe when backflow occurs and the city's plumbing system comes in contact with contaminants through backflow. Such *cross connections*, are usually created by people unaware of the potential for backflow.

In fact, most cross connect problems usually involve an ordinary garden hose. Putting your garden hose in a swimming pool to fill it or connecting it to a plant fertilizer or bug spray unit could cause potentially hazardous backflow.

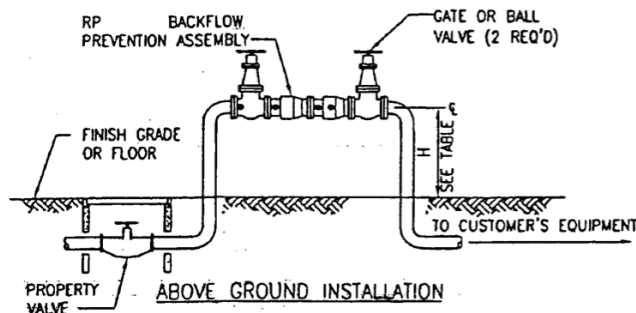
If your property has outside water sources, you are required by Idaho State law to have backflow prevention devices in use and to have them tested annually.



## Backflow Prevention Requirements

In accordance with the City of Payette Municipal Code, section 13.05.040 we are required to ask you to protect against possible backflow by using one of the three options stated below:

1. Stay hooked to the city water system and protect against backflow by installing an approved backflow prevention assembly.
2. Keep your well, sprinkler system or other hazard without a connection to the city water. The city will remove your water meter upon your request.
3. Abandon your hazard, and stay connected to city water. This method would eliminate the need for a backflow prevention assembly behind your water meter.



## What You Are Legally Responsible for as a Property Owner with Backflow Devices

As a City of Payette Property owner, you are responsible for protecting the water on your property. This starts from the water meter and includes your entire property's water system.



If you are required to have a backflow prevention device, all costs associated with the installation, operation, maintenance, service, repair, and annual testing of your backflow prevention assemblies are your responsibility.