

Backflow Certification and Compliance

Per the Broward County Cross Connection Backflow Prevention Ordinance:

(Chapter 34 Section 212 of the County Code of Ordinances)

All COMMERCIAL, INSTITUTIONAL, AND GOVERNMENTAL customers as well as RESIDENTIAL/MULTI-FAMILY BUILDINGS OVER THREE STORIES that are potable water customers of Broward County's Water & Wastewater Services, "shall be responsible for the protection of the utility system from contamination or pollution due to the backflow or back siphonage of contaminants or pollutants through the water service connection. The owner shall install a Backflow Prevention assembly at no cost to Broward County".

The appropriate Backflow Prevention assembly must be tested and certified annually by appropriate licensed personnel. For example: Only fire service trained and qualified technicians can perform inspections and/or tests and maintenance on fire service-related backflows and only person(s) with a current backflow testing certification working under the umbrella of a licensed plumber can perform inspections and/or tests and maintenance on domestic services supplying water to the building (excluding fire protection services) and to irrigation services.

WWS customers are notified by mail 60 days and 30 days prior to the annual backflow compliance due date to produce "passing" test results and pay their filing fees. Test results and payments are processed/uploaded through the Backflow Solutions Incorporated (BSI) website. For more information, please call BSI at 1-800-414-4990.

Should you have any questions about the Backflow Certification and Compliance Process, call the WWS Business Operations Division Backflow Compliance Section at 954-831-3276.