



## IMPORTANT NOTE ON BACKFLOW PREVENTION DEVICES

Backflow prevention devices stop contaminated water or chemicals from flowing back into the public drinking water supply if there is a sudden or unexpected change in water pressure.

As a property owner, you are required to maintain, inspect, and test all approved NYC Environmental Protection (DEP) backflow prevention devices installed in your properties. It is important that these devices be tested and inspected to make sure they work correctly. A licensed professional must test each device after it is first put in, and again after each repair. **At a minimum, you must hire a licensed professional to perform a test once a year.**

These tests must be be done each year by a New York State Certified Backflow Prevention Device Tester. This tester must fill out a copy of DEP's "GEN-215B" form (see [www.nyc.gov/dep/backflowtest](http://www.nyc.gov/dep/backflowtest)) and mail it to DEP as directed on the form.

For a list of New York State Certified Backflow Prevention Device Testers, please visit [www.nyc.gov/dep/bpdtesters](http://www.nyc.gov/dep/bpdtesters) or contact the State Department of Health's Bureau of Water Supply Protection at 518-402-7650 or by email at [h2ocert@health.state.ny.us](mailto:h2ocert@health.state.ny.us)

For more information, please contact our Cross Connection Control Unit at 718-595-5437 or visit us at [www.nyc.gov/dep/backflow](http://www.nyc.gov/dep/backflow).

