

## City of Gretna Plumbing Backflow Requirement

The City of Gretna is required to put into place a process to notify and track which customers have tested their backflow prevention devices out in the distribution system. The City of Gretna is notifying you that your backflow prevention device inspections are due no later than December 31, 2019. If the inspection report is not provided to the City of Gretna Water Department, the non-complying customer may have an interruption of water service until the inspection report is provided.

**Backflow.** Backflow is the flow of water in the wrong direction from a customer's water system into the public water supply. Backflow may be caused by back pressure or back siphonage. A backflow preventer is a mechanical device that prevents water from entering the public water supply.



Per requirements of the State of Louisiana Department of Health LAC.51:XII.344.A and B "Safe Drinking Water Act" requirements:

"A. As used in this Section, mandatory containment practices prescribed in and required by the state Uniform Construction Code LAC 17:I, including maintenance and testing requirements, and any additional related requirements of this part.

B. In order to protect its water supply from potential contamination, each water supplier shall develop and implement a written back flow prevention plan outlining the policy outlining the policy and procedures it will use to verify that its customers comply with mandatory containment practices, and shall make a reasonable effort to ensure that only customers who comply with mandatory containment practices connect or remain connected to its water supply"

For more information on backflow prevention services see the State of Louisiana Department of "Public Health Safe Drinking Water Act: Backflow Prevention". Paste and copy the link below in your browser;

<http://ldh.la.gov/assets/oph/Center-EH/engineering/VSWS/CrossConnectionControl.pdf>

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The City of Gretna thanks you for your cooperation.