

SPRING START UP-IRRIGATION BACKFLOW ASSEMBLIES

Landscape irrigation systems make watering lawns and gardens convenient and save time, but water that may be contaminated can potentially be back-siphoned or backflow into your drinking water.

To protect your drinking water from potential contamination by weed killers, pesticides, animal waste, or fertilizers, it is important to have an approved backflow prevention assembly/device properly installed on your landscape irrigation system. It is equally important to be certain this backflow prevention assembly is performance tested annually to ensure that it is functioning properly. Annual backflow assembly testing is required by the State of Idaho and City ordinance.

Irrigation backflow assemblies must be tested annually at spring irrigation start up and no later than July 1st of each calendar year. This test, performed by a private - state licensed backflow assembly tester, verifies that the backflow prevention assembly is functioning properly.

A landscape irrigation system not protected by an approved backflow prevention assembly, or protected by an assembly that is not functioning correctly, endangers the health of a household, neighborhood, and the entire community.

If you have any questions or wish to obtain a list of approved state licensed backflow assembly testers, contact Gary Alan Nolan at 208-769-2298, or visit www.cdaid.org .