

CITY OF PATTERSON
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS
Backflow Prevention Assembly General Tester Policy: Non-City Employee

The City of Patterson's Public Works Department is committed to protecting the public potable water supply from contamination or pollution due to the backflow or back-siphonage of contaminants or pollutants through a water service connection. Backflow prevention assemblies provide the necessary protection from potential hazards. These devices must be maintained and tested regularly to ensure their effectiveness. Historically, only certified City employees have tested backflows within the City's water system.

Due to the increasing number of backflow prevention assemblies within the City's distribution system, the Public Works Department shall allow backflow prevention assembly owners to hire an independent qualified backflow prevention assembly general tester (Hereby known as Independent General Testers) to perform the necessary maintenance and tests.

Independent General Testers (IGT):

An IGT is a non-City employee certified by the American Water Works Association (AWWA) to test backflow prevention assemblies.

Minimum qualifications/criteria for testing backflow prevention assemblies within the City of Patterson:

- 1. Applicant must submit to the Director of Public Works a copy of his/her current AWWA Backflow Prevention Assembly General Tester certificate.**
- 2. Applicant must submit (yearly) a copy of the calibration report for his or her backflow assembly test gauge. The device must be recognized by the AWWA CA/NV section.**
- 3. Applicant must have a current City of Patterson business license.**

**Should an IGT's AWWA certification lapse/expire, his or her permit to test backflow prevention assemblies within the City of Patterson will be immediately revoked. It is the sole responsibility for an IGT to maintain his or her AWWA Backflow Prevention Assembly General Tester certification.*

All backflow prevention device tests shall be recorded on a City of Patterson Public Works form. All test and maintenance reports shall be submitted to:

Public Works Department
Attn./ Aly Gentry
P.O. Box 667
Patterson, CA 95363
Bus. Phone: 209 895-8063
Fax number: 209 895 8069
Email: mgentry@ci.patterson.ca.us

All reports are due within 30 days of the test date and no later than December 1st of each year.

City staff shall conduct a periodic audit of randomly selected devices tested by all IGTs. Staff shall inspect the physical aspects of the devices selected (this may include a backflow prevention test). Any device deemed to be unsatisfactory shall trigger a complete audit of all the devices tested by an IGT. An IGT who falsifies inspection or maintenance records shall have his or her City certification revoked for a period of two years (Ord. 444 14, 1990).