



**Backflow Testing is due in 2022 for your water billing district.**

The assigned testing year for your house is 2022. Therefore, any testable backflow assemblies connected to the water supply, must be tested in 2022, **even if the system is not being used, unless they were tested within the last year (in 2021).**

Those tested in 2020 or before must still be tested this year.

**Every house will receive a letter, regardless of whether you have any testable assemblies because the city is not always aware of any changes on your property that may have occurred.**

**HOMES WITHOUT LAWN, BOILER, SUMP PUMP, OR OTHER SYSTEMS**

If you **do not have** a testable backflow preventer then no testing is required and nothing needs to be returned to the City of Troy.

**HOMES WITH LAWN, BOILER, SUMP PUMP, OR OTHER SYSTEMS**

If you **do have** a lawn sprinkler system, boiler, or water powered backup sump pump, testing *may* be required on a backflow preventer. Please consult the photos in the enclosed brochure to determine if you have any testable assemblies installed.

All testable backflow assemblies connected to the water supply on residential properties must be tested, **even if the system is not being used.** A pre-printed test form is enclosed

A Test Report must be completed by an ASSE Certified Backflow Tester and returned to the City. Testing is at the Owner's expense.

Homeowners do have the option of permanently disconnecting any system from the water supply. The backflow preventer must be removed and the supply line capped within 3 inches of the upstream tee inside the house to prevent stagnant water.

This letter and the enclosed informational brochure should serve as guides to understanding backflow prevention and the procedures for identifying the installations at your house for potential testing, repair, or replacement. Please read this material carefully to better understand what is required of you as a homeowner to protect the drinking water supply.

Beginning in 2014, the Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy (EGLE) has required the City of Troy to enforce mandatory testing for all testable backflow prevention assemblies located in the City, including assemblies on residential properties.

By testing backflow assemblies, we are ensuring that any potentially contaminated water cannot reenter the public water supply, thus ensuring safe water is being distributed to all residents. Installing and maintaining backflow assemblies on lawn sprinkler systems, boilers, and water powered backup sump pumps is crucial to the success of this program.

*Please consult the enclosed brochure for a more comprehensive explanation of this program.*

Assemblies supplying lawn sprinkler systems can be tested without turning on the water to the underground portion of the system. Just make sure the tester is aware of this.

Thank you for your timely cooperation.