

Notice

Date: 9-12-13

To: Commercial Building Permit Applicant
From: Owatonna Public Utilities – Engineering Department



SUBJECT: Notice of Cross Connection and Backflow Prevention Program and On-Premise Cross Connection Control Survey/Inspection for Commercial Building Permit Applicants

The Owatonna Public Utilities (OPU) has implemented (effective 1-1-2008) a Cross Connection Control and Backflow Prevention Program as outlined in their Specifications and Policies and ask for your assistance with compliance to its survey/inspection requirements located in sections 3.1.2. and 3.7.. A copy of these items is available from the OPU Engineering Department or on-line at www.owatonnautilities.com.

Approximately 3 months after you have received the Certificate of Occupancy from the City of Owatonna, OPU will be making contact with you in regards to setting up an on-site inspection of your existing water system. This inspection will entail a complete walk through of your entire facility to determine if there are any real or potential cross connections or backflow concerns. This inspection will require a representative that is knowledgeable of your facilities plumbing and has access to all pertinent areas of the facilities to assist the OPU field inspector. The length of each site visit will vary depending on the complexity and size of your facilities.

Section 3.5. of the attached Specifications outlines the testing requirements of existing backflow prevention assemblies. OPU requires these assemblies be tested at intervals not to exceed 12 months by a certified tester. The results shall be recorded on OPU's Annual Test Form and forwarded to the OPU Engineering Department at the above address. Please review the specifications for greater detail.

Additional comments may also be reflected throughout the hard copy of the plans that were submitted prior to construction to the City and routed to OPU discussing cross connection and backflow protection requirements. These requirements are not all inclusive. You will need to comply to all Minnesota Plumbing Code, OPU Specifications or any other local requirements for water installations. Prior inspections by other parties does not relieve the owner from making corrections to their water system to comply with findings from OPU's On-Premise Inspection. Non-compliance issues will be handled through requirements of OPU Policy 602.40.

Your cooperation in complying with this program to help minimize liability and meet National Standards for public health is appreciated. Additional information regarding Cross Connection Control policies and procedures may be obtained by contacting OPU at: (507) 451-2480 (Engineering Department).

Sincerely,

Owatonna Public Utilities
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