



**PLAINFIELD CHARTER TOWNSHIP  
PUBLIC SERVICES**

5195 Plainfield Ave. NE • Grand Rapids, MI 49525

TEMP RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

**OPEN IMMEDIATELY DEADLINE MAY 20, 2024**

April 8, 2024

**1<sup>ST</sup> NOTICE**

«Customer\_Name»  
«Customer\_Name\_2»  
«Cust\_St\_No» «Customer\_Street\_Address»  
«Customer\_Street\_Address\_2»  
«Customer\_City\_State\_Zip»

RE: «Street\_Number» «Street\_Name»– UNDERGROUND LAWN IRRIGATION SYSTEM BACK FLOW DEVICE TESTING.

Dear Customer:

The backflow prevention device located on the water supply to your underground lawn irrigation system is due to be tested.

The Plainfield Township Water System is required by the State of Michigan to have a comprehensive cross connection program for the elimination of all cross connections. A **cross connection** is an arrangement of piping which could allow undesirable water, lawn fertilizer, bacteria, etc. to enter the drinking (potable) water system as a result of backflow. An underground lawn irrigation system is required to be equipped with an approved backflow prevention device to eliminate the possibility of backflow. The device is typically located outside where the lawn irrigation system is connected to your home's water system.

Commercial, Industrial, and multi-family residential customers have been adhering to strict cross connection rules for several years, which include annual testing requirements for their backflow prevention devices.

In accordance with the Plainfield Township Cross Connections Control Ordinance, the residential device located at your home is required to be tested by an individual who is recognized by ASSE to test backflow preventers in the State of Michigan. You have the option of cutting and capping (permanently abandoning) your irrigation system thus eliminating the test requirement. **TESTER MUST BE ASSE 5110 CERTIFIED OR THE TEST FORM WILL BE REJECTED.**

A test form has been enclosed for your convenience. Certified testers can be found with most plumbers and lawn irrigation companies. **The completed form must be returned to the Plainfield Township Water Department by May 20, 2024.**

You only need to complete and return the **“reverse side”** of the test form if the following applies:

- Your residence does not have an underground lawn irrigation system
- Your underground lawn irrigation system is supplied by a well
- Your underground lawn irrigation system is un-operational
- You plan on cutting/capping the underground lawn irrigation system

A detailed overview of Cross Connection Control is available on our website via this link: [bit.ly/PlainfieldCCP](http://bit.ly/PlainfieldCCP). If you need additional information, please contact our cross connection personnel at 616-363-9660.

Thank you,

Plainfield Township Water Department  
Cross Connection Control  
Enclosure

**WHAT SHOULD YOU DO NEXT? **

# Irrigation System Backflow Device Testing

## What should you do next?

**STEP 1:** Locate a State Approved Certified Backflow Tester. Plainfield Township Water Department does not conduct the testing of the backflow devices, nor can a certified tester be recommended to you. Certified testers can be found with most plumbers and lawn irrigation companies. We suggest contacting several to get the best pricing available.

**TIP:** Over the past years, many residents have reported that grouping testing together with neighbors has provided discounted pricing. Reach out to your neighbors and group together!

### **STEP 2:** Schedule Your Appointment

Schedule a date with the tester you have chosen to have your backflow prevention assembly(s) tested prior to the required due date on your notice. *Fill in your name/phone number/address on the orange testing form that you received in the mail. Present the form to your tester and the tester will complete the rest of the form.*

**STEP 3:** Submit Your Test Results Within Deadline Date Requirements (contractor/residential submittal via email, United Postal Service mail or drop off at Water Department or Township offices.) If you have additional questions, please contact our cross connection personnel at 616-363-9660.

**NOTE:** Compliance can only be achieved if the test results are passing or your tester/plumber indicates the supply has been disconnected and the backflow assembly(s) have been removed. You will continue to receive notification if the results equal failure and/or repairs are necessary.

**QUESTIONS?** Contact our cross connection personnel at 616-363-9660 Monday through Friday 7:30AM to 4:00PM