

## Section 32: Cross Connection Control

A. Purposes. The purposes of this section are:

1. To protect the public health, safety and welfare and to prevent contamination of the public water system by providing for the inspection of properties to assure compliance with cross-connection requirements.
2. To provide for the maintenance of a continuing Program of Cross Connection Control which will systematically and effectively prevent the contamination or pollution of all potable water systems under the direct authority of the Lake Como Sanitary District.

B. Definitions.

1. "Back-pressure" means a pressure greater than the supply pressure which may cause backflow.
2. "Backflow" means the undesirable flow of water or mixtures of water and other liquids, gases or other substances under positive or reduced pressure into the potable supply of water from any source.
3. "Backsiphonage" means the flow of water or other liquids, mixtures or substances into the District's potable water supply system from any source caused by the sudden reduction of pressure in the District's potable water supply system.
4. "Cross-connection" means a connection or potential connection between any part of a water supply system, and another environment containing any substance in a manner that; under any circumstances, would allow the substance to enter the water supply system by means of backsiphonage or back pressure.
5. "Cross-connection control device" means a mechanical device that automatically prevents backflow from a contaminated source into a potable water supply system.
6. "Person" means a natural person, sole proprietorship, partnership, limited liability company, corporation or association.
7. "Potable water" means water which is:
  - a. Safe for drinking, personal or culinary use;
  - b. Free from impurities present in amounts sufficient to cause disease or harmful physiological effects and conforming in its bacteriological and chemical quality to the requirements specified in Chapter NR

809, Wisconsin Administrative Code.

C. Prohibitions.

1. No person shall establish or permit to be established or maintain or permit to be maintained any cross-connection.
2. No person shall remove or permit to be removed a cross-connection control device.
3. No person shall establish an interconnection whereby potable water from a private, auxiliary or emergency water supply other than the regular public water supply of Lake Como Sanitary District No. 1 may enter the supply or distribution system of said municipality, unless such private, auxiliary or emergency water supply and the method of connection and use of such supply shall have been approved by the Lake Como Sanitary District No. 1 and by the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources in accordance with Section NR 811.09, Wisconsin Administrative Code.

D. The property owner shall be responsible for the protection of the potable water supply by the elimination of or protection from all cross connections on the property. The property owner, at property owner's expense, shall install, maintain and test any and all backflow protection devices on the property in compliance with the provisions of this section. The property owner shall inform the District of any proposed or modified cross connections.

E. Inspection. Lake Como Sanitary District No. 1 shall have the power and authority at all reasonable times to inspect all properties served by a connection to the public water system of Lake Como Sanitary District No. 1 for cross-connections. The frequency of inspections and reinspections based on potential health hazards involved shall be as established by Lake Como Sanitary District No. 1 and shall be in accordance with Section NR 811.09, Wisconsin Administrative Code. If entry is refused, such representative may obtain a special inspection warrant under Section 66.0119, Wisconsin Statutes. A copy of any testing conducted on any backflow prevention device shall be provided to the Lake Como Sanitary District No. 1. Upon request by a representative of Lake Como Sanitary District No. 1, the owner, lessee or occupant of any property so served shall furnish to the inspection agency any additional pertinent information regarding the piping system or systems on such property if such information is known to such owner, lessee or occupant.

F. Inspection Fees. Each customer shall be assessed a fee for each inspection pursuant to the provisions of this section at the rate set forth in a schedule adopted by the District from time to time. A fee may be assessed when a representative of the Water Utility appears for an inspection or reinspection by appointment and fails to gain entry to conduct the inspection or reinspection at the rate set forth in a schedule adopted by the District from time to time. The fee for each such inspection shall be added as an additional charge on the next regular monthly billing following the inspection.

- G. Discontinuance of Water Service. Lake Como Sanitary District No. 1 is hereby authorized and directed to discontinue water service to any property wherein any connection in violation of this section exists, and to take such other precautionary measures deemed necessary to eliminate any danger of contamination of the public water system. Water service may be discontinued only after reasonable notice and opportunity for a hearing pursuant to the provisions of this ordinance, except as provided in Subsection F. Water service to such property shall not be restored until the cross-connection(s) has been eliminated or a backflow prevention means approved by the District has been installed in compliance with the provisions of this section.
  
- H. Emergency Action. If it is determined by Lake Como Sanitary District No. 1 that a cross-connection or an emergency causes imminent danger to the public health, safety or welfare and requires immediate action, service may be immediately discontinued or ordered disconnected. The person aggrieved shall receive notice of the disconnection and shall have the right to appeal the action pursuant to the provisions of this ordinance.
  
- I. The provisions of Section Comm 82.41 of the Wisconsin Administrative Code, as amended from time to time, relating to cross connection control are hereby incorporated by reference as though fully set forth herein.

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