



Backflow Prevention Device Testers Code of Conduct

Jackson County Water and Sewerage Authority (JCWSA) recognizes that the water purveyor has the responsibility of protecting the public water supply. Thus, in the exercise of this responsibility the JCWSA must take reasonable precautions to protect the potable water supply from the hazards originating on the premises of its customers that may degrade the water in the JCWSA's distribution system.

To this end, in accordance with JCWSA policies, JCWSA has compiled this Code of Conduct for backflow prevention device testers.

1. All applicants to be on the JCWSA's Backflow Prevention Device Tester list shall be BPAT Certified and listed on the approved GAWP list.
2. Backflow Prevention Device Testers must not falsify ANY results of Backflow Prevention Device Test Reports performed by him/her.

EXAMPLES:

- Submitting backflow test results, he/she did not perform.
 - Making unneeded/unnecessary repairs and/or replacement of parts or assemblies.
 - Not having proper backflow certification to perform tests.
 - Not using proper test procedures as established by industry practices.
 - Using unauthorized or uncertified test equipment.
 - Falsifying results in any manner.
3. Backflow Prevention Device Testers shall confirm all data (make, model, size, serial number, meter number, etc.) at the time of submitting Backflow test results.
 4. ALL BACKFLOW TEST SUBMITTALS MUST CONTAIN ALL INFORMATION PERTAINING TO THE TEST.
 5. When backflow prevention assembly repairs are necessary, the Backflow Prevention Device Tester shall only utilize original factory repair parts as manufactured for the assembly.
 6. The Backflow Prevention Device Tester shall not circumvent the installed backflow prevention equipment by removal or alteration of the assembly or any of its components.
 7. All backflow assemblies must be installed in accordance with JCWSA's construction standards and be permitted as required by plumbing code.
 8. Testers agree to tag EVERY backflow tested with the following data.
 - Date of test
 - Company and individual completing test
 - BAPT number
 - One of the following: (1) Passed, (2) Failed, (3) Repaired and Passed.
 9. Testers will be randomly "spot-checked" by JCWSA staff.
 10. Testers agree to keep current insurance forms on file with JCWSA and provide these forms upon request.
 11. Testers agree to sign and adhere to all requirements of the access waiver attached to this document.
 12. JCWSA and Applicant intend that Applicant, in performing services herein specified, shall act as an independent contractor and shall have control of its work and the manner in which it is performed. The Applicant is not to be considered an agent or employee of JCWSA and is not entitled to participate in any benefit plans provided by JCWSA for its employees.

NOTE: Any JCWSA listed Backflow Prevention Device Tester failing to comply with the provisions of this Code of Conduct is subject to immediate removal from the JCWSA List. Violations may be reported to GAWP for their distribution to other member utilities.